



The Colyton Evacuees

Daily life in Colyton



What did the evacuees do in Colyton when they weren't at school?

Read the extracts below written by people who were evacuated to Colyton during the war:

"Mr Bishop Senior worked in the Tannery near Chantry Bridge. He brought home bundles of gloves for his wife to sew. I even had a go at putting in the thumbs! He brought home milk too from the cows which grazed near the river, and this was left on the fire to warm up very slowly and make delicious cream."

"Unfortunately there was no bathroom in the house so we had a bath before the kitchen range."

"I sent my washing home by post each week! I was terrified that it would be bombed somewhere en route but it always arrived safely."

"We cycled to Sidmouth, Seaton, Axminster and at least we had a glimpse of the sea. I was not a good cyclist as I only had a bicycle when I came to live in Colyton".

"The beach at Seaton had many rolls of barbed wire."

Imagine you are an evacuee living in Colyton. Write a recount of your time there, describing what it was like to live in the countryside with a different family, to go to school in the Town Hall or the local school and what you did in your spare time. Try to also write about how you felt while you were there – did you have a happy time or were you very homesick?

