

## Hiton Focus Team



November is a time we commemorate our fallen heroes and following on from the last couple of articles I thought I'd share an image provided by <https://maps.nls.uk/> that allows you to match up old maps (the one on the left is about 1960) with relatively current aerial photos (this one on the right is a few years old as it is missing the most recent expansion of the Dove Valley Business Park).

RAF Church Broughton was used during the war principally as a training base, with Wellington bombers used to train RAF Bomber Command crews as well as the Westland Lysander aircraft (used elsewhere for "cloak and dagger" missions into occupied Europe).

This image brought several things to mind.

First - how close to home the war was, not just for those living around the Army Depot in Hilton, but those in Church Broughton and Foston.

Second - how good it is that, in Hilton there is a Memorial Meadow, set up by the Parish Council, that not only remembers our local War dead, but also those that survived to older age and other loved ones. It's not known by everyone one but you can have a plaque made and placed next to a tree to remember not just those that served in conflicts, but in a separate section, trees for departed family members and in a further section family pets.

Third - the whole idea of the meadow, that of commemorating the past, but growing a natural environment for the future, is a great thing for the village, as it sits on the "join" between the older part of Hilton and newer developments built in the last 28 years.

Back to the here and now, if you'd like help with issues relating to South Derbyshire District Council then your two Lib Dem Councillors are available to help on [Grahame.Andrew@SouthDerbyshire.Gov.uk](mailto:Grahame.Andrew@SouthDerbyshire.Gov.uk) and [Jayne.Davies@SouthDerbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.Davies@SouthDerbyshire.gov.uk) .

We'd both like to thank the large number of people who recently turned out at the "The Little Shed" to help us celebrate our election and thank those who supported us.