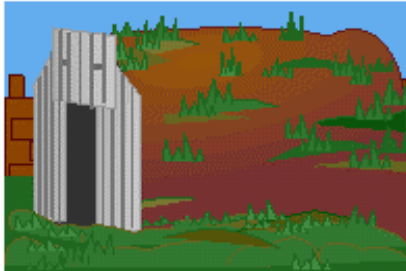


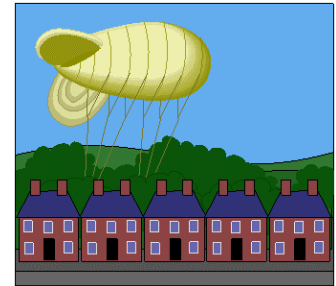
# How did Britain prepare for war?

As soon as war was declared on Germany, Britain started to prepare itself. People believed that all major towns and cities would be bombed and gassed and they went about preparing for it. The pictures below show you some of the preparations that took place in Britain.



Large trenches were dug in parks and fields to hold air raid shelters. Most families also had to build an Anderson shelter in their garden in case they could not make it to the nearest public bomb shelter. The picture on the left is an Anderson shelter.

Huge barrage balloons were floated over any major industrial area to prevent German planes from bombing army bases or important factories. There were two barrage balloons tied to Upper School during World War Two. These balloons were raised and lowered by local ARP wardens.



As soon as war was declared everybody was issued with a gas mask. They had to be carried everywhere, these are in the small boxes that the two children are carrying. Many people also felt that because the Germans would bomb major towns and cities all children should be evacuated to the countryside. This meant leaving their homes and families to live with people that they did not know in the countryside.

Providing food for everybody during wartime was very difficult. When war was declared the British government started rationing food to make sure that there would not be a shortage once fighting started. Food had to be rationed because Britain could not get food from Europe or its colonies very easily when it was at war. Everybody was issued with a ration book which told shopkeepers how much food that person could have.

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