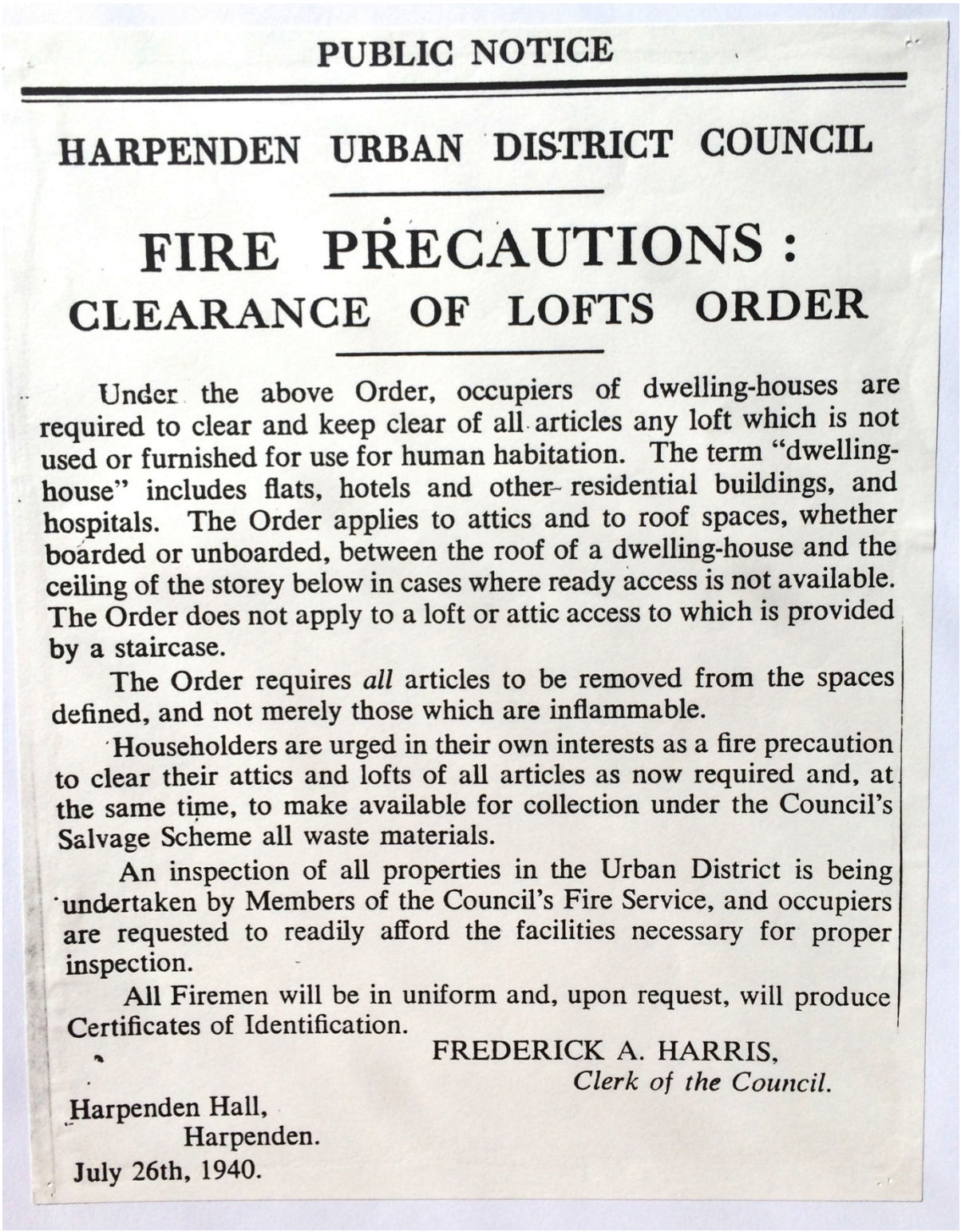

PUBLIC NOTICE

HARPENDEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

FIRE PRECAUTIONS:
CLEARANCE OF LOFTS ORDER

Under the above Order, occupiers of dwelling-houses are required to clear and keep clear of all articles any loft which is not used or furnished for use for human habitation. The term "dwelling-house" includes flats, hotels and other residential buildings, and hospitals. The Order applies to attics and to roof spaces, whether boarded or unboarded, between the roof of a dwelling-house and the ceiling of the storey below in cases where ready access is not available. The Order does not apply to a loft or attic access to which is provided by a staircase.

The Order requires *all* articles to be removed from the spaces defined, and not merely those which are inflammable.

Householders are urged in their own interests as a fire precaution to clear their attics and lofts of all articles as now required and, at the same time, to make available for collection under the Council's Salvage Scheme all waste materials.

An inspection of all properties in the Urban District is being undertaken by Members of the Council's Fire Service, and occupiers are requested to readily afford the facilities necessary for proper inspection.

All Firemen will be in uniform and, upon request, will produce Certificates of Identification.

FREDERICK A. HARRIS,
Clerk of the Council.

Harpenden Hall,
Harpenden.
July 26th, 1940.

Document 2: Public Notice from Harpenden Urban District Council ordering loft clearance, 1940

2/4
(b)

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Your HOUSE is situated in Sector 7 F

THE AIR RAID WARDEN'S POST IS 100 Topstreet Way,

PHONE _____ The Wardens are:

H. C. C. MacLeod 100, Topstreet Way, Senior	H. Weatherhead, 94, Topstreet Way, Deputy	TOPSTREET WAY L. H. Annetts 67 E. R. Smart 95 F. L. Zirker 97	PIGGOTTSHILL LANE W. G. Maciner "Brackendale" G. W. Facer "Elvaston" Peter Thorpe "Highfield" W. W. Feast "Amberley"
HIGHFIELD AVENUE C. J. P. Greggains 1 S. E. Bangs 17 J. F. Hawkins 57 N. C. Woods 20	HIGHFIELD AVENUE F. Stokes 22 L. Royle 24 P. Fawcett 26 W. J. Stevenson 30	HIGHFIELD AVENUE H. W. Blades 44	

THE POST will always be manned during AIR RAIDS. To get help during a raid, phone _____ or apply in person.

AIR RAID WARNING SIGNALS ARE:

WARNING:—2 minutes fluctuating warbling note. ALL CLEAR:—2 minutes steady blast. Given on Steam Syren.

WARDEN'S WARNING:—Sharp blasts on Whistle. ALL CLEAR:—Hand Bell.

GAS WARNING:—RATTLE (on with your mask and keep on until you hear hand bell).

IF IN DOUBT ABOUT YOUR GAS MASK call or phone your Section Post. Senior Warden will be pleased to help you. Get to know him.

DON'T interfere with your Gas Mask. DON'T carry it by the straps. Make a case for it and in time of war never be without it. Learn to put it on and take it off in the correct way.

STORE in an airtight tin in a cool, dry place. Strong light, heat or damp are not good for it.

READ THIS CAREFULLY and hang it in your hall

Issued by ~~Harpenden~~ Urban District Council Air Raid Precaution Office

Document 3: Air Raid Precautions: notice for householders to hang on wall listing air raid wardens and providing instructions for air raid warnings

2/2

URBAN DISTRICT OF HARPENDEN

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE UNDER LOCAL SCHEME

Name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss) ..... Age .....

Address .....

Telephone No. ..... Occupation .....

Are you normally occupied outside the Urban District during the day? .....

During which hours are you normally available in Harpenden? .....

I volunteer for A.R.P. duties as :—

Please place a cross against the duty for which you are a volunteer.

MEN		WOMEN	
(a) Air Warden.		(a) Air Warden.	
(b) First Aid Work (including Ambulance duties).		(b) First Aid Work (including Ambulance duties).	
(c) Gas Cleansing Duties.		(c) Nursing.	
(d) Rescue and Demolition Work.		(d) Gas Cleansing Duties.	
(e) Auxiliary Fire Brigade.		(e) Laundry Work.	
(f) Decontamination or Repair of Highways.		(f) Needlework and Cooking.	
(g) Clerical Duties.		(g) Clerical Duties.	
(h) Messenger (state if you have a motor or a pedal cycle).		(h) Messenger (state if you have a motor or a pedal cycle).	

TRANSPORT SERVICE — State if you can provide :—

(1) Motor van with driver—
- (a) For Ambulance Work.
- (b) For Rescue and Demolition work.

(2) Private car with driver—
- (a) For Ambulance Work.
- (b) For Patrol or Messenger duty.

This form should be forwarded when completed to the COUNCIL OFFICES, HARPENDEN HALL.

Document 4: Air Raid Precautions – volunteer form listing duties for men and women