

# The Story of East Anglia II

Archaeological Highlights from the Last 1,500 Years

## 'Protect and Survive': Cold War East Anglia

For many of us the Cold War conjures up a secret world of spies, drop boxes, covert missions and political skulduggery. This session explores the archaeological traces of the Cold War which are still to be found in the East Anglian landscape, including airfields, atomic weapons testing plants, listening posts and fall-out shelters.

## General Reading

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## National Heritage List for England Entries

Orford Ness Atomic Weapons Research Establishment:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1416933>

Barnham Atomic Bomb Store:

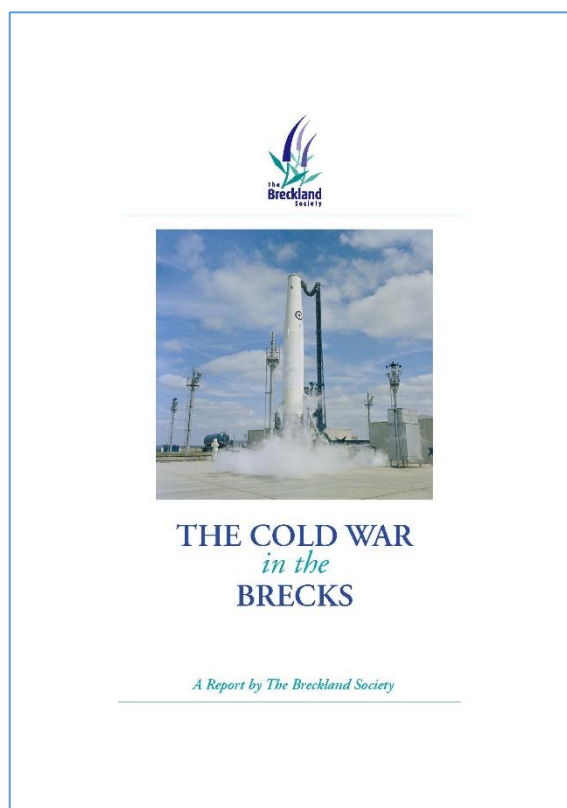
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## The Cold War in the Brecks Project

Between March 2019 and April 2021, The Breckland Society undertook a Heritage Lottery Fund-supported project called *The Cold War in the Brecks*.

The main aim of the project was to explore the military history of the area from the conclusion of the Second World War until the effective end of the Cold War with the final breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. Among the objectives was to identify, document and understand what constitutes 'Cold War heritage' in the Brecks, particularly the various built structures that relate to that period, as well as collating the reminiscences of people involved in both military and civilian activities relating to the Cold War.

The results of the project were presented in a booklet which can be downloaded from the Breckland Society website:



<http://www.brecsoc.org.uk/the-cold-war-in-the-brecks/>

## The Suffolk Historic Environment Record (HER)

<http://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/>

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