

# Map of Trentham during World War Two

The Guides were moved from the Institute to the Sculpture Gallery and then to the Bothy. A cubs group was started by Bank staff

Former Hunt kennels used as depot for Red Cross Ambulances

Institute used by RAF as a volunteer reserve training centre and later as an Air Defence Unit

Trentham Park Station used for the daily receipt and despatch of millions of cheques for Central Clearing Banks  
Also destination for hospital trains despatching wounded to local war hospitals and the military convalescent unit in the park

The Priory - Home to Adolph Wenger and family. Mrs Wenger organised the Trentham branch of the hospital supply department

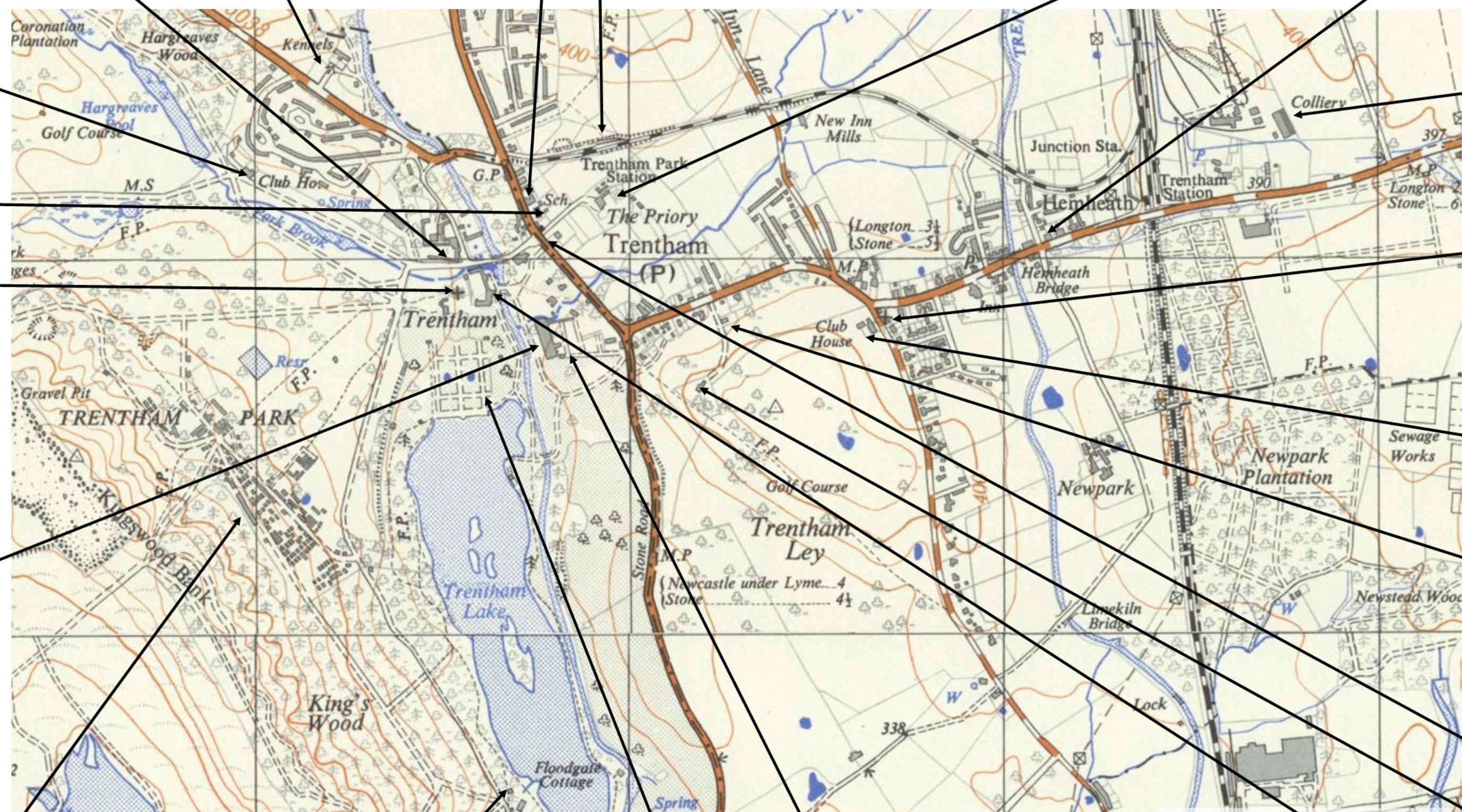
The Woodlands, Longton Road, home of Rita Baines who became an ATA pilot and ferried aircraft all over the country

Trentham Park Golf Club  
The location for many fund-raising activities. Gained new members from Central Clearing Banks and camps

Trentham School - children continued to attend school

Trentham Church attendances boosted by staff from the Clearing House and military personnel from the convalescent camp  
Lack of blackout meant Evensong had to be held in mid-afternoon

Ballroom was closed in 1939 and used by Central Clearing Banks for essential wartime operations  
Millions of cheques were processed over the duration of the war



Hem Heath Colliery continued coal production, with help from Bevin Boys, young men conscripted to work in mines

Methodist Church HQ for ARP wardens, later home for Spotland House kindergarten

Trentham Golf Club - membership opened to Bank staff, military personnel and local American troops. Anti-invasion trenches were dug and sheep grazed the fairways

Trentham Parish Hall opened 1940. Used as base for the Home Guard

Trentham War Memorial 10 names were added to the memorial after the war

Trentham Park was requisitioned by the War Office in 1940 as a camp for French troops and in 1942 as a Military Convalescent Depot.  
In 1945 it served as an Officer Cadet Training Unit. In 1946 it housed Polish soldiers and in 1947 was a miners' hostel. Brick foundations of the buildings are still visible

Swimming pool remained open during the war. Used by staff of the Central Clearing House and various troops stationed in the park, in addition to the public

Trentham Gardens remained open during the war. It welcomed visits by evacuees and reduced charges for soldiers in the camps

Former kitchen gardens of Trentham Hall were used for growing vegetables and sold to locals

Air raid siren attached to the tower in the Trentham Estate courtyard

The Vicarage home to Rev Grimes, vicar of Trentham throughout the World War