

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY EXPERIENCE QUESTIONS

Suggested questions

You do not have to answer all the questions.

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

RECRUITMENT

How old were you when you joined the Women's Land Army?

How did you join?

Where did you live before joining the Women's Land Army?

TRAINING

Did you undertake any training? Where was this?

What was it like?

Do you remember any of the people you trained with?

EXPERIENCE

Where was your first job?

Had you lived in the countryside before?

Did you work with other land girls? Who were they? Can you describe them?

What kind of tasks did you do? Was it working on the land or with animals?

Did you specialise in a particular type of farm work?

Had you had enough training? Were you prepared for the work?

Did you live onsite or did you travel each day to work? How did you travel?

What were your employers like? How big? What type of farm?

Who else worked on the farm?

What were your impressions of the farm?

How much did you earn?

How many days off did you have? What did you do on your day (s) off?

Did you have a uniform? What did you think of it ? Can you describe it? Did you customise it?

Did you mend it? How did you wear your hair.

Can you remember which tools you used? Was there a tractor or horse and wagons?

Was this the only job you had?

Can you describe any other roles you had?

How did the community treat the Land Girls?

How long were you a land girl?

LEAVING

Was your time in the Land Army recognised? Did you receive a certificate?

When did you finish in the Women's Land Army?

Did you remain in touch with employers or work colleagues?

Did your experience of being a land girl assist you after the war?

REFLECTION

How would you describe your experience during your time as a land girl?

How happy were you in general during your time as a land girl?

How would you rate your experience as a land girl?

Name three good things about the experience of being a land girl

Name three bad things about the experience of being a land girl

Do you think land girls were recognised by the population as making a contribution to the war effort? How?

GENERAL EXPERIENCE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR?

Describe any other experiences relevant to the Second World War.

Any other comments?