

Wartime Bridgend Research Report January 2022

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The Community Engagement Team have been researching potential dates for this year's Wartime Bridgend event. We need a decision from Council on a date and booking of main attractions for the event planning to proceed.

After research, two main dates for consideration are: **18th June 2022 or 16th July 2022.**

Date	Positives	Negatives
18 th June	Similar date to previous years, no clashes with other events.	Limited availability of attractions due to things already booked.
16 th July	No clashes with other events, all attractions available on this date, more time for event planning.	Date different to previous years.

The Team's preferred date is **16th July** due to the availability of all main attractions and the Exhibition of the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Items for Consideration by Full Council

80th Anniversary Exhibition of Battle of Britain – available only on 16th July (not available 18th June)

Bethan Dennedy Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer contacted us with information on the Wales and the Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary touring exhibition. Organiser Sqn Ldr John J Dunn has confirmed this very special exhibition which focuses on Welsh involvement would be available to Carnegie House on 16th July to coincide with our Wartime Bridgend event. The exhibition is bilingual and free to host, it would need to be manned by volunteers and promoted by ourselves. A report from Sqn Ldr John Dunn is attached detailing the exhibition during its tour in 2021.

The team would recommend booking this as a high-profile Welsh exhibition.



Images from past touring sites.

Large Main Attractions – War and Peace

War and Peace are a specialist wartime events company based in Kent. They have previously visited Bridgend to meet with us regarding providing large displays for our event.

War and Peace provide various packages. Below are the recommended attractions for Wartime 2022, with a full price list of each experience package. The team recommends going for several large pieces to create real impact this year. The two planes and the Battle of Britain Experience Trailer link in with the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Exhibition at Carnegie House and the Archilles caused a lot of excitement when we originally announced that it would be at the event planned for 2020.

The team would recommend the full package lists below to form the bulk of the event attractions and create a really special wow this year. Total cost for this package is £9,090

The War and Peace Battle of Britain Experience - available 16th July

Item	Cost	Transport 480 miles
WW2 Hawker Hurricane	£650	@£1.50 per Mile - £720
Spitfire Mk I/II	£650	@ £1.50 per Mile - £720
Battle of Britain Experience Exhibition trailer	£350	@ £1.50 per Mile - £720
Re-enactor/educator	£150	n/a
<u>Totals</u>	<u>£1800</u>	<u>£2,160</u>
Total Cost for attractions		£3,960

War and Peace Displays - available 16th July and 18th June

Item	Cost	Transport – 480 miles
WW2 Anderson Shelter Home Front x 2	£500	@ £1.50 per Mile - £720
Flying Flea (Pou Maquis)	£350	@ £1.50 per Mile - £720
1939 Peugeot P53 Motorcycle	£150	On same transporter as Flying Flea
Re-enactor/educator	£150	n/a
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1,150</u>	<u>£1,440</u>
Total cost for attractions		£2,590

War and Peace Collection available 18th June and 16th July

Item	Cost	Transport– 480 miles
WW2/D-Day 1944 M10 Achilles	£950	@£3.00 per Mile - £1,440
Jeep	Free	Free – on same trailer
Re-enactor/ educator	£150	n/a
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1100</u>	<u>£1,440</u>
Total for attractions		£2,540

Entertainment:

Sol Cinema available 16th July

Item	Cost	Milage
Wartime themed Cinema Caravan with reenactors and pop corn	£1,100	Local no cost
Total	£1,100	

The Sol Cinema was a very popular display and activity with all ages back in 2019. The Cinema is very attractive and comes with wartime usherettes. The team would recommend booking this attraction for Wartime Bridgend 2022. The display is local coming from Swansea



Other attractions for consideration

Locally sourced attractions:

- Stall/link with Hut 9 – ongoing research (free)
- Model vehicles and planes (free)
- Bridgend Lions (free)
- Allotments – wartime allotment stall (free)
- Art/textiles make do and mend tents with our tutors (cost of day's workshop)
- Wartime vehicles (various sources)
- Vintage Hair and Makeup (cost of a day's workshop)
- Museums – 1940 Swansea Bay, Porthcawl, South Wales Police Museum, Barry at War

Children's Entertainment:

- Wartime Puppet show (£600)
- Fairground (various options)
- Army themed bouncy castle/ obstacle course
- Climbing wall

Music and Live Entertainment: (approx. £2000)

- Music and Entertainment package (Kitty Lamare, Midnight Martini's) – Ricky Hunter
- George Formby and Churchill
- Local dance groups
- Local vocal groups

Infrastructure (approx. £4000)

- Stalls
- Staging
- Sound system
- Barriers
- Setup

Security (approx. £1000)

- Security for event day and attractions overnight

Armed Forces involvement

Once a date for the event has been set, we will contact the Armed Forces for their involvement in the event. Previously they have offered climbing walls and brought along displays to share with the public.

There are funding options available which the Community Engagement Team are exploring for Wartime Bridgend along with sponsorship from local companies as we normally do.

To supplement this report please also see attached:

- A projected budget based on the suggested attractions
- A review of the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Exhibition
- War and Peace full information catalogue on exhibits