

## Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945 AIR RAIDS – SHELTERS

### **Downs shelter for Worthing Museum items**

Items from Worthing Town Hall and Worthing Museum were stored in tunnels in High Salvington chalk pit, to keep them safe from bomb attacks. Standing by the entrance is Ethel Gerard, Curator of Worthing Museum and Art Gallery and Librarian of Worthing Library.



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August 29<sup>th</sup> Many notes passing between British Cabinet and Hitler – we really feel war will be averted although preparations are still going on.

Worthing museum had a large van outside – presumably removing the treasures!

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