

Wartime West Sussex 1939 - 1945
WOMEN AT WAR - VOLUNTEER WORK

WVS call for volunteers

Letter sent by Worthing WVS organiser Sybil Stern in the early months of the war

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR CIVIL DEFENCE.
HOUSEWIVES' SERVICE.

Beach House,
Worthing.

Dear Madam,

In response to a widespread demand, we are organising in Worthing a new Housewives' service - a service of women who can help the Wardens in various ways after an air-raid. We should be so glad of your co-operation.

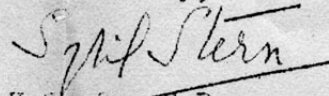
The idea is to have two or more women in each street who would be willing to help the wardens in such helpful ways as calming frightened children or old people, or helping to allay panic.

You will not be asked to leave your home during an air-raid nor to give First Aid. . . You will probably feel that you will need a little instruction and so we shall be organising a special "Housewives' Course" of four lectures on Home Nursing First Aid and A.R.P. There will be no exam.

There are many people who for various reasons are unable to do any active war-work, but who are very keen to play their part in the national emergency.

By joining this new service, designed to help the Wardens they will be giving very valuable assistance. Your warden will give you further particulars and if you are willing to enrol will ask you to come here and enrol any afternoon between 2 .p.m. and 4.p.m. or any morning by special arrangement.

Yours faithfully,



Centre Organiser W.V.S. for C.D.