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Home of the 97, 619, 617 (Dambusters) and 627 Squadron that flew out of RAF Woodhall Spa in the 1940s.



The Preservation Group

The Centre was formerly part of No 1 Communal Site, RAF Woodhall Spa, and was built in 1940 with a planned lifespan of only ten years! The site included the Officers and Sergeants Messes, Airmen's Dining Halls and the NAAFI building, together with Ration Store, Latrine and Ablution Blocks. Only the Airmen's Dining Halls, the NAAFI and Ration Store are within the Centre's boundary.



At the end of the war, when the RAF vacated the site, it became a target for squatters and was taken over by the Horncastle Rural District Council who converted it into temporary housing for which it was used until the early 60's.



By 1987 the site was completely derelict and overgrown. Part of it came within the area acquired by the Woodland Trust when they purchased the adjacent Carr Woods and it was their plan to demolish the buildings that resulted in the formation of Thorpe Camp Preservation Group to restore the site and create a Visitor Centre depicting the story of RAF Woodhall Spa and its squadrons, together with civilian life in Lincolnshire, during WWII



opening times and [facilities]

The Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre is open to the public every Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter to October and Wednesdays in July and August from 13:00hrs to 17:00hrs

On site picnic benches near NAAFI (Spitfire Tea Room) and toilets are provided for you to use.
Dogs are welcome on site

Private visits, pre-booked group visits and school groups of ten or more at other times, by prior arrangement.

Membership

The centre is managed on a voluntary basis by members of the Thorpe Camp Preservation Group Ltd, a Charitable Company (No. 08729269) Registered Charity (No. 11544931).

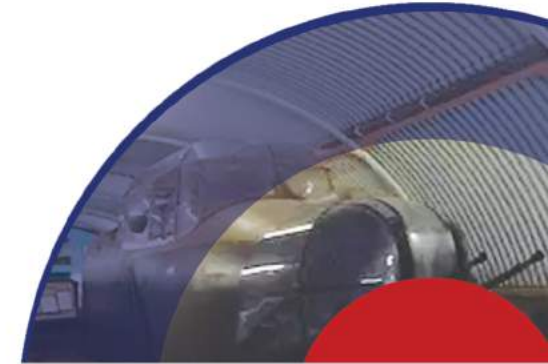
The group is very happy to welcome new members, either out of general interest, or with a view to giving practical assistance in the development and maintenance of the centre. Please enquire for a membership form.

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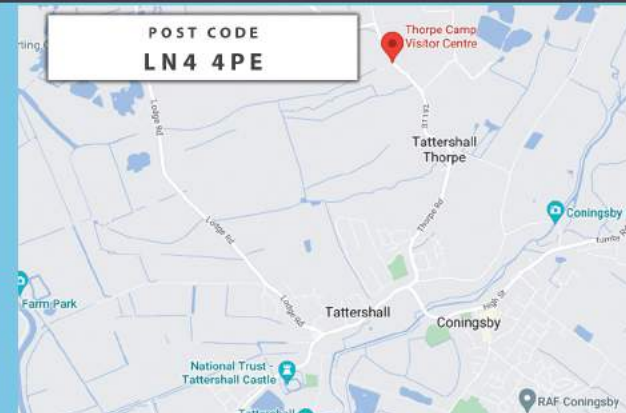


R. A. F. WOODHALL SPA
1941 - 1945

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Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre from the air (Photo: Tim Taylor)



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