

## Mrs Ibbitts Project

We will use the Bacup Natural History Societies collection of Bacup Times Newspapers which cover the period 1914 - 1920, documents we hold on various local businesses from when our society began 1878 and online records to research the shops that existed on Bacup home front in 1917. To research the making and sending of war comforts, to soldiers in the trenches and prisoners of war, how money was raised to do this and how the whole community became involved.

To research when and how rationing began in Bacup and what it entailed, and how it affected families in Bacup, from land cultivation to the introduction of margarine and how this affected the diet of families and the economy of Bacup shops.

Two children's groups, year six pupils of Northern Primary School and Cubs from 2nd Rossendale Scout Group Bacup group will each be helped to construct their own raised garden vegetable beds and given the seeds and tools needed to grow their own vegetables recreating the land cultivation of 1917, and will help to create a town guide showing the shops of 1917 and the goods they sold and those of today.