

Children in the 2nd World War 1939 - 1945

Talking Points

How was life different for children during the war?

What household jobs would children have to do if their fathers were away fighting the war?

Practical Work

On a visit to Willow Grove Cemetery ask the children to look at the war graves and especially Joseph Listers grave.

Note how the war graves are neat and tidy and other graves are overgrown. (War Graves are cared for by the War Graves Commission and also by local cadet groups like the Air Cadets).

Classroom Work

Look at the photos *Student Worksheet History KS2/5* of the war and life during the war.

Discuss how many men died, and how they died, fighting the war.

Discuss the qualities that soldiers needed to have.

Discuss the lives of the families left at home when the men went to fight.

Discuss the dangers that those left at home still had to face.