

A Walk Through History - Boxted Airfield, Essex.



The first day of spring saw our first walk in Essex. Ninety-four people (and quite a few dogs) joined us as we led a walk through the historic airfield at Boxted, home to the 386th Bomb Group & 56th Fighter Group of the 8th USAAF during World War Two.

Construction of the airfield began in 1942 and was undertaken by W and C French Ltd. At this peak time a new airfield was under construction every 3 days. This airfield is entirely in the village of Langham, but there was already an airfield known as Langham up in North Norfolk so it was instead given the name Boxted.



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This was the tenth airfield walk that we've led and once again we were blessed by good weather and sunshine. The walk started at Boxted Airfield Museum and enabled us to take in the remaining buildings found at a number of key locations, including Nissen hut's that formally housed the Incendiary Bomb and Pyrotechnics stores, the Technical site with its intact Blister hanger, and the well preserved Motor Transport site.

The three mile walk completed its journey by visiting the Operations Block, before crossing back over the former runways at the airfield.





Did you know?

Typically the heavy bomber bases construction used 146,000 cubic metres of concrete and 27,000 cubic metres of tarmac. Construction at each base entailed the removal of 335,000 cubic metres of soil, 8 miles

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of hedgerow & 1500 trees!





We would like to say a big thank you to Richard Turner and his team at [Boxted Airfield Museum](#). They made this walk possible and kept every one refreshed afterwards. And we'd also like to say a special thank you to our volunteers who help make these walks come alive for visitors, and the local land owners who enabled us to visit their properties. Thank you.

Following the great success of our first ten heritage walks, we will be delivering more across the region in the future. If you would like to keep in touch about future events, or if you, or your museum, would like to host an event , then please [drop us a line](#).