

Evacuee Experience questions

Museum of Rural Life

Suggested questions

Please feel free to answer as many or as few questions as you would like or are appropriate to your experience

# BEfore EVACuation

How old were you when you were evacuated?

Which town did you live in before you were evacuated?

Were you evacuated on E-day (1 September 1939)?

Were you given an explanation about what was happening?

How was the evacuation organised? (school, family etc)

# The Journey

Were you travelling with any siblings, family or friends?

Can you remember any adults travelling with you?

Describe the journey from home to the place you were evacuated.

# Arrival

Where were you evacuated too?

Can you remember how you were allocated your billet?

Describe the experience and how you felt about this process.

# The Billet

How many billets did you have in total?

Think about the following questions for each billet.

Where was the billet located?

Describe the accommodation.

Describe the members of the family you stayed with.

Can you remember the first night?

Were there any other evacuees staying with you?

How long did you stay in this billet?

How often did you see your parents during this time?

Where did you go to school?

What did you do in your leisure time?

Did you get spend time with children other than evacuees?

Did you feel part of the family?

# The Return

Did you return to your original home after the war ended?

Can you remember going home?

How did it feel when you returned to your family?

Did you keep in contact with the people you were billeted with after you left?

# Reflection

How would you describe your experience during your evacuation?

How happy were you in general during your time as an evacuee?

How did the experience compare with your home situation?

How would you rate your experience as an evacuee?

If the experience was bad how did you cope with it at the time? How do you cope with it now?

Name three good things about the experience of evacuation

Name three bad things about the experience of evacuation

# General Experience of the Second World War?

Did you experience any bombings in your home town?

Did you experience any bombing raids whilst you were evacuated?

Were you bombed out?

Were any of your close relatives or friends killed during the war?

Any other comments?

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