

POPULATION IN BIRCHINGTON – 1914

There were 2,522 people in Birchington in 1914

Out of these, 474 men joined up

69 of the men were killed

There were also a number of women who joined nursing corps and moved away from the village during the war – either to London or to various units in France.

When the village was asked to find the funds to make two aircraft at £5,000 the pair, 23rd May 1918, there were only about 2000 people here, but despite these small numbers, they managed to raise £13,600 over the three day event!

A more detailed look at this event reveals something more.

Looking at the phenomenal amount brought in by the children on the Thursday – over £2,500 – it would seem reasonable to surmise that there had been some very concentrated and committed fundraising going on prior to that weekend. This would have applied as well to ladies on the Friday - £7,558 by the Saturday morning – and by the end of the men's fund raising donations at the end of Saturday, they had all raised £10,023. The amount finally handed over, though, was £13,600 - a totally amazing effort for that community of just over 2000 people (including children).