

**Time travellers, your challenge is to find out about Charles Calder and why Ashley Range in the New Forest was important in World War Two.**



"The Grand Slam bomb was tested at Ashley Range in the New Forest on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1945. It left a huge 70-foot deep crater.

Once we knew it was successful, I piloted the bomb on a plane on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1945. We dropped the bomb on a railway viaduct in Germany. It caused a huge explosion and collapsed, with craters left everywhere.

Without the important test in the New Forest, we would never have been able to do this."

**Time travellers, your challenge is to find out about Joan Davis and why Calshot Spit in the New Forest was important in World War Two.**



"I joined the Women's Air Force in 1939. I travelled to Calshot where part of the Royal Air Force was stationed. This is where the aircraft hangers were kept.

The men were involved in training here, and also were responsible for looking after and repairing flying boats. They could take off and land in water. The boats were called Sunderland flying boats.

Germany sent over planes to spy on us and when I was at Calshot, the Air Force sent planes to gain information about Germany too."

**Time travellers, your challenge is to find out about Noreen Baxter and why spies in the New Forest were important in World War Two.**



"I was part of the Special Operations Executive in the New Forest. This meant I was trained as a spy before I went to Europe to find out about what our enemies were planning.

Nobody knew what we were doing there but we were trained to plant bombs and hide important equipment in everyday objects, like a compass in a hairbrush.

The people who trained here were very brave and knew the risks of being a spy, but they were crucial to the war effort".