

**air raid warden** - A person that had the main task of protecting members of the public during an air raid.

**Anderson shelter** - An air raid shelter that people built in their garden.

**Coventry Blitz** - The bombing of Coventry during World War 2.

**evacuation** - The moving of children away from the cities to protect them from bombing raids during World War 2.

**Luftwaffe** - The German air force.

**Morrison shelter** - A shelter that could be used indoors. It was a metal cage that would protect the people inside if the building collapsed.

**shadow factory** - A factory built alongside a main factory with the purpose of producing aeroplane parts to support the war effort.

**World War 2** - A global conflict that occurred between 1939 and 1945.

**Donald Gibson** - The architect who redesigned Coventry city centre.

**John Laing** - A building company that built the new Coventry Cathedral.

**Sir Basil Spence** - The architect who designed the new Coventry Cathedral.



# My WEST MIDLANDS Coventry Glossary



**Arden Forest** - The Saxon forest surrounding Coventry.

**Caludon Castle** - A large manor house for the Earls during the 12th Century.

**Cofa's Tree** - The tree that marked the area of Coventry and led to its naming.

**Hugh d'Avranches** - The first Earl of Chester who built the castle in Coventry.

**Earl** - A man of noble birth and rank in society.

**Earl Leofric** - An Earl appointed by King Canute. Founder of the first monastery in Coventry.

**Godiva** - The wife of Earl Leofric. Famous for the legend of the naked ride.

**King Canute** - A Viking king who invaded England.

**Lunt Fort** - A wooden Roman fort built near Coventry to defend against Boudicca.

**River Avon** - The large river that runs through Warwickshire.

**River Sherbourne** - The river that runs through, and now under, Coventry.

**Saint Osburga** - A Saxon nun who started a nunnery in Coventry.

**St Mary's Priory** - A priory and later Cathedral, founded by Leofric and Godiva.

**Bishop** - A senior member of the church - religious leader.

**Charter House** - A 14th century house belonging to Carthusian monks.

**Cheylesmore** - A large manor house of importance during the 12th Century.

**Coventry Castle** - A motte and bailey castle built within Coventry in the 12th Century.

**Sheldon Tapestry** - A large tapestry produced in the 16th century, detailing the towns and cities of Warwickshire.

**Spon Street** - A street outside the city walls. Home to the dyers and tanners during the 12th Century.

**St Michael's Tower** - The tallest spire in Coventry. Belongs to Coventry old Cathedral.

**Swanswell** - A large pool/lake in central Coventry.

**Swanswell Gate** - One of two remaining medieval gates in Coventry. Built in the 14th Century.

**Coventry blue** - A non-fading dyed cloth with a distinctive colour that was produced in Coventry.

**dyer** - A person who dyes cloth to change its colour.

**James Starley** - An inventor and the father of the bicycle industry.

**Kelly's Directory** - A trade directory that listed all the businesses in a certain place.

**silk ribbon** - Decorative ribbon made from silk.

**Thomas Saint** - A Coventry man who invented the first sewing machine design.

**topshop** - A weaving workshop on an upper floor directly above the workers' accommodation.

**weaver** - A person who weaves fabric.

**woad** - A plant that can be processed to make a blue dye.

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