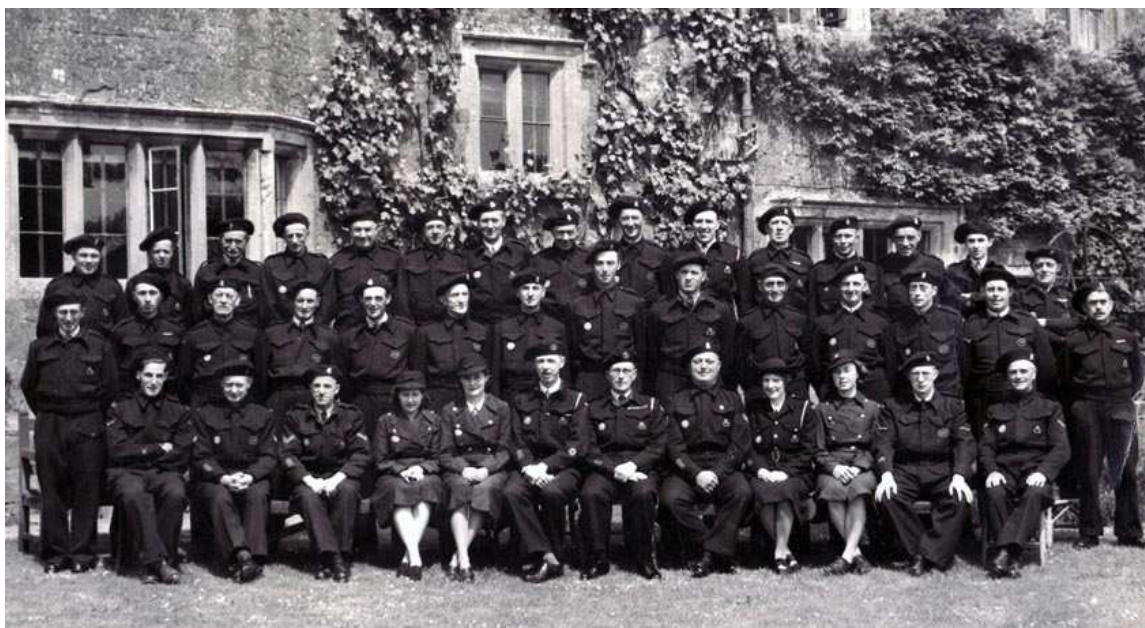


## The Emergency Services

### Air Raid Precautions Service (ARP)



This photograph of Deddington's wardens is courtesy of Geoff Todd. We have yet to put names to all the faces but one of them is **Laurence Wallin**, the 14-year-old son of one of several village bakers. **Sidney Rule** (front row, sixth from the right), County Surveyor, was in charge. '**Herbie**' **Callow** is on his left. Most of the ARP wardens worked for the council and several were also in the Home Guard.

### The Fire Service

The Deddington Fire Brigade was called to Coventry on the night of 14 November 1940 when a major German air raid destroyed much of the city. The name of **Ben KERRIDGE** is the only brigade member we could establish.

### The Police Service

**William Charles WEST** (1901-52) was a War Reserve Policeman and stayed on as a Special Constable after the war.

His daughter, José, married Leading Aircraftman Bob Stevens. Her childhood memories of wartime Deddington can be read on page 184.

