

Could you become a volunteer?

Could you spare a few hours a week to help The Second World War Experience Centre preserve and share the wartime experiences of people who lived through the Second World War? Our volunteers undertake a variety of tasks such as recording interviews with men and women about their wartime experiences and helping to raise funds to support us.

Many volunteers enjoy visiting the Centre for a few hours a week to help us with cataloguing, research and administrative duties. We are always looking for additional volunteers, particularly those with an interest in archival and museum work, or who would like to develop office skills and events management experience.

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Could you make a financial gift?

The Centre is entirely dependent on donations to continue its work.

Think what your donation could do:

- **£30** enables the Centre to tape-record the memories of someone who lived through the Second World War.
- **£100** enables us to buy recording equipment for interviewing people about their wartime experiences.
- **£500** enables us to put three examples of wartime experience onto our website where they are accessible to the general public.
- **£1,000** enables us to buy six months' worth of archival envelopes, boxes, acid-free tissue paper and photographic storage sleeves to preserve material donated to our archive.
- **£3,000** enables us to produce 300 educational packs for primary schools.

Arthur's story

“ This was an attack in the middle of the night under an artillery barrage, creeping barrage. They were firing the shells – our own people – ahead of us and lifting the range as we advanced with red tracer shells on either flank.

We walked into this hail of machine-gun fire. We all dropped flat onto the ground. I remember the Adjutant firing with his revolver which immediately brought a death-dealing volley of fire from the machine gun, and that is where he finished.

I saw somebody else to my left and I saw him killed. The Regimental Sergeant Major and myself, we were shoulder to shoulder. They got him too and I was laid there and I thought, “this is where the end is going to be for me”, when this German soldier came forward with his sub machine-gun under his arm and he looked at me. I really thought he was going to shoot me in the head...

He looked at me and to my immense relief he said, “Aus hier” and I was taken back to their line...



Preserving and sharing wartime memories

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