



# A Guide to the Britain from Above website

## Help tell the story of these historical aerial images

Discover [www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk), an exciting website making the oldest and most valuable photographs of the Aerofilms collection available for free for everybody. Find out about the website's range of exciting features to explore these stunning aerial photos, documenting Britain's changing face between 1919 and 1953.

This guide explains how you can use the website to search for images from your area of interest and save them for your personal use. Add factual information or personal memories to the website and find like-minded people to discuss your favourite images.

Britain from Above is a four-year Heritage Lottery-funded project aimed at conserving 95,000 of the most endangered photographs in the Aerofilms collection.

Acquired by English Heritage and their partners, the Royal Commissions on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland and Wales, the collection is a unique aerial photographic archive of 1.26 million negatives in total, representing 20th-century Britain between 1919 and 2006.

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## Registering is simple and easy!

Registering allows you to use all website functions. Go to [www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk) and click on **Sign in – register** in the top right-hand corner.

**Name** and **email address** are the only information required. If you wish so, your personal profile can remain hidden.

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The John Maddock and Co Works, Dakengates, 1948. This image has been produced from a print.

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Sign in or register

If you already have a Britain from Above account you can sign in below, otherwise fill in your details in the register section to create one.

\* indicates a required field.

**Sign in**

Sign into your Britain from Above account here.

Username or e-mail address: \*

You may login with either your assigned username or your e-mail address.

Password: \*

The password field is case sensitive.

If you have forgotten your password you can recover it here.

Sign in

**Register**

Don't have an account yet? To register for the site, you will need to provide a valid email address and a display name. Once registered you can add extra information about yourself via the "edit account information" link on your profile page. This extra information is optional and will be publicly viewable on your profile page.

E-mail: \*

Please enter a valid e-mail address.

Confirm e-mail address: \*

Please re-type your e-mail address to confirm it is accurate.

Password: \*

Confirm password: \*

Please choose a password that is at least 8 characters long.

Display Name: \*

Last name: \*

First and last names will only be used internally for T&Cs purposes and will not be used elsewhere in the site.



## TOP TIP:

By registering, you create a personal profile which acts as your own personal 'library' – you can save your favourite images and go back to them next time you use the website!

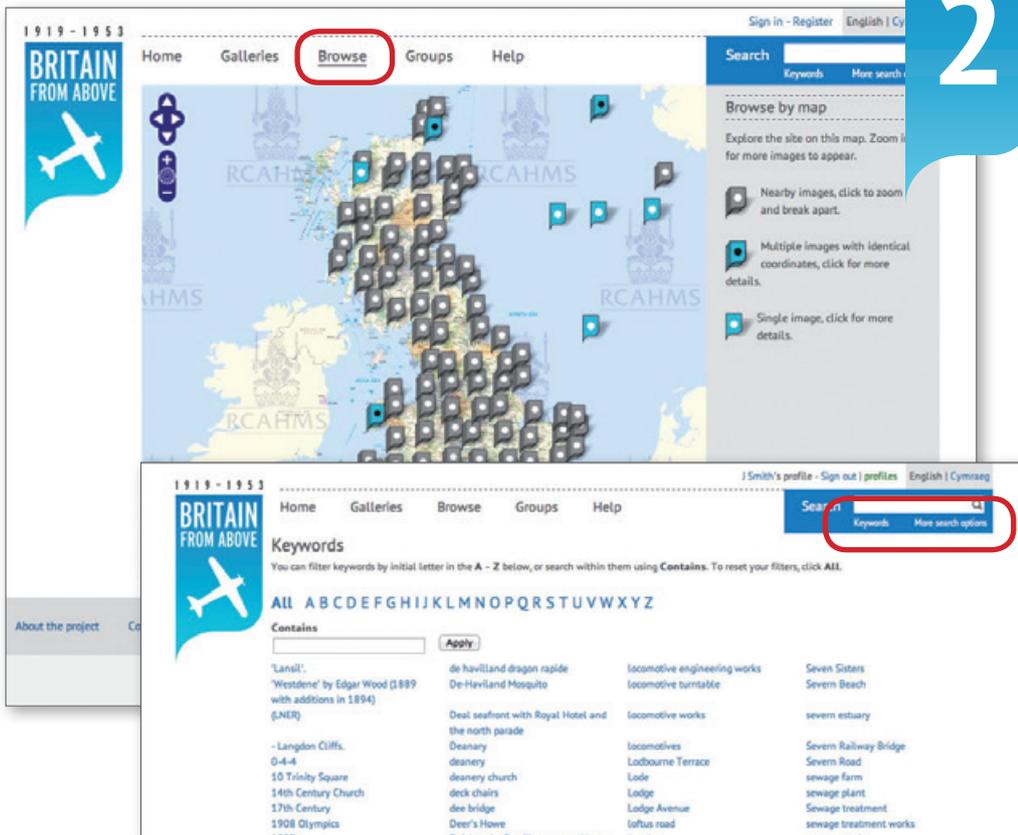
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## Finding images of interest

Use the **blue box** in the top right-hand corner to search for images by place names or key words, eg 'Swindon' or 'Grand Union Canal'.

Click **Browse** on the top bar for a map of Britain displaying all the images already on the website.

Click on **Keywords** in the blue box for a list of keywords or click on **More search options** for further assistance with your search.

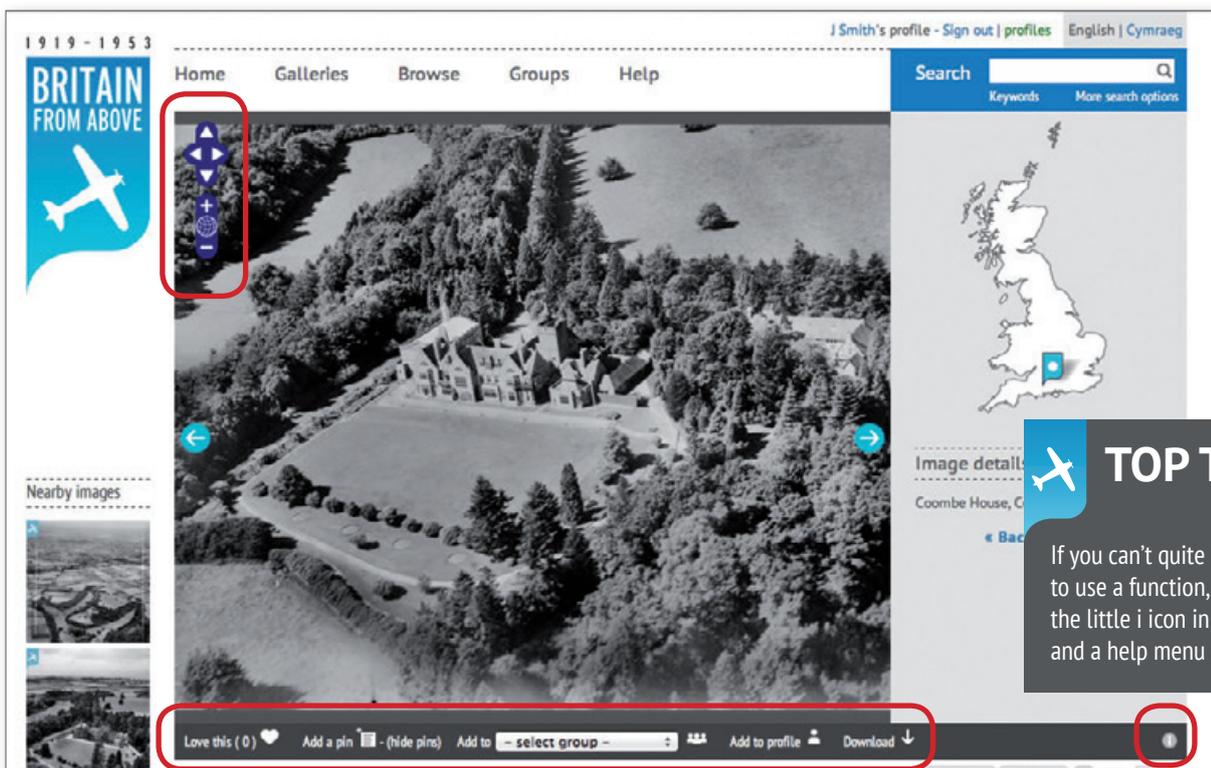


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## Get closer: Exploring the images

Use the **zoom function** in the top left-hand corner of the image for a close-up.

Under the image, there is the **toolbar**. Use the links to save the image to your profile or to any groups you are a member of. You can also download a version of the image to your computer for personal purposes.



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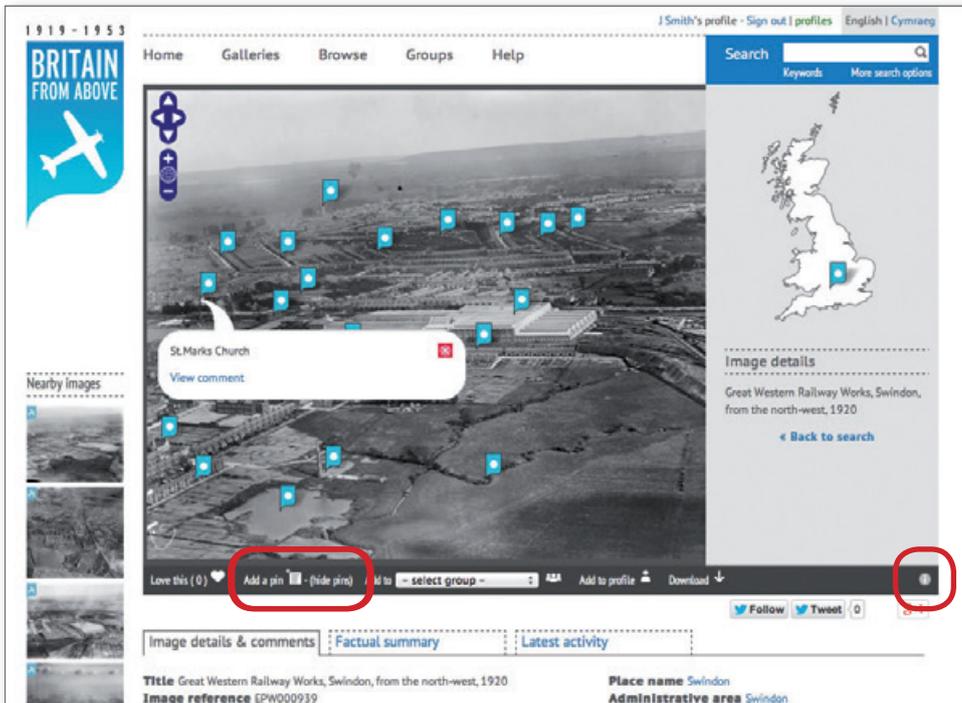
If you can't quite remember how to use a function, simply click on the little **i** icon in the grey circle and a help menu appears!

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## Memories and factual information wanted!

Help make the Aerofilms collection come alive by sharing any personal and factual information. If you know something about a specific image, type your comment into the box underneath the image. You can also upload photos, videos or audio files. Afterwards, click on the blue **Save** button.

You can also comment on a specific feature, eg the house you were born in. Simply click on **Add a pin**, then click on the feature in the image. A window opens that allows you to add your comment. When you click on **Save**, a little blue flag appears, the so-called pin, and a speech bubble with your comment.



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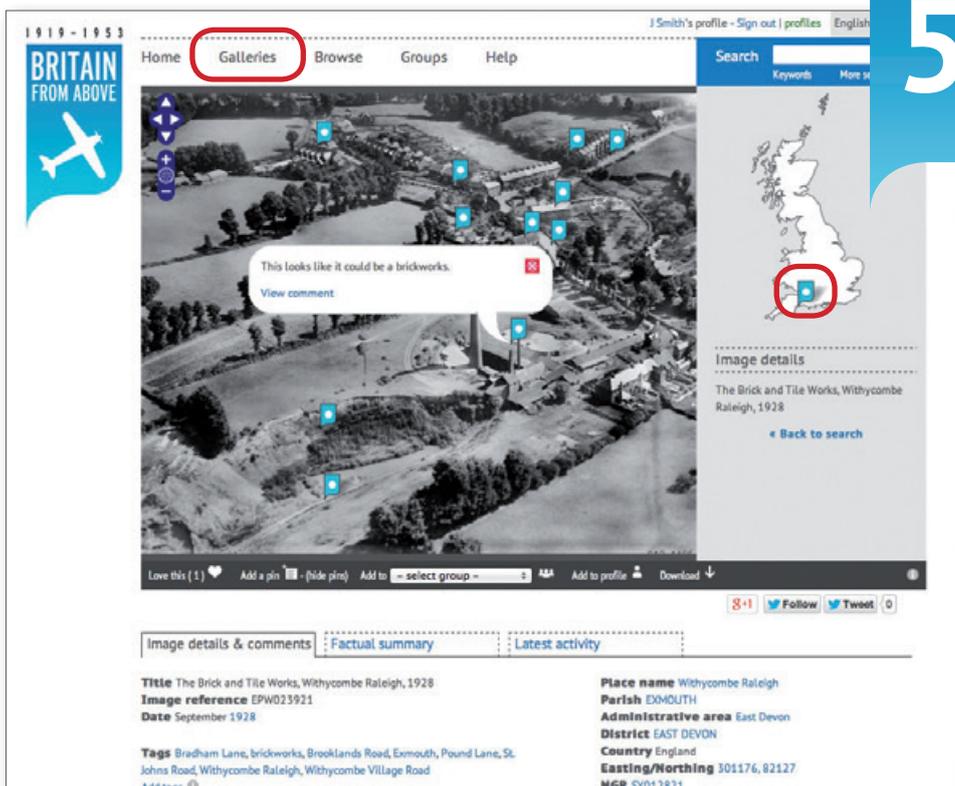
## Unidentified images: Locating the unlocated

There are images our cataloguers could not identify. You can help us! Any additional information can launch discussions with your fellow website users, trying to get it right.

Click on **Galleries** on the top of the pages to get to the **Unidentified** gallery.

If you think you know the location, click on **Setting a new one** to pin the image to the digital map, literally as you would with a pin on your noticeboard at home.

Our cataloguers will check your information and add to the catalogue if correct.



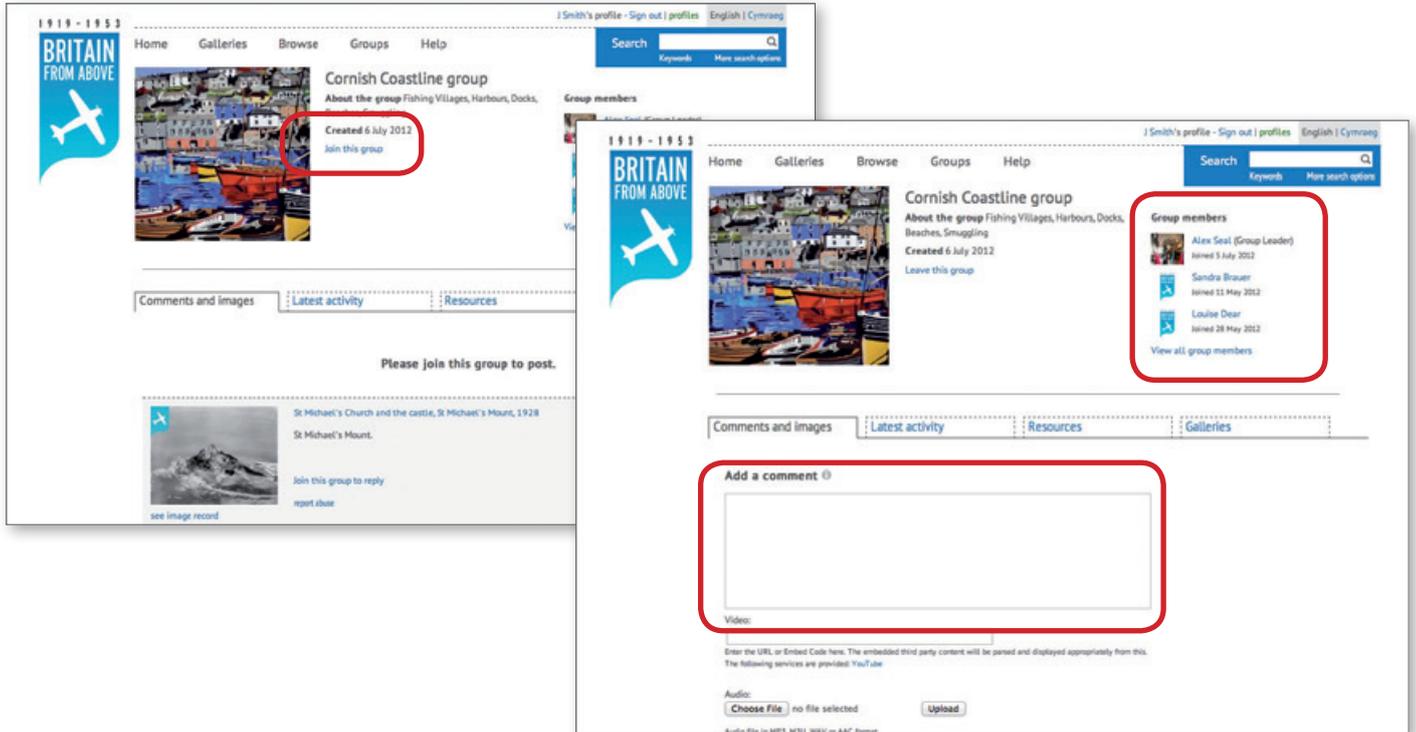
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## Groups: Share with likeminded enthusiasts

Groups are for you to collect images related to a topic of your choice, add your own photos, videos and audio files, and discuss and share memories and information with likeminded people.

Click on **Groups** to find out which already exist, from the following categories: Places, Special Interest, Activity, School, Other. Select one you are interested in, then click on **Join this group** to become a member.

Use the **Comments' box** to post an entry or add an image from the collection as described above.



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## Share with your friends

If you want to share your favourite images with your family, friends and everybody else, just click on the **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Google+** icons underneath the images.

