

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 10**

Details of the defence works shown on Map 2 are given below. The listing is arranged in sequence of the unique database record numbers that are also given on the map.

UORN	S0008934	SITE TYPE	SPIGOT MORTAR EMPLACEMENT	
		NGR	SO 95101	45096
COUNTY	Worcestershire			
DISTRICT	Wychavon			
PARISH	Persnore			
LOCATION	Weir Meadow, 100yds W of Persnore Bridge.			
DESCRIPTION				
	TYPE		DATE	
	Field Visit		2002/10/30	
	Square spigot mortar pedestal, only the top of which is showing above the ground. The upper reinforcing bars are partly exposed. The large stainless steel spigot has apparently received some blows. This was an anti-tank spigot mortar position, being some 100 yards from the bridge it was protecting.			
	TYPE		DATE	
	Field Visit		1996/05/___	
	Spigot mortar base, concrete with stainless steel pin. Various attempts have been made to destroy the base.			
CONDITION	Fair			
THREATS				
ADJACENT SITES				
PART OF	Persnore defended locality			
	Western Command Stop Line No 2			
	Persnore Bridge defences			
CONSTRUCTION				
DATE	1940/___/___	1941/___/___		
REFERENCE	Wilks, Mick	The Defences of Persnore Bridges 1940-1944	Defence Lines	

Wilks, Mick

An Appraisal of the
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Bridges

DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR HWCM 17234

UORN S0009017 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SO 95255 44960

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION 100yds S of Pershore Bridge, on the W side of the A44 road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2002/10/31

Emplacement for a 6pdr. QF Hotchkiss gun, now enclosed within the structure of a small pumping station. The principal direction of fire was E along the A44 Evesham road, but it could be traversed to fire N at the Pershore Bridges. It was originally an open-sided hexagonal structure beneath a thin concrete slab roof. The gun was mounted on a central holdfast which is no longer extant.

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1941/11/07

This structure shows as an apparent square shape on 1941 air photograph.
TYPE DATE
Map 1967/ __ / __

Hexagonal structure plotted from OS 1:2500 plan. Faces NNE. [The hexagonal shape is a structure built around the emplacement post-war].

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1997/10/21

6pdr gun emplacement to guard approach to Pershore Bridge. Sited to SW of the new bridge.

[Information boards now added (2001) to this site].

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Western Command Stop Line No 2
Pershore Bridge defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR HWCM 22326

UORN	S0009021	SITE TYPE	CYLINDER
		NGR	SO 9520 4516

COUNTY	Worcestershire
DISTRICT	Wychavon
PARISH	Pershore
LOCATION	N end of Pershore Old Bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2002/10/30

4 x concrete cylinders (3ft high, 2ft diameter) now blocking N approach to Pershore old bridge. These cylinders were almost certainly moved to this position post-war (along with comparable blocks at the S approach to the bridge - now removed), probably from the roadblock at the S end of the old bridge itself [see UORN 16255] or the one further south [UORN 9154]. They do not show in these positions in 1941 and 1946 APs, but appear on an AP of 1949.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/10/28

Cylindrical concrete blocks placed across the approaches to the old Pershore Bridge. Four concrete cylinders survive after being moved at end of the war to block off approach road to this bridge. There are scars of modern concrete at the south end of the bridge that may mark the site of corresponding defences on that side.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS**ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Pershore defended locality
Western Command Stop Line No 2

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Wilks, Mick	13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) The Defences of Pershore Bridges 1940-1944	Aerial photographs Defence Lines
Wilks, Mick	An Appraisal of the World War Two Defences around the Pershore Bridges	

DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR	HWCM 24666
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UORN	S0009152	SITE TYPE	SLIT TRENCH
		NGR	SO 9524 4493

COUNTY	Worcestershire
DISTRICT	Wychavon
PARISH	Pershore
LOCATION	At edge of woodland, SW of gun emplacement [UORN 9017].

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/11/03

Slit trench, still discernible behind the 6pdr emplacement (UORN 9017) and was originally connected to the emplacement as part of its all-round defences.

CONDITION

Bad

THREATS

Possible threat from dumping of river dredging.

ADJACENT

Gun emplacement at SO 95254495

SITES**PART OF**

Pershore defended locality

Pershore Bridge defences

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CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

Hereford and
Worcester SMR HWCM 25089

UORN S0009154 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SO 9527 4503

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the approach road S of Pershore old bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 1997/10/28

An unknown number of anti-tank cylinders fixed into road surface during the war to make a roadblock adjacent to a pillbox [see UORN 9168]. Four were moved to the S end of the bridge at the end of the war and subsequently removed recently as part of a picnic site enhancement of the area.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Hereford and
Worcester SMR HWCM 25091

UORN S0009158 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SO 9528 4500

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the junction of the former approach road to Pershore Old Bridge, with the A44 Evesham road, on the S side of the bridge.

DESCRIPTION
TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 1997/10/28
Roadblock formed of concrete cubes.

CONDITION
Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF
Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE
1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION
Hereford and Worcester SMR HWCM 25092

UORN S0009161 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)
NGR SO 9521 4517

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the approach road to the N of Pershore Old Bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1946/04/02

Square structure at N end of Pershore old bridge plotted from aerial photograph.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit ____/____/____

A concrete version of the type 26 pillbox (known as 'Stento') was sited on the N approach to the Old Bridge at Pershore. The entrance was from the S side, so there was a field of fire to the N, E and W. The pillbox was demolished soon after the war by the Highways Authority.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

Pershore Bridge defences

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/____/____ 1941/____/____

REFERENCE

106G/UK/1354 (fr.7276) Aerial photographs
13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR HWCM 25093

UORN S0009164 **SITE TYPE** SPIGOT MORTAR EMPLACEMENT
NGR SO 9530 4494

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore

LOCATION On the E side of the junction between the A44 Evesham road and the road to the Combertons, S of Pershore

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1997/11/03

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

106G/UK/1345 (fr.7321) Aerial photographs
13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Hereford and HWCM 25096
Worcester SMR

UORN S0009170 **SITE TYPE** SPIGOT MORTAR EMPLACEMENT
NGR SO 9525 4498

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION Approx. 100yds S of Pershore Bridge on the W side of the A44 road

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1997/11/03

Spigot mortar base believed buried in the grassed area in front of the 6pdr emplacement. Oral evidence and metal detector exercise indicate an approx. position 40ft from the corner of the emplacement towards the pedestrian access to the site.

CONDITION

Extant but condition unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
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DESIGNATION

Hereford and
Worcester SMR HWCM 25098

UORN S0009176 **SITE TYPE** WEAPON PIT
NGR SO 9494 4506

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION N side of Weir Meadow where the boundary begins to curve northwards, Pershore

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1997/10/28

Weapon pit covering the W end of Weir Meadow, a potential aircraft landing ground.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS**ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
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CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE**DESIGNATION**

Hereford and
Worcester SMR HWCM 25099

UORN S0009177 **SITE TYPE** WEAPON PIT
NGR

SO 94996 45102

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION N side of Weir Meadow, Pershore.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2002/10/31

The circular depression can be seen of a filled-in weapon pit covering the E end of Weir Meadow, adjacent to spigot mortar emplacement [see UORN 16227].

CONDITION

Very Bad

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

Hereford and HWCM 25100
Worcester SMR

UORN	S0009194	SITE TYPE	HOME GUARD HEADQUARTERS
		NGR	SO 9507 4548

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION 66, Bridge Street, Pershore.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1997/10/07

HQ of 'C' Coy 4th Worcestershire Battalion HG. Cassini ref. 399664. [See also UORN 9205].

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/11/10

Headquarters of the 4th Worcestershire (Evesham) Battalion HG from 20th August 1940 until 11th April 1941 when HQ moved to Wick House

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Instruction No.3 The History of 4th Worcestershire (Evesham) Battalion Home Guard (1940-1944)	Worcestershire Sub Area War Diary Worcester City Reference Library Records
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DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR	HWCM 25112
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UORN	S0009205	SITE TYPE	HOME GUARD HEADQUARTERS
		NGR	SO 9480 4540

COUNTY	Worcestershire
DISTRICT	Wychavon
PARISH	Pershore
LOCATION	Pershore Fire Station, Defford Road, Pershore.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/10/07

Former Drill Hall, now used as the town fire station. During the war it was used as the HQ of C Company, 4th Worcestershire (Evesham) Battalion HG. [but see also UORN 9194].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

The History of 4th
Worcestershire
(Evesham) Battalion
Home Guard (1940-1944)

Worcester City Reference
Library Records

DESIGNATION

Hereford and
Worcester SMR

HWCM 25117

UORN

S0009343

SITE TYPE
NGR

CABLE

SO 9493 4475

COUNTY

Worcestershire

DISTRICT

Wychavon

PARISH

Pershore

LOCATION

Pershore water gate, approx. a quarter of a mile SW of Pershore Road Bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE

Field Visit

DATE

1998/01/27

A block against river use, a steel hawser stretched across the river alongside the former water gate and weir.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Wilks, Mick The Defences of Pershore Defence Lines
Bridges 1940-1944
Wilks, Mick An Appraisal of the
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DESIGNATION

Hereford and HWCM 27407
Worcester SMR

UORN S0009414 **SITE TYPE** SLIT TRENCH
NGR
SO 9521 4486

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the edge of a small copse, N of the junction between Pensham Lane and road to
Combertons, Pershore

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1997/__/__

Home Guard slit trench sited to cover the approaches to the bridges at Pershore
from along the S bank of the River Avon.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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DATE

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REFERENCE

Wilks, Mick The Defences of Pershore Defence Lines
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DESIGNATION

Hereford and Worcester SMR HWCM 27408

UORN S0009415 **SITE TYPE** HOME GUARD STORE
NGR SO 9526 4513

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the bridge abutment at the S end, and on the E side, near to the footpath to Wick village.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1998/ __/ __

Home Guard would have had a Molotov cocktail store in this vicinity and a small lock up building is remembered as being sited here, which would have been consistent with that use. The base of a small structure was unearthed here during recent archaeological investigations of the bridge surface. [See as well UORN 16255 at this location].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

Pershore Bridge defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Freeman, Marion	Pershore and District - A Portrait in Old Picture Post Cards	
Wilks, Mick	The Defences of Pershore Bridges 1940-1944	Defence Lines
Wilks, Mick	An Appraisal of the World War Two Defences around the Pershore	

Bridges

DESIGNATION

Hereford and
Worcester SMR HWCM 27409

UORN S0016226 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SO 9524 4507

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION South end of main Pershore Bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1941/11/07

Four concrete blocks at the S end of the bridge, two each side of the road - plotted from aerial photograph. Probably vertical rails would have been set in the carriageway surface between these to create the roadblock. The blocks had been removed by 1946.

TYPE **DATE**
Report 1998/02/ __

Vertical rail roadblock.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

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REFERENCE

Wilks, Mick An Appraisal of the
World War Two Defences
around the Pershore
Bridges
13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016230 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SO 9518 4517

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION N end of Pershore Bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1941/11/07

Roadblock probably of lengths of vertical rails and 'hairpins', set between two square structures, probably large concrete blocks on either side of the road at the N approach to the main bridge. The blocks are plotted from aerial photograph. They were removed by 1946. South of the roadblock at the N end of the bridge itself individual smaller blocks are lined on either side of the carriageway.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

217th Army Field Home Forces Unit War
Company R.E. War Diary Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
13T/UK767 (frs.16-17) 166)
Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016253 **SITE TYPE** HOME GUARD STORE
NGR SO 9517 4530

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION On the E side of the A44 road N of Pershore Bridges.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 2002/10/31

A Home Guard ammunition store made from an Anderson shelter. The removal of rubbish from its site in 2003 revealed the structure to be still extant. [Information from Mick Wilks, Defence of Worcestershire Project].

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality
Pershore Bridge defences
Western Command Stop Line No 2

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

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REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016254 **SITE TYPE** MINED BRIDGE
NGR SO 9522 4510

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Pershore
LOCATION Pershore main bridge over the River Avon.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**

Field Visit

2002/10/31

The main road bridge over the Avon was prepared for demolition. [Information from Mick Wilks, Defence of Worcestershire Project].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016255	SITE TYPE	ROADBLOCK
		NGR	
			SO 9525 4512

COUNTY	Worcestershire
DISTRICT	Wychavon
PARISH	Pershore
LOCATION	At the S end of Pershore old bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/11/07

Linear structure blocking carriageway at this point, plotted from air photograph. [See as well UORN 9415 at this location].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

Pershore Bridge defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

13T/UK767 (frs.16-17)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016942 **SITE TYPE** FLAME FOUGASSE
NGR SO 9527 4465

COUNTY Worcestershire
DISTRICT Wychavon
PARISH Wick
LOCATION On the E side of the road near the top of Goodleigh Hill, Pensham.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2004/03/18

Two 40 gallon drums of inflammable liquid were installed at this location, with an explosive charge to ignite them. The site can still be made out as a small hollow in the wooded bank of the road. [Oral testimony from a local resident].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Pershore defended locality

Pershore Bridge defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION