

# **Location Overview**

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#### Chester HIVE

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#### LOCAL AREA

The Dale Barracks is situated 2 miles from Chester City Centre, close to Chester Zoo and Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet Village. Chester is located in the North West of England where Liverpool and Manchester are very accessible. The Welsh Border is also close by, so trips to the coastal towns of Rhyl and Llandudno are within day trip distance. Bus routes run from just outside the camp and there is a park and ride facility close by. Chester has a wide selection of shops, pubs and restaurants both within the city centre and in outskirt retail parks. Chester also has a racecourse which as well as holding regular race days also hosts lots of events.

For more information on the local area visit www.visitchester.com or contact the HIVE.

A map of the location is available at: <a href="http://maps.google.co.uk/maps">http://maps.google.co.uk/maps</a> The Postcode for The Dale Barracks is **CH2 4BD** 

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

On 1 march 2006 3 former Regiments, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, The Royal Regiment of Wales and The Royal Welsh Regiment (TA) came together to form what is now the Royal Welsh and consists of 3 Battalions.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Royal Welsh (The Royal Welch Fusiliers) moved to Dale Barracks in Chester in September 2008 following a two and a half year tour of Cyprus. It is a Light Role Infantry Battalion which means that it has great flexibility potentially having to operate on foot, from vehicles or helicopters. They were deployed to Afghanistan 2009-2010. In early 2011 they completed a training exercise to Kenya. In March/April 2012 they deployed to Afghanistan on Op Herrick 16.

For more information on The Royal Welsh visit: www.army.mod.uk/infantry/regiments

The Dale Barracks also houses the regional Explosive Ordnance Detachment and sits alongside Fox Barracks which is the home to The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, a Territorial Army Unit.

#### **UNIT FACILITIES**

The Dale Barracks has excellent on-camp facilities which include a large gymnasium, which has a modern air conditioned cardio vascular suite and weights room, squash courts, a floodlit 5 a side sports pitch, large outside green areas with sports pitches, medical and dental centre, Army Learning Centre, Londis shop, and HUB bar and lounge area.

Just outside of the wire next to the SFA area is a Community Centre which houses a cafeteria, Bar Area, Indoor children's play and provides a number of activities for families. To the rear of the Community Centre is the Welfare Complex, where the HIVE, Welfare Office, Midwife and Health Visitor Clinics are located. There is also a AWS run building called the "Hughes Centre" where a wide selection of community activities are held including Youth Club, Zumba and stay and play sessions. The Sunshine under 5's Pre-school is also situated on the married quarter estate.

# Within Camp:

Londis Shop ALC

Located in HUB building, open: Located in the Training Wing, open: Mon-Thurs 0800-1900hrs Monday 1000-1715hrs

Wednesday 0845-1745hrs

Barbers Friday 0845-1230hrs

Located in the HUB building, open:

Mon – Thurs 1000-1400hrs

Sodexo provide PAYD in the cookhouse:

Breakfast:

 HUB
 Mon 0900-1000hrs

 Open:
 Tues-Fri 0630-0715hrs

<u>Daytime</u> Mon-Fri 0830-1330hrs Sat/Sun/Bank Holidays(brunch) 1030-1300hrs

Evening Mon-Thurs 1900-2230hrs Lunch:

Mon-Fri 1230-1330hrs

Dinner:

Mon-Thurs 1700-1800hrs

Fri Sat/Sun/Bank Holidays 1630-1700hrs

Outside camp within SFA area:

**Sunshine Pre-School** Monday – Friday 0930 – 1230hrs (term time only)

Cafeteria (In community Centre) Monday – Friday 0930 – 1330hrs

**Health Visitor Clinic** Thursdays 1030 – 1200hrs

**Midwife Clinic** Fortnightly on Tuesdays 0900 – 1230hrs. Can book an appointment through the Welfare Clerk on 01244 650962

**AWS Hughes Centre** A wide variety of events take place here, contact CDW ON 01244 650915 for current events and timings.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

# **Service Families Accommodation (SFA)**

The majority of SFA are located just outside of the wire.

## **183 Soldiers quarters** on the following roads:

Harington Road, Harington Close, Crookenden Road, Crookenden Close, Dauncy Close, Simpson Road, Simpson Close, Charles Road, Brodie Close, Martin close and Martin Road.

### **18 Officer quarters** on the following roads:

Harding Road, Percival Road and Napier Road.

There are a **further 9 Officer quarters** approximately 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Barracks on Horrocks road in Upton.

# **Single Living Accommodation (SLA)**

The contact for Junior Ranks accommodation is the CQMS of your allocated company:

A Company - Mil: 94555 2786 Civ: 01244 650786

B Company – Mil: 94555 2787 Civ: 01244 650787

D Company - Mil: 94555 2788 Civ: 01244 650788

FSP Company – Mil: 94555 2789 Civ: 01244 650789 HQ Company – Mil: 94555 2767 Civ: 01244 650767

The WO's & Sqt's Mess Manager Mil: 94555 2771 Civ: 01244 650771

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#### Local accommodation

#### **Contact House**

4 bedroomed fully furnished property on Crookenden Road on the Dale Estate. £25 per night plus a £50 refundable deposit.

Contact for Bookings: Unit Welfare Clerk Mil: 94555 2962 Civ: 01244 650962

Premier Travel Inn (1.12 miles), 76 Liverpool Rd, Chester CH2 1AU,

Tel: 0870 2428000 www.premierinn.com **Crabwall Manor** (1.28 miles), Parkgate Rd, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NE

Tel: 01244 851666

www.crabwallmanorhotel.co.uk

**Mollington Banastre Hotel** (1.12 miles), Parkgate Rd, Mollington, Chester CH1 6NN

Tel: 01244 851471

www.mollingtonbanastre.co.uk

Summerhill Bed & Breakfast (1.84 miles),

4 Greenfield La, Chester CH2 2PA

Tel. 01244 400020

www.summerhillchester.co.uk

#### **TRAVEL**

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is CH2 4BD

The Dale Barracks in Chester is located near the Countess of Chester Hospital on the A5116 and less than a mile away from Chester Zoo. When you arrive in the City follow the signs for the Countess of Chester Hospital or Accident and Emergency Department. The Dale Barracks is 0.9 of a mile from the Countess.

**By Bus –** The Chester area is covered by First Group Tel: 0871 200 2233 <a href="https://www.firstgroup.com">www.firstgroup.com</a>. Upton-The Zoo Park and Ride is close by CH2 1LH for further information visit <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a> click on transport and streets and then Park and Ride.

**By train** – Chester City train station is located in the City centre. The nearest station to The Dale Barracks is Bache station and this is located on the A5116 directly opposite the Countess of Chester Hospital. For further details contact National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit <a href="https://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>

By Taxi - Chester Travel 01244 341908 Chester Radio Taxis 01244 372372 City Cars Chester 01244 325325 Chester Cab Company 01244 312222

#### **HEALTHCARE**

#### Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ:01244 650783 Mil: (9) 4555 2783

Station Dental Centre - Civ:01244 650720 Mil: (9) 4555 2720

# **Dependents:**

### Medical

City Walls Medical Centre - Martins Way, Chester, CH1 2NR	01244 357800
Upton Village Surgery - Wealstone Lane, Upton, Chester, CH2 1HD	01244 377880
Northgate Village Surgery – Northgate Avenue, Chester, CH2 2DX	01244 390396
Park Medical Centre - Shavington Avenue, Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 3RD	01244 324136

# <u>Dental</u>

Kingsway Dental Surgery – 99 Kingsway, Newton, Chester, CH2 2LJ	01244 318388	
Blacon Dental Clinic- Churchways, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5HS	01244 390742	
Deva Dental Surgery- 4 Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1AE	01244 377373	
Northgate Dental Health- 5 Upper Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 4EE	01244 372888	
NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details).		

# The nearest hospital is

Countess of Chester Hospital (under 1 mile away) A and E onsite CH2 1UL 01244 365000

NHS Direct offers a 24-hour nurse advice and health information service, and provides details of local healthcare services, such as doctors, dentists or late night opening pharmacies. **NHS Direct - Tel: 0845 46 47** www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

#### **SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE**

**Sunshine Under 5's Pre-School** Tel: 01244 650722 Located on Percival road within the SFA area.

**Upton Heath Primary School** Upton Lane, Upton, Chester CH2 1EB Tel: 01244 972970 Distance from SFA: Approx 1 mile

Website: : http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupHomepage.asp then click on school

Email: admin@uptonheath.cheshire.sch.uk

Upton by Chester High School St. James Avenue, Upton, Chester, CH2 1NN 01244 981240

Distance from SFA: Approx 2 miles

Website: www.upton-by-chester.cheshire.sch.uk

Email: uptonbychesterhighadmin@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

 Applications for school places are made through the Local Authority. The LA for Chester Is Cheshire West and Chester. <a href="www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a> then click on learning Tel: 0845 1110304

• Ofsted reports can be accessed at www.ofsted.gov.uk

# **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on Civ: 01244 650993 Mil:94555 2993		
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Army Welfare Service:		
Personal Support (Preston)	94554 2401	01772 260401
Community Development Worker (The Dale)	94555 2915	01244 650915
Guard Room	94555 2781	01244 650781
Unit Welfare Office	94555 2962	01244 650962

This is a brief overview of the area and facilities available at The Dale Barracks. The HIVE holds further information and will research information on your behalf.