

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops 2019

In association with Severn Valley Railway

Suitability - All age groups

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops take a very practical look at life, hardship and disruption during the dark days of World War II. The experience is arranged jointly by Bewdley Museum and the Severn Valley Railway.

The day begins at Bewdley Museum with a very practical look at life during World War II. Children will learn about such issues as air raids, rationing and preparation for war. During this session there will be an opportunity to visit a genuine 1940s Air Raid Shelter and to handle a range of artefacts from the 1940s era. A replica identity card and label for each child will be sent out prior to your visit.

After the museum session, there's a short walk to Bewdley station to catch the evacuation train to Highley, travelling alongside the River Severn which flows through the beautiful Severn Valley. At The Engine House at Highley, children will experience at first hand the contrast between town and country life. The evacuees will have lunch*, followed by a second workshop session where they will have fun playing wartime games or explore relevant sections of the Engine House!

* If an earlier lunchtime is required, Lunch may be eaten on the train and undercover accommodation is available at the Engine House should the weather be unkind.

At the end of the experience your group will return to Bewdley station (or Kidderminster if you would like a longer train journey) where your coach will have re-located.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

A practical classroom session at Bewdley Museum; return journey in reserved seats, usually by heritage steam train, from Bewdley to Highley with a costumed museum teacher who will lead the whole day for you. Identity labels and cards are provided.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops operate as follows in 2019, May, June, July and September.

	1st May to 19th July and 2nd to 27th Sept
Bewdley Museum arrive	9.50/10.00
Workshop 1	10.00 -12.15
Walk to Bewdley station	12.15 -12.30
Bewdley depart	12.54
arrive at Highley	1.21
Free time	1.52-2.15
Workshop 2	2.22- 3.06
Highley depart	3.07
Bewdley arrive **	3.34
Kidderminster arrive**	3.45

The cost of this visit is £12.25 per pupil. On the Severn Valley Railway 1 adult travels free per 10 paying pupils. Any additional adults, above the free allocation, are also charged at the child rate. A minimum of 30 and maximum 60, paying pupils applies

** Please note this option to

alight at either station. For the homeward journey, it is the responsibility of the school to arrange for their coach to pick them up at their chosen station.

BOOKINGS FOR THIS EVENT ARE CO-ORDINATED BY BEWDLEY MUSEUM ON 0845 607 7819 and NOT THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY

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