

Bentley Priory during The Battle of Britain



Bentley Priory Museum is in the building that was Headquarters of Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain. It was where all the information needed to successfully fight the battle in the skies was gathered, sorted and passed on. These are the people who were using it...

The One

The man in charge at RAF Bentley Priory was called **Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding**.

He was responsible for developing **The Dowding System**, which brought together lots of different pieces of information that could be used to help the pilots fighting in the sky.

All this information was then sorted by the people working at Bentley Priory – The Many.

You will be able to see the office Hugh Dowding worked in at Bentley Priory.



The Few

These were **the pilots** who were fighting The Battle of Britain and comes from a famous quote from Winston Churchill who was Prime Minister at the time. Have you heard it before?

The pilots needed instructions from the people working at Bentley Priory so they knew where to fly and when to attack. This information also helped them to know how many enemy planes they might expect.

The Many

These were the men and women working at RAF bases, Radar stations and Observer Corps posts across the country, including at Bentley Priory.

It was the central base for all the information being gathered about what was happening in the skies. This was a lot of information so it had to be sorted so it was easier to pass on to the pilots in their aircraft, which was done through radio.

You will be able to see where these people were working when they were at Bentley Priory.





Colour in Bentley Priory Museum!

