

# Bletchley Park

## World War II codebreaking centre

Bletchley Park is an estate in the town of Bletchley, Milton Keynes (UK). During WWII, Bletchley Park, or **BP** for short, was the UK's main codebreaking centre. The codes and ciphers of many countries were broken here, such as messages from the German Enigma, the Geheimschreiber and the Lorenz SZ-40/42 machines.

It's the place where brilliant people like Alan Turing, Gordon Welchman, Dylwyn Knox and about 12,000 others helped shortening the war by several years.

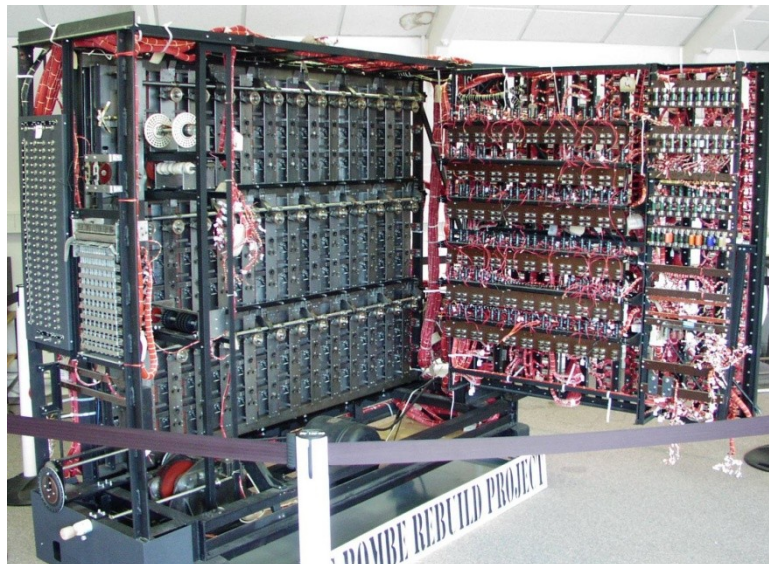
BP is now a museum that is open to the public every day. If you are interested in the history of code and ciphers, BP is well worth a real-life visit. Many war-time buildings, such as the mansion, the cottage, the stableyard, H-Block, B-Block and some huts are still in existence.

The image on the right shows the Mansion, which is one of the most famous buildings on the site. But there is much more to see. BP has an interesting collection of cipher machines, such as Enigma, Lorenz SZ40/42, Siemens T-52 Geheimschreiber and much, much more.



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Furthermore, Bletchley Park is the home of the Bombe, the machine that was used to break the German Enigma codes. And not to forget the Heath Robinson <sup>1</sup> and Colossus <sup>1</sup>, two machines that were used to break the Lorenz SZ-40/42, the most secret German cipher machine of all, that was used by the German High Command (OKW) during WWII. And they are all fully operational.



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