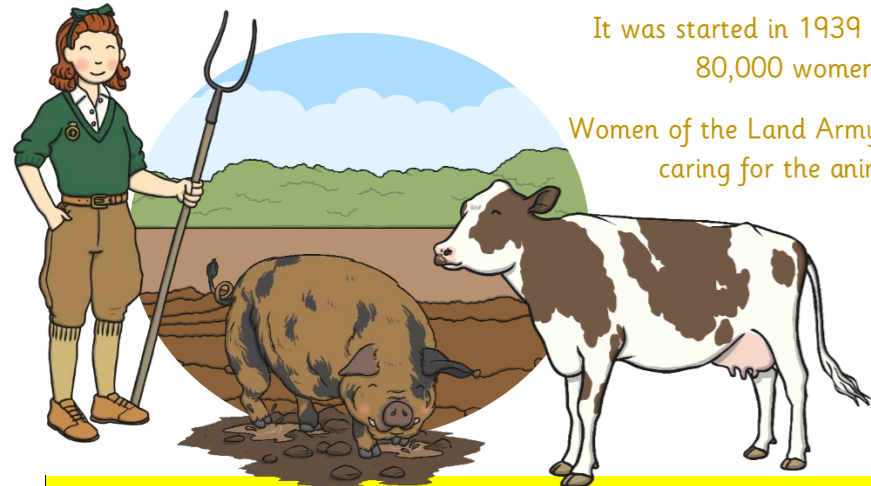


# WW2 AND OUR LOCAL AREA

## THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY



It was started in 1939 as Britain required more food for the war. 80,000 women joined the Women's Land Army.

Women of the Land Army would work on British farms by ploughing, caring for the animals, dealing with pests and digging.

They worked very hard, up to 50 hours a week in order to contribute to the war effort. They were paid £1.85 a week!

Due to the fact that many men were away fighting in the war, there were lots of jobs that the men had left behind that still needed doing, such as farming. Land Girls was the name given to the women who worked on farms and on the land.

They were part of the *Women's Land Army (WLA)*. These roles were essential to make sure there was enough food.

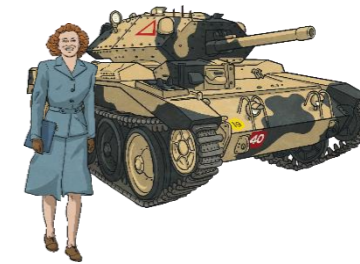


Many in the Women's Land Army didn't live in Lincolnshire. They came from different backgrounds and big cities such as London.



Around 640,000 women joined the armed forces in the war. They also took the following roles:

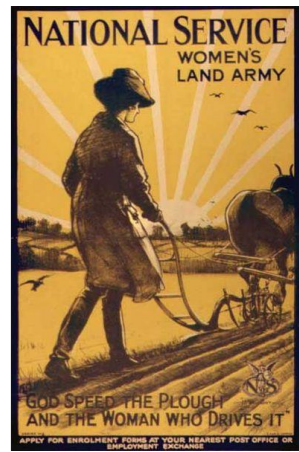
- Mechanics
- Tank Drivers
- Engineers
- Shipbuilding
- Factory work
- Nurses
- Driving Fire Engines



Lincolnshire agriculture and farming played an important role during wartime. Farmers were encouraged to plough up more land for growing food crops.

Lincoln and the surrounding area was considered relatively safe and was a reception area receiving evacuees from cities including Leeds, Hull and Sheffield

Posters were used for encouraging recruitment



### Key Vocabulary

- Rationing	Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other things	Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including USA, France, Russia 1941-1945)
Invaded	Attacked and taken over by an enemy	Axis	Countries that fought on the German side (Italy, Japan, Russia - 1939-1941)
Allotment	Small plot of land for growing vegetables	Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities such as London, Bristol and Nottingham
Air raid	An attack by planes dropping bombs	Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (normally from the cities to rural areas)
WLA (Women's Land Army)	A British civilian organisation created during WW2 so women could work in agriculture and replace men called up to the military	Agriculture	The practice of farming including the preparation of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, wool and other products.

### HISTORY TIMELINE

