

Interpretation Boards

Do you know a site that has a particular significance to the history of the Eighth Air Force in the East of England? Is there a story that you think needs telling?

The Eighth in the East have funding to erect interpretation boards at a number of sites across the region. These professionally-designed panels will tell the social and landscape history of the Eighth Air Force whilst helping to share local stories that may otherwise be forgotten.

If you know a site, urban or rural, that has a wartime link to the Eighth Air Force in the East of England then we want to know. It may be a site on a public footpath that overlooks an airfield, or a social space popular with American servicemen during the war, such as a pub or cinema. Whatever your idea, this is a great opportunity to share your local history with new audiences. As long as the site meets our set of criteria (which you can read below), then you can nominate it.

Once the submission period ends, a shortlist of nominated sites will be posted on our website with the public then able to vote on their favourite suggestions. Following further consultations, interpretation boards will be placed at the five sites with the most votes.

Our Criteria

1. The purpose of the interpretation boards is to find history in new places and for this reason we are not looking to place panels at existing museum sites.
2. Nominations have to relate to the history of the Eighth Air Force in the East of England during WWII.
3. Where possible, permission to erect a board will have already been obtained from the land owner before a site is nominated.
4. The interpretation boards are not intended to act as memorial, but rather as a way of sharing the social and landscape history of the Eighth in the East of England with a larger audience. Please bear this in mind when nominating sites.

Please submit your nominations to our [website](#) with a short explanation of why you think your site would be a good place for an interpretation board. You can also upload a photo to support your nomination.

The closing date for submission is **Sunday 6th September** with the shortlist to be announced shortly after this date.

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Please don't hesitate to drop us a line at info@8theast.org if you have any questions.