

Wartime West Sussex 1939 - 1945

ON THE HOME FRONT - FUNDRAISING AND COLLECTING

Children help with fundraising

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Back at Hammerwood School we would collect acorns for the pigs and rose hips to help the war effort. Collecting waste paper, books, etc. would get us a free ticket to the pictures, a very rare treat.....

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[A longer extract from *Remembering wartime in and around East Grinstead* can be found in in course section On the Home Front - Daily Life]

From *Memories from a town that disappeared, Horsham during World War II* (Horsham Museum, 1989)

By Mrs S. Glaysher

In the holidays we played in one another's gardens, made camps, played ball games, organised races and sports, performed concerts – when all the mums would leave their household chores for an hour, and come and sit on some neighbour's lawn or doorstep while their own often untalented, but enthusiastic, children would sing, dance, recite poetry or perform made up plays, and afterwards take a collection of 1d a head for the Red Cross or some other deserving cause.

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