

Points of Interest



1. Bomb Stores

Bombs and ammunition were stored in this area which was on the western edge of the airfield well away from accommodation and runways.



2. Stanton Shelter

A reinforced concrete shelter built by the Stanton Ironworks, Ilkeston, that could be built quickly and to any size due to its sectional construction. NB dual entry/exit. **DO NOT ENTER**



3. Hangars

Scattered around the edge of the airfield in small groups as defence against attack. Their vast size was needed to 'house' the bombers.



4. Pill Boxes

These are the last remaining parts of the perimeter airfield defence which included barbed wire and tank traps. The local Home Guard manned them.



5. War Memorial

This memorial is for all who served on the airfield. There is a list of units based on the airfield and a map. Services are held here on important dates.



6. Village Hall

This is the most recent village hall on the same site. It was built with a specially curved roof to reflect the shape of the hangars.



7. War Graves

The risks of a war time airfield are reflected in the 33 graves, with many Australians and one German. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains them.



8. Fuel Compounds

Another dangerous area well away from the bomb stores. Bombers used considerable amounts of fuel. A fuel company still uses this facility.



9. Main Entrance to RAF Lichfield

The guard house that led on to the main office block and administration buildings. They were all demolished in 2019



10. Rifle Range

The large brick wall is the rear of the rifle range. A bank of sand the other side of the wall would have been used for practice and testing weapons.



11. Hangars

These hangars are on the eastern side of the airfield and are currently used by logistics companies. Whilst most of the hangars remain intact, some may be lost to future development.

The Countryside Code

Respect other people:

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

Plan ahead and be prepared

Follow advice and local signs



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www.fradleyheritagegroup.co.uk

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Fradley Parish

WALKS



FRADLEY AIRFIELD (RAF LICHFIELD)

Short Walk 1.6 miles (2.6Km)
Medium Walk 3.6 miles (5.8Km)
Long Walk 4 miles (6.5Km)

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