

Civil Defence Emergency Cooking Facilities

In the aftermath of an air attack, preparing a cup of tea or a meal for the emergency workers and the rescued was important work, but facilities may have to be improvised. These images, actually from shortly after the war, show the experience learnt in wartime could be put to good use in rustling up essential comforts when needed. Bricks, an old sheet of tin and a recovered pipe, all readily available in bomb-damaged areas, are soon turned into an improvised hot-plate. With wood for fuel, a hot meal is soon prepared.



Mrs B Reeve (Janet Chadband's aunt) demonstrating how to prepare food in an emergency situation



Mrs D H Outrim, Mrs A Green, Mrs Reeve, and Mrs Cox, preparing a midday meal with the improvised cooker