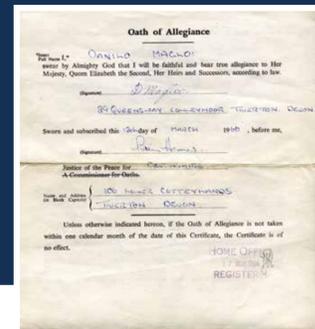


## Telling Our Stories, Finding Our Roots



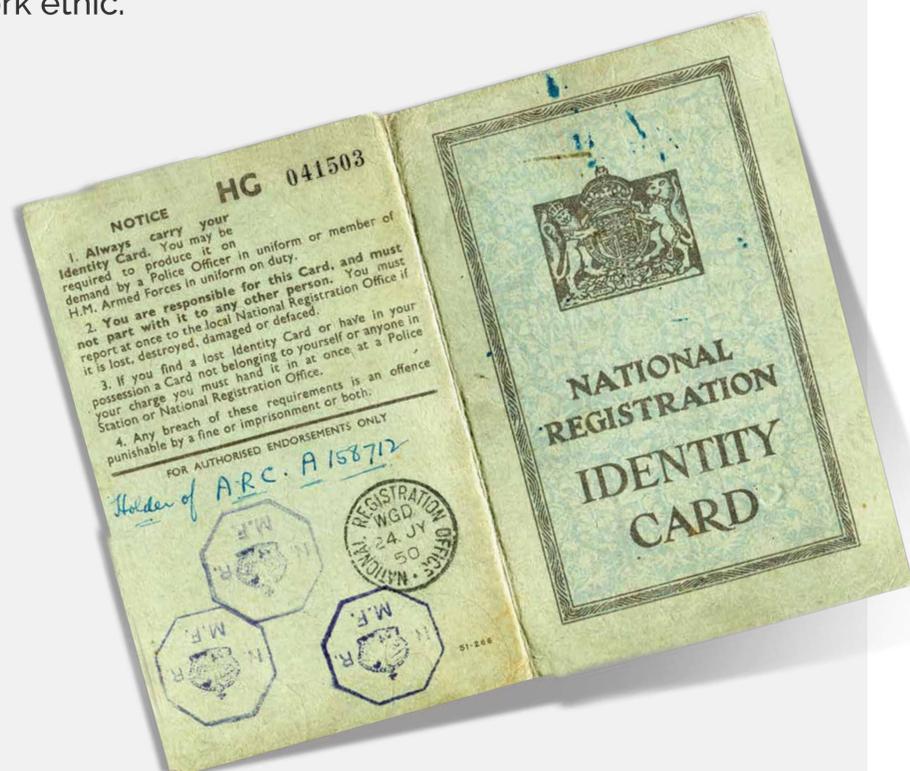
## Finding a Home in Tiverton

The immediate post war period saw Heathcoat factory increase its exports, due to new demand for its fabrics. Local labour could not meet the demand. Derick Heathcoat Amory was involved in the United Europe Movement and was no doubt influential in the firm's decision, in November 1947, to give work to refugees and those from abroad.

An example of one such worker is Danilo Maglov, who was born in 1919 in the small village of Polaca, a farming area in present day Croatia. After World War II, Danilo was being held in a displaced people's camp in British occupied Germany. Given a registration and identity card, Danilo was able to come to Britain under the European Voluntary Workers' Scheme. He spent three years living at Nissen Creek camp in Pinhoe working as an agricultural labourer, and some time at Brigstock Camp near Corby, before moving to Tiverton in 1951, where he became a worker at Heathcoat's factory. In 1952 he married Joyce Baker. The couple had four children and lived in Tiverton for the rest of their lives. Danilo was described by a co-worker as very hardworking and also 'a joker' – important in a period when people worked 6 days a week and very long hours.

Tiverton also welcomed POWs like Bruno Schnur, who remained in Britain after the war. Bruno was unable to return to his native town of Waren in northern Germany because it was under Soviet control. He found employment and later married a local woman. They had four children and members of the family still live near to Tiverton.

As a consequence, Tiverton's population today includes a rich, hidden diversity. The family names of those who settled in Tiverton post World War 2 include Schnur, Duric, Maglov, Rozic, Meffe, Wojewoda, Debicki, Rapo - amongst many more. Indeed, throughout the 20th and into the 21st centuries, people have continued to come to Tiverton from all over the world, bringing with them their culture, knowledge, expertise, families and work ethic.



Top left photo: This newspaper clipping shows some of the people from Yugoslavia who met in Tiverton, many at the camp in Bolham.  
Top right photo above: This family photo album was a great source of information about Danilo Maglov's life, family and friends.  
Top right photos below: The Maglov's wedding photo and the Oath of Allegiance which was completed by Danilo Maglov in 1960.  
Bottom photo: Identity cards have been a useful source of information throughout the project.