

# Hopping at Moorden Farm, Chiddingstone Causeway (2)



**Hop washing at Moorden Farm. Fred and Reg Jefferies filling the sprayer, 1940.**

Image: P2003.1112



**Locals and evacuees hop-picking at Moorden Farm, 1940.**

Image: P2003.1108

**WW2**  
Land Army Girls and evacuees were among visitors to the Valley helping with the hop harvest during the war. Soldiers on leave and POWs would also lend a hand.  
  
Mothers would come down and join their evacuated children and help with the hop-picking, taking a welcome break from the bombing in London.



**Eric Day measuring and filling the hop sack or poke, 1950.**

Image: P2003.1110



**Hopping at Moorden Farm, 1940.**

Image: P2003.1109



**Woman and boy hop-picking. Probably at Moorden Farm, 1950.**

Image: P2003.1105



**Damaged oast at Moorden Farm, 1940.**

Image: P2003.1094

The damage to the oast (left) was caused by a bomb that dropped on October 13th, 1940. The oast house had been modernised in 1933. It was damaged again by fire in the 1980s.



**Man picking hops, probably at Moorden Farm, 1950.**

Image: P2003.1106



**Family gathering in the hop garden at Moorden Farm, 1950.**

Image: P2003.1111



**Alf and others working in the hop garden, c.1960**

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