



## Location Overview

### Canterbury

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#### **Canterbury HIVE**

*Thistle-Dhu Community Centre, Talavera Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1AL*

Tel: Civ – 01227 471949 E: [canterburyhive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:canterburyhive@armymail.mod.uk)

#### **LOCAL AREA**

Canterbury is located in South East Kent and is a 15 minute drive from the M2 providing easy access to Central London. The ports of Dover and Folkestone are approximately 30 minutes drive away.

Local facilities in Canterbury include a leisure centre, a bowling and skating centre, an Odeon cinema, The Marlowe Theatre, a golf club and Whitefriars Shopping Centre. Three Zoo and wildlife parks also lie within a 15 mile radius of Howe Barracks, which are open all year round. There are also Community centres in Canterbury including one at the Barracks, all of which offer Sure Start facilities for toddlers, as well as adult and children's clubs and activities.

In Canterbury's wider area the towns of Broadstairs, Sandwich and Whitstable all have excellent shopping, leisure facilities and restaurants and are easily accessed by road and rail.

More information on Canterbury and the surrounding area can be found at [www.visitkent.co.uk](http://www.visitkent.co.uk)

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

**5 SCOTS** - The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (5 SCOTS) is based at Howe Barracks in Canterbury. It is an Air Assault Battalion and part of 16 Air Assault Brigade, Britain's Rapid Reaction Force. The unit was deployed between Sep 2010 and Mar 2011.

**3 PWRR** - 3 PWRR is the Territorial Army Infantry Battalion for the South East of England. Its soldiers train on Wednesday evenings and on one weekend a month, plus an annual training period of two weeks - in the UK or abroad. HQ Coy is based in Leros Barracks just 0.5 miles away from Howe Barracks.

For more information visit: <http://www.army.mod.uk/infantry/regiments>

## UNIT FACILITIES

The “20/Twenty Club” located in camp contains a Spar shop a licensed bar showing all major sporting events on large screen television, the PRI shop and a cafe which is open until 1900 hrs and 1700 hrs at weekends. An internet suite is also available for all to use at a nominal cost.

“Colours” restaurant also provides breakfast, lunch and evening meals to serving personnel on PAYD. Families are also welcome to use this facility

A gym is free to use by all, subject to having an induction course. Other sports facilities provided by the unit include football pitches and pitches located outside the SFA which hold sporting events all year round.

A LearnDirect facility is available within camp offering free courses to soldiers and families.

The community centre hosts many activities for the local community including parent and toddler groups and both adult and children's clubs and activities. For telephone numbers of the Community Development Worker who manages the centre, contact the HIVE.

A pre-school is also located within camp which provides government funded childcare for children aged 2+.

Further details on all of these facilities are available from the HIVE.

### **Colours Food Court provides PAYD**

Breakfast: 0630-0800

Lunch: 1130-1315

Dinner: 1630-1800

### **Spar Shop** (located within NAAFI building)

Mon-Thu 09.30-1900

Sat & Sun 09.00-1900

## ACCOMMODATION

### **Service Families Accommodation (SFA)**

There are 250 quarters located in Canterbury and all are within close proximity to Howe Barracks. They are spread over two estates with Officers living on Chaucer Road (CT1 1JT) and Other Ranks living on the married quarter estate. The Other Ranks Quarters fall into the postcodes CT1 1AG-X. All properties in Canterbury are grade 2 or 3.

Contact DIO Housing Information Centre for information and enquiries relating to SFA:

0800 1696322 <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/>

### **Single Living Accommodation (SLA)**

Howe Barracks SLA is currently undergoing project SLAM. There are 26 blocks, 2 of which are for females only. For further information on mess accommodation please contact:

Sgts, Mess Manager - 01227 818092

Officers' Mess Manager – 01227 818093

## **Local accommodation**

### **Contact House**

Canterbury has a fully-equipped Contact House (2 bedrooms), situated in Howe Barracks, it is available for bookings (minimum of 2 nights). The contact house has been set up to provide short term home-from-home family accommodation for use by serving soldiers. Priority is given to:

- a. Single parents in the Services who have contact rights with their children.
- b. Close relatives visiting VSI (very seriously ill) or SI (seriously ill) soldiers.
- c. Other welfare reasons at the discretion of the Unit Welfare Officer.

For further details contact the Welfare Office on 01227 818018 (civ) or: (9) 4283 4218 (mil).

### **Hotels within the local area include:**

**Travelodge** A2 Trunk Road, Gate Services , Tel: 0871 984  
6023 [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)

**Innkeepers Lodge** -  
[www.innkeeperslodge.com](http://www.innkeeperslodge.com)

**Best Western**  
[www.bestwestern.co.uk](http://www.bestwestern.co.uk)

**Express by Holiday Inn** Upper Harbledown , Tel: 0870 7200911  
[www.hiexpress.co.uk](http://www.hiexpress.co.uk)

More accommodation can be found by contacting the HIVE.

## **TRAVEL**

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is CT1 1AL

- Canterbury is situated off the M2/A2 motorway when coming from London
- The A2/A260 connects Canterbury with Dover and Folkestone.

Helpful route planners:

[www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com) and [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com) .

**By train:**

**Canterbury East Station** – (1.6 miles) Station Road East, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2RB

**Canterbury West Station** – (2.2 miles) Station Road West, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8AN

Canterbury has two mainline railway stations (both of which are just a short taxi ride from the barracks). East and West are served by frequent trains from London Charing Cross and London Victoria (approximately 90 minutes journey time)

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Taxi:****Mercury Cars**

Tel: 01227 472578

**Cab Co**

Tel: 01227 455455

**Tudor Cars**

Tel: 01227 451451

**Longley's Taxis**

Tel: 01227 710777

**Z Cars**

Tel: 01227 789100

**Lynx Taxis**

Tel: 01227 464232

**HEALTHCARE****Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01227 818029 Mil: (9) 4283 4229

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01227 818829 Mil: (9) 4283 4329

**Dependants:**

Medical care is provided by GP surgeries

Northgate Medical Practice, 1 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1WL Tel: 08444 778757  
New Dover Road Surgery, 10 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AP Tel: 01227 462197  
Canterbury Health Centre, 26 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3JH Tel: 01227 454444  
The Surgery, 49 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8SG Tel: 01227 463128

**Dental**

Chopra and Associates, 1 Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1LN Tel: 01227 453416

NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details).

The nearest hospital is Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3NG Tel: 01227 766877. There is a minor injuries unit within this hospital.

The nearest hospital with A&E is William Harvey Hospital (Ashford), Kennington Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LZ Tel: 01233 633331

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](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

## SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

**Howe Barracks Pre School**, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, CT1 1JU Tel: 01227784300  
**Littlebourne Pre School**, Church Road, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1XS, Tel: 01227722955

**Diocesan & Payne Smith Church of England Primary School**  
 Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LU, Tel: 01227 462158 [www.dps.primary.co.uk](http://www.dps.primary.co.uk) 0.81 miles

**Kingsmead Primary School**  
 St. John's Place, Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BD, Tel: 01227 462360  
[www.kingsmead.kent.sch.uk](http://www.kingsmead.kent.sch.uk) 0.95 miles

**Pilgrims' Way Primary School**  
 Pilgrims Way, Canterbury, CT1 1XU Tel: 01227 760084  
[www.pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk](http://www.pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk) 0.61 miles

**Littlebourne Church of England Primary School**  
 Church Road, Littlebourne, Canterbury, CT3 1XS, Tel: 01227 721671  
[www.littlebourne.kent.sch.uk](http://www.littlebourne.kent.sch.uk) 2.8 miles

**St. Thomas' Catholic Primary School**  
 Old Ruttington Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1NY, Tel: 01227 462539  
[www.st-thomascanterbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomascanterbury.kent.sch.uk) 0.81 miles

**The Canterbury High School**  
 Knight Avenue, Canterbury, CT2 8QA, Tel: 01227 463971  
[www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk](http://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk) 1.81 miles

**Chaucer Technology School**  
 Spring Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1SU, Tel: 01227 763636  
[www.chaucer.ac.uk](http://www.chaucer.ac.uk) 0.5 miles

**Barton Court Grammar School**  
 Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PH, Dr Stephen Manning Tel: 01227 464400  
[www.bartoncourt.org](http://www.bartoncourt.org) 0.67 miles

There are many more schools within the local area, more details can be provided by the HIVE or alternatively on the Kent County Council Website  
[http://www.kent.gov.uk/education\\_and\\_learning/school\\_education.aspx](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education_and_learning/school_education.aspx)

Ofsted reports can be accessed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://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 01227 471949

	Mil	Civ
Welfare Office	94283 4218	01227 818018
Guard Room	94283 4238	01227 818038
HIVE	-	01227 471949
Padre	-	07979 401904
Army Welfare Service	-	01303 225091
Military Police		01303 850055

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