

population – The total number of people living in an area.

Cheshire Regiment – A regiment that included many people from Birkenhead and the surrounding areas.

The Bantams – A battalion formed in Birkenhead for men who were shorter than the usual height required for soldiers.

Frederick Lister – A man who co-founded the British Legion in Birkenhead.

Royal British Legion – A charity that helps people who have served in the armed forces, as well as their families.

Wilfred Owen – A World War I soldier and famous poet who grew up in Birkenhead.

evacuation – When some children and adults were moved from the cities and towns to the countryside where they would be safe from air raids.

incendiary – A device designed to start fires.

listed building – A building officially recognised for its historical or architectural importance and protected by law to preserve its features.

Hamilton Square – A large Georgian square that sits within the centre of Birkenhead.



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River Mersey – The name of the river that runs between Liverpool and the Wirral.

Chester – A city within Cheshire that was founded by the Romans.

Wirral – The name of the area where Birkenhead is located.

Storeton Quarry – A large stone quarry within Birkenhead.

Ingimund – A Viking warrior who invaded England.

Meols – The name of the port that was founded by the Vikings.

Thingwall – A place where important 'Things' were held to discuss Viking laws.

Thor – The Nordic God of Thunder.

Domesday Book – A large survey completed by the Normans to see who lived in the country.

Priory – A small monastery or nunnery.

Dissolution – The act of formally ending something.

William Laird – An important business man that helped Birkenhead develop.

John Laird – The son of William Laird, and an important business man that helped Birkenhead develop.

Wallasey Pool – A natural pond of water that separates Wallasey from Birkenhead.

Gillespie Graham – The architect who designed much of Birkenhead, including Hamilton Square.

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Cammell Laird – The name of a British Ship company that the sons of John Laird formed.

Industrial Revolution - A time when machines started doing lots of the work that people used to do by hand. It changed the way things were made and how people lived.

Etna – The first steam ferry that travelled between Birkenhead and Liverpool.

shipyard - A place where people build and fix ships.

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Mersey Railway Tunnel – A tunnel that goes under the River Mersey and connects Birkenhead with Liverpool.

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