

### **Transcript of Audio Clip with Ben Howard**

In the early 1940s the Government, people in the Government, decided that it would be a good idea to send people in big cities, not people, sorry, children in big cities, out to the country for a couple of weeks. They formed what's called the National Camps Corporation and their aim was to build fifty of these camps, all over England. But in the end they just were able to build thirty-two. Sayers Croft Camp was one of the camps designed for this particular purpose. When we marched in on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1940 it wasn't yet quite completed. But, of course, Dunkirk had just happened and it was decided to take all the children in the Kent and Surrey area away and we were moved to Ewhurst in this camp. There was two hundred boys, it was. A combination of two schools in Catford actually. It took two hundred boys in five dormitories. I was there until 1943 and I had a marvellous evacuation.