



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025

# DUXFORD

## HELLO AND WELCOME

Hello, and welcome to the Summer edition of the IWM Duxford Community Newsletter.

This year has been a landmark year for anniversaries, as IWM Duxford marked 80 years since VE Day in May with our annual Summer Air Show. The event was one of our biggest air shows to date, and we hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed your visit, with highlights including a new Stunt Bag fairground ride and the Cobra helicopter making its UK display debut.

With the flying season now in full swing, we are looking forward to more spectacular events, including the Duxford Flying Finale, Flying Days: 19 Squadron, and the ever-popular Duxford Dash on 26 October.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the season is the Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show, which this year is taking place on 6–7 September. This year's show marks the 85th anniversary of the pivotal aerial campaign and promises a truly immersive experience. The skies above Duxford will come alive with the roar of Spitfires, Hurricanes, and other legendary aircraft in the Duxford Big Wing formation. On the ground, vintage music, dance, and living history displays will transport visitors back to the summer of 1940. It promises to be a weekend of celebration and remembrance, and we hope to see many of you there.

Finally, we're also proud to share news of a major milestone in our long-term vision for the site. IWM Duxford has secured development funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support the creation of new Second World War exhibitions, set to open in 2027. This is part of our ten-year Transforming IWM Duxford initiative, which will not only bring previously unseen items from our collection into public view, but also restore historic hangars and enhance the way we tell the story of conflict and innovation through aviation. We look forward to sharing more about the project as it gets underway.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vicky Stanbury'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Vicky Stanbury**  
Executive Director,  
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## DUXFORD BATTLE OF BRITAIN AIR SHOW

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 September 2025

Adults £49.50 | Children aged 15 and under go free

Celebrate 85 years since the Battle of Britain at IWM Duxford's iconic air show. Experience the roar of vintage aircraft, including Spitfires and Hurricanes, alongside music, dance, and immersive living history. Standard tickets include access to the museum, exhibitions, and the spectacular flying display. Read more about the Battle of Britain Air Show at [iwm.org.uk](http://iwm.org.uk)



## WE WILL NOT BE LEFT BEHIND

Battle of Britain Hangar, included with General Admission

Step into the untold stories of disabled people during the Second World War. Featuring a digital soundscape, British Sign Language visual poetry, and powerful personal accounts, this temporary immersive installation explores resilience, community, and overlooked histories. Created in partnership with Screen South's Accentuate programme as part of the Curating Visibility project. Read more at [iwm.org.uk](http://iwm.org.uk)

## KEEP IN TOUCH

IWM Duxford is open 10am to 6pm daily, last entry 5pm.

Find out what's happening at IWM Duxford at [iwm.org.uk](http://iwm.org.uk) or follow us online at [facebook.com/iwm.duxford](https://facebook.com/iwm.duxford) or on X (formerly known as Twitter) [@IWMDuxford](https://twitter.com/IWMDuxford).



## DUXFORD IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT: BATTLE OF BRITAIN 85

Thursday 25 September 2025, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Entry from 4pm | Adults £90

This after-hours outdoor photography event is perfect for aviation enthusiasts and photographers alike, recreating scenes from a front-line fighter station during the Battle of Britain. Capture evocative images of Spitfires, Hurricanes, with living history actors illuminated against Duxford's historic backdrop. The evening will culminate in a dual-engine run of a Supermarine Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane. Read more at [iwm.org.uk](http://iwm.org.uk)



## NEW SECOND WORLD WAR EXHIBITIONS

Artist's impression of new exhibition

Made possible thanks to National Lottery players and money awarded from its heritage fund, our new Second World War exhibitions will tell compelling, human stories and explore the pivotal aerial conflicts of the Battle of Britain.

Opening in 2027, the exhibitions will be housed in two historic hangars, currently home to our Battle of Britain and Air and Sea exhibitions. On display will be almost 150 items from IWM's unrivalled collection of aircraft, vehicles, and objects, as well as almost 40 objects previously displayed in the Land Warfare Hall. These objects include the Churchill Mk V11 tank, the Comet Cruiser tank, and the Centaur Command Tank Mk1.

