

Oaklands, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury

In January 1941 this was offered by the Hiatt Baker family for use as a Company Guest House at a rent of £2,500 per annum, fully furnished.



Camp Farm, Camp Road, Elberton

A barn was requisitioned in February 1941 as a general store for Rodney Works. It was still in use in September 1945.

Newleaze, Aust Road, Olveston.

A stable with loft was requisitioned in June 1941. The loft was used to store Accounts Records and the stable housed parts for the Aircraft Works Engineers Department.

Church Farm, Aust

A barn was requisitioned in June 1941 to store Exhaust Manifolds together with general items for Rodney Works.

Court Farm, Lower Almondsbury

A barn was requisitioned in October 1941 to store Exhaust Manifolds for Rodney Works.

The Smithy, Olveston

Document storage space was leased from Mrs L A Organ at £18-3s-1d pa.

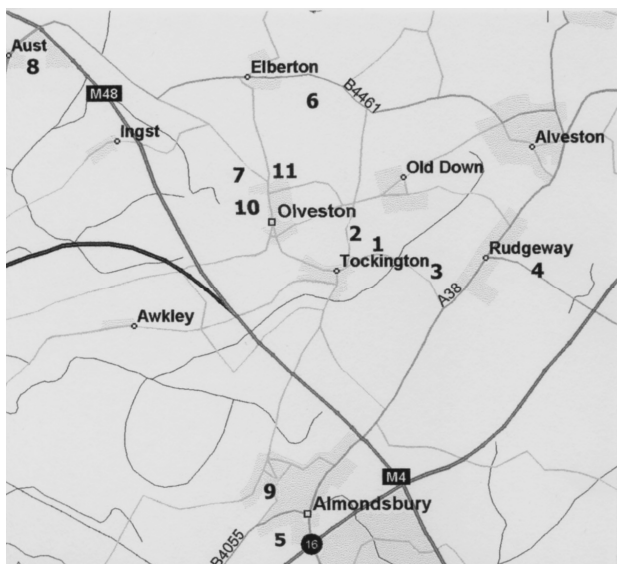


The Smithy, Olveston. Now demolished.

The Vicarage, Olveston

Document storage space was leased from Rev T Ridgewell Barker in 1941 at £11-18s-4d pa.

Dispersal Site locations



Key

1. Tockington Manor, Tockington
2. Tockington Quarry
3. Woodhouse Manor, Tockington
4. The Elms (Pypers), Rudgeway
5. Oaklands, Almondsbury
6. Camp Farm, Elberton
7. Newleaze, Olveston
8. Church Farm, Aust
9. Court Farm, Lower Almondsbury
10. The Smithy, Olveston
11. The Vicarage, Olveston

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BAC World War 2 Dispersal Sites in the Olveston Area

As war clouds gathered in the late 1930s, thought was given to how critical facilities of large strategic companies, such as The Bristol Aeroplane Company, could be dispersed to places that were less likely to fall victim to air raids. In addition the rapid growth of the industry required provision of extra premises for personnel and for storage of material and documents. A large number of sites scattered over the area in and around Bristol were identified. When war was declared on 3rd September 1939 these plans were quickly put into effect. This short leaflet describes the BAC sites in Olveston and the surrounding area.

The most important of these was Tockington Manor which housed the Project Office for design of new engines. The drawing below was produced in January 1944 and shows what was then called "Gas Turbine – Pilot Unit" and was later named "Theseus", Bristol's first gas turbine engine.

