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Cold War Network - November 2025

Welcome to the November edition of the Cold War Network newsletter. We would like to begin with a warm thank you to everyone who joined us at The Nothe Fort in Weymouth last month. It was an excellent event, featuring a series of fascinating speakers, exceptionally well-organised tours, and the kind of insightful conversation that makes these gatherings so valuable. Thanks to the team at The Nothe!

Thank you also to those of you who joined our first international webinar exploring the battlefield landscape at Matsu in Taiwan.

We now look ahead to our next gathering in Dover, which promises to be another memorable event. All available places have already been filled, but we are operating a waiting list. If you would like to be added, please email us:
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National Cold War Heritage Week 2026



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engagement in the UK's Cold War heritage.

Planning is now underway for National Cold War Heritage Week 2026, and we're excited to invite museums, visitor attractions, heritage groups, local organisations, and community partners to take part.

Last year's inaugural event saw 15 organisations across the UK host tours, talks, exhibitions, and special activities - and interest from the public far exceeded our expectations. Over the course of the week, the Cold War Network doubled its membership, demonstrating the growing appetite for stories, places, and histories from this extraordinary period.

For 2026, our goal is to increase participation to at least 20 organisations, and we're keen to hear from both returning and new partners who would like to run an event, open a site, or contribute an activity as part of the national programme.

We are also inviting expressions of interest from organisations wishing to sponsor the 2026 Heritage Week. Our new sponsorship offer - featuring Bronze, Silver, and Gold packages starting from £250 will be launched shortly. These packages will also outline year-round sponsorship opportunities that support our ongoing work, annual event, and members' webinar series.

If you're interested in participating, partnering, or sponsoring, we'd love to hear from you. Please email info@coldwarnetwork.co.uk

Project Spotlight

As the Cold War Network continues to grow, we are pleased to share an update on several projects currently underway—each aimed at expanding research, strengthening partnerships, and raising the profile of the UK's Cold War heritage.

AHRC Grant Resubmission: Researching the Cold War Visitor Experience

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experience and interpretation. This work will help deepen understanding of how Cold War sites can be interpreted for the public and how audiences engage with this period of history. We will keep members updated as this progresses.

New Partnership Project: Atomic Airfields

We are also exploring a potential partnership project between interested member organisations, focusing on airfields and related sites connected to nuclear testing, Cold War planning, and defence strategy.

If you have archives, specialist knowledge, research interests, or site-based materials relating to this theme, we would very much like to hear from you. Your contributions will help shape the scope and outcomes of what could become an important collaborative research initiative.



Developing Regional Tourism Opportunities with VisitBritain

Finally, we are engaged in early-stage discussions with VisitEngland about new opportunities to develop regional tourism products based around Cold War heritage. While these conversations are at an exploratory stage, there has already been

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If you would like to be involved in any of these projects - or simply want to learn more - please get in touch. We're always keen to hear from members who can help shape the Cold War Network's future research, interpretation, and public engagement work. info@coldwarnetwork.co.uk

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Upcoming Events

Future Events

6th Cold War Network Meeting - Dover Castle. Tuesday 10th February 2026

7th Cold War Network Meeting - Drakelow Tunnels. October 2026 (Details TBC)

8th Cold War Network Meeting - Scotland. March 2027 (Details TBC)

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