

HISTORY : EDUCATION RESOURCE

'**Scars of The Un-fought Battle**' explores military aviation crashes in Shropshire from the 1940's and was made possible by funding from Heritage Lottery Fund. During the summer of 2017, 60 young people from across Shropshire explored this relatively unknown area of local history and developed their film-making skills by creating video documentaries. The six films on this website are a record of their journey of discovery.

Inspired by the book '**Pancakes and Prangs**' written by local aviation history enthusiast Thomas Thorne, the 6 groups of young people researched details of different plane crashes from the 1940's. The book details over **700 plane crashes in Shropshire**. The locations chosen included an Airfield in the north of the county, the Shropshire Hills, and South Shropshire too.

This project gave participants the opportunity to visit the beautiful Shropshire countryside, meet wonderful people, learn incredible facts, and experience film making and drone-flying. Please watch the films for their own worth, and think about them in relation to the following activities.

Activity 1: Research about the role of women during WWII, for example Joy Lofthouse

Activity 2: Research why it was important for young men to learn to be pilots during the 1930's & 1940's.

Activity 3: Can you find details about the pilots of the planes in any of the films you've watched.

