



# Map Activity

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Children were evacuated from all over England to Staffordshire during World War II.

These are the main places children were evacuated from:

Liverpool  
Manchester  
Birmingham  
The Black Country  
London  
Kent  
Sussex  
Essex

- Using a map of Britain (showing counties and cities) and the blank map provided find and plot Staffordshire.
- Now find and plot the places children were evacuated from.
- Which places are cities and which are counties?
- Have you visited any of these places?
- How long did it take to get there from your home in Staffordshire? How did you travel? Could you imagine doing the journey by yourself?



## Where did evacuee's stay in Staffordshire?

Look at the map on page 5. These are the places evacuees were sent to live whilst they stayed in Staffordshire.

- Which places are villages and considered rural?
- Which places are towns and considered urban?
- Where is your school in relation to these places?
- Is your home in or near any of these places?
- Can you find any stories of evacuation or WWII in your local area?



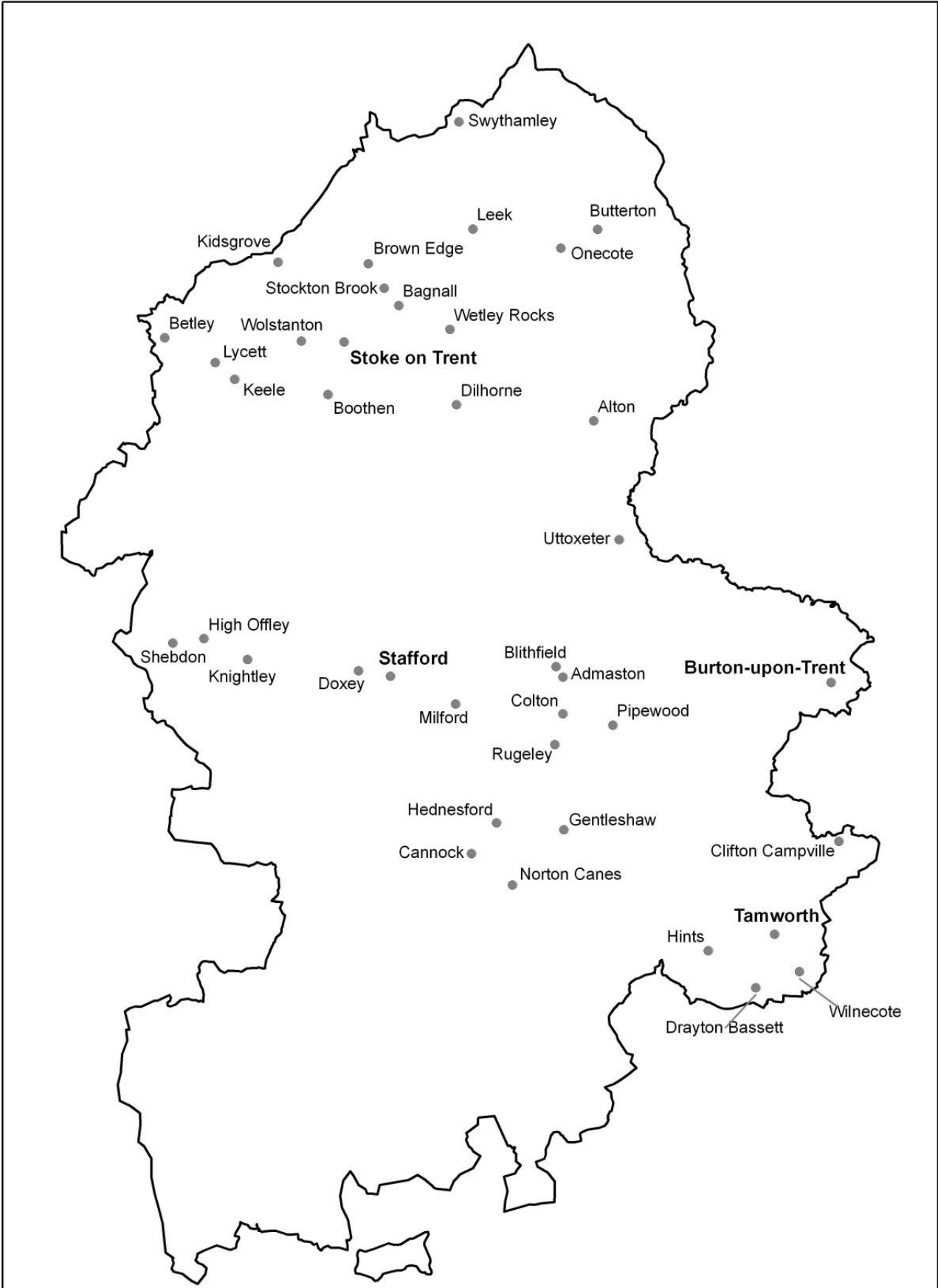
Evacuation to Staffordshire was not always like the common idea of evacuation. Children were sent to live in towns and near cities as well as the countryside of Staffordshire.

This is an entry from the school log book of Adbaston County Primary School. School log books were like a head teacher's diary. What does this tell you about life for children attending Adbaston County Primary during January 1941?

*16<sup>th</sup> January 1941*

*There has been enemy air activity in the district during last night. Incendiary bombs were dropped in some fields behind the schools & a large high explosive in the field in front. Marvellously no damage has been done to any buildings here.*

Evacuees and local children were aware of the war in Staffordshire. Bombs were dropped in the county and there were many military bases and ammunition factories that were targets for German bombers. For example, Stafford was considered particularly vulnerable to air raids because of the large number of factories making military aircraft and supplies for the army.



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