

YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM & ALLIED AIR FORCES MEMORIAL

Aviation history museum based on authentic former WWII Bomber Command Station featuring many fascinating exhibitions, restoration workshop, archives & research centre, catering facility and conference centre.



The Yorkshire Air Museum and Allied Air Forces Memorial is an award winning visitor attraction.

Establishment

- Registered Charity
- Registered by the Museum's Libraries & Archives Council
- Associate Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.
- Member of the British Aircraft Preservation Council
- Member and Supporter of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust.
- Well established & financially secure. Operating for over 20 years
- Owns 20 acre site and buildings
- Aim: to educate the public in the history of aviation, particularly in relation to Yorkshire, and to provide a lasting memorial to all Allied Air Forces personnel.

Features

- The only Allied Air Forces Memorial in Europe
- The first dedicated Women's Allied Air Services Memorial in Britain
- Adjacent to one of the longest runways in Britain (1.97 miles)
- Home to the only complete WWII Halifax Bomber in the world
- Largest authentic WWII Bomber base open to the public in Britain
- The ONLY base used exclusively by the French Air Force during WWII
- Site of the last German aircraft crash on British soil in WWII

- Significant aircraft collection (43) covering the development of flight
- Only surviving Mosquito Nightfighter
- Only Mirage Mk.III on display in Britain (donated by French Government)
- Live jet and propeller aircraft (ground operational).
- Original WWII Buildings including Grade 2 Listed Control Tower
- Unique 1944 footage of Leipzig attack from Elvington
- Aircrew Association Archives
- National Air Gunners Memorial Room & Archive
- Airborne Forces Display
- RAF Regiment Display
- 77 & 609 Squadron Displays
- Military Vehicles
- Attractive Memorial Gardens

Organisation

- Museum Charity (Yorkshire Air Museum Charitable Trust Ltd.)
- Wholly owned trading company (YAMCO Ltd.)
- Operated by Board of Trustees through an Executive Management Team
- Over 1000 members and 140 regular volunteers

Structured volunteer departments, including:

- Aircraft Engineering
- Fire Service (CAA Certified)
- Archives
- Stewards Group

Associations and agreements of co-operation with:

- National War Museum of Canada
- York University
- York College
- North Yorkshire Business & Education Partnership (NYBEP)
- Museums, Libraries & Archives Council Yorkshire
- Airborne Assault Normandy Trust
- Parachute Regiment & Airborne Engineers
- L' Amicale Anciens des Groupes Lourdes

Educational Resources

- Major Archive, Library and Resource facility containing artefacts, photographs and records.
- Recognised as a significant national centre of expertise in aviation and military history
- Airfield records of all sites throughout Britain
- "Reach for the Sky" Education pack
- Sponsors of "Engineering Inspirations" - a major annual Education Challenge & Showcase in conjunction with NYBEP.

Facilities

- 20 acre site containing 20 historic buildings. Fully served with 3-phase electricity; toilets; disabled facilities; parking for 500 vehicles
- "NAAFI" style catering facility with seating for 200
- Elvington Conference / Exhibition Room - 159sq. m. 200+ capacity.
- Regular Clients include: SMART Training (Accountancy), Mercia Group, Yorkshire Water, Squadrons and Regimental Associations.
- Main Hangar Conference & Exhibition Hall - 2000+sq.m. Car Launches - Nissan, Ford, Vauxhall, Toyota, Saab and Volvo. Trade Shows – Independent Care Group (conference and exhibition), Renault, Asda, Feridex. Graduation Balls - University of York, College of Law.



The Allied Air Forces Memorial and Yorkshire Air Museum is the largest independent aviation museum in UK, it is the only allied air forces memorial in Europe and the only base used by the French Heavy bomber squadrons of RAF Bomber Command. The Museum and Memorial is based on the largest original Bomber Command Station open to the public and is within a 20 acre parkland site with 15 main exhibitions, 70 historic aircraft and vehicles, a 200 seat restaurant and shop. The 7 acre, "Nature of Flight"

woodland walkway and butterfly conservation area in association with English Nature, British Butterfly & Moth Association, DEFRA and the Environment Agency is being developed.

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