**Camp 565 (& 650) R****ufford Abbey, Ollerton, Newark, Nottinghamshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC Camp list – Labour Camp. 565. Rufford Abbey, Ollerton, Newark, Notts. Also Labour Camp. 650. Same address.

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| **Location:** 4km S of Ollerton. Huts to be seen just to the W of the main abbey building at SK 6440 6475, shown in outline on the map. **Before the camp:** Cistercian Abbey then part of a country mansion and estate. Requisitioned in 1939. Used by the army to station troops in about 20 huts up to D-day.**Pow Camp:** The picture shows wooden type huts in the background. Low security.Italian pows.Reports that the pows were able to enter the Abbey where they removed the tapestries to make bags.**After the camp:** Huts used for a while for Civil Defence purposes before being demolished. 2020 part of Rufford Country Park.**Further Information:** |  |
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