

## Gallery: CIVILIANS & WAR 1914-18

In August 1914 Britain went to war against Germany. In the next four years Britain:

- created an army of millions through voluntary and compulsory enlistment
- saw government control of food and essential industries
- developed an economy totally geared to the demands of war

In this gallery you are going to investigate the impact of this change on ordinary people and their lives during the war. You will use the sources and information in the case studies to write some summary reports on the impact of the war on civilians.

**THE BIG QUESTION IN THIS GALLERY IS :**

**HOW DID THE EXPERIENCE OF WAR  
AFFECT CIVILIANS IN BRITAIN 1914-18?**

Look at the Big Question for a worksheet that will show you how to use the case studies and how to organise your work.

### CASE STUDIES

The Big Question is too big to tackle in one go, so we have broken it up into smaller sections called case studies. Look at the case studies to study the historical sources.

See the following case studies in this gallery to study the sources:

- DORA IN ACTION**
- RECRUIT & CONSCRIPT**
- SHORTAGES & RATIONING**
- THE WORKERS & THE WAR**

### GALLERY BACKGROUND

See Gallery Background for some information and sources which may be useful in your investigation.