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Introduction

This Exhibition is built around two stories connected to Bletchley Park:

- Work in war time;
- Work after the War, particularly in relation to the telephone.

These two stories are told more fully in two museums in Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Museum

Almost 40 years ago the people then living in this area were worried about the development of the New City. They started a collection to protect and tell the story of their heritage. This collection grew to cover more and more aspects of local history right up to the present day including the post-war role of the Bletchley Park site as a local telephone centre. Milton Keynes Museum is the primary museum venue telling the story of Milton Keynes.

Bletchley Park

Shortly after Milton Keynes Museum was begun, the vital role of Bletchley Park during WW II, for so long a closely guarded secret, became public. A determined group began the hard work aimed at preserving the Park and presenting its unique and astounding story to the public. It opened as a museum in 1991 and is now assuming its rightful role as a museum of national and international significance.

June 2012

June 23rd 2012 is the centenary of the birth of Alan Turing, whose brilliance contributed so much to both Bletchley Park and the development of the computer. Milton Keynes Museum now has a national role as one of the Connected Earth Partners, of telling part of the story of the telephone. It will be opening a major new telephone gallery in June.



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Bletchley Park and **Milton Keynes Museum** will be presenting a joint programme of exhibitions and activities in June.

This is just the start of these two museums working together and with the **MK City Discovery Centre**, **Living Archive** and the **Cowper and Newton Museum** these five heritage partners will make sure that our local heritage is preserved and presented as well as possible.