



## Location Overview

### Lichfield

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#### **Lichfield**

*The Post Box Community Centre, Whittington Barracks, Lichfield. WS14 9PY*

Tel: Civ – 01543 433658 E: [lichfieldhive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:lichfieldhive@armymail.mod.uk)

Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 0830-1630 (call Birmingham HIVE on 0121 551 8775 at all other times)

Blogspot: [www.birminghamhive.blogspot.com](http://www.birminghamhive.blogspot.com)

#### **LOCAL AREA**

Whittington Barracks is located just a short walk to the village of Whittington, which is centrally located between Lichfield and Tamworth. The village of Whittington has a Co-op store and Post Office, as well as takeaways and a couple of pubs.

Lichfield is Staffordshire's premier historical city, steeped in heritage with quaint streets and the Cathedral dominating the skyline. There are leisure centres and large Parks for recreational purposes

Tamworth is an ancient market town with its own Castle, as well as having a large out of town shopping centre offering a variety of retail outlets. There is a cinema here, along with the Snowdome ([www.snowdome.co.uk](http://www.snowdome.co.uk)) which is an indoor ski slope where you can hire, skis, snowboards, toboggans and snowblades. There is also a swimming pool within the Snowdome.

You can travel to Birmingham easily from Lichfield, as there are direct train and bus services to Birmingham New Street, approximately half an hour away.

Lichfield Tourist Information website: [www.visitlichfield.co.uk](http://www.visitlichfield.co.uk)

Tamworth Tourist Information website: [www.visittamworth.co.uk](http://www.visittamworth.co.uk)

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

**DMS.** The Defence Medical Services (DMS) includes the Headquarters Surgeon General (HQ SG), Joint Medical Command (JMC), Defence Dental Services (DDS), and Regional Rehabilitation Unit (RRU). The primary role of the DMS is to ensure that service personnel are ready and medically fit to go where they are required in the UK and throughout the world. The DMS encompass the entire medical, dental, nursing, allied health professionals, paramedical and support personnel. The range of services provided by the DMS includes primary healthcare, dental care, hospital care, rehabilitation, occupational medicine, community mental healthcare and specialist medical care. It also provides healthcare in a range of facilities, including medical and dental centres, regional rehabilitation units and field hospitals.

**ADSC.** The Army Development and Selection Centre is where potential recruits come to undergo a series of tests to assess their capabilities and aptitude for a career in the Army and provide an insight into the military way of life.

## UNIT FACILITIES

Whittington Barracks is currently undergoing major development at present. Facilities currently available include:

### **The Hub** – operated by Sodexho and PAYD

Mon lunch – Fri lunch:

0615 hrs to 0700 hrs – Breakfast ADSC only

0700 hrs to 0800 hrs – Permanent Staff

1200 hrs to 1245 hrs – Lunch – ADSC only

1245 hrs to 1330 hrs – Lunch Permanent Staff

1745 hrs to 1830 hrs – Dinner Perm. Staff

1830 hrs to 1900 hrs – Dinner ADSC only

### **The Hub Takeaway and Shop Service**

Takeaway – Times as normal dining Mon-Fri.

Shop – 0900-1500, 1700-1800, 1900-

2200hrs Mon – Thur

0900-1330 Fri

Fri dinner to Mon breakfast:

0730 hrs to 0800 hrs – Breakfast (Mon only)

1700 hrs to 1730 hrs - Dinner

1000 hrs to 1200 hrs - Brunch (Sat/Sun only)

**Community Centre:** The HIVE is located within the Community Centre and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 0900-1400. The Community Centre can be booked for private events, please contact JSU 2IC on 01543 434313. The Health Visitor operates a Well Baby Clinic at the every other Thursday with a Coffee morning on Wednesdays and Thursdays 1000-1200.

**Gymnasium/Weights Room and Squash Court.** For use by both military and civilian personnel. Gym Inductions take place in the Brown Gym on Mondays 1545. Contact RRU Reception on 01543 434108.

## ACCOMMODATION

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

Common Lane & Heath Avenue – Officers and Other Ranks SFA

Other Ranks SFA - Worcester Road, Stafford Crescent, Chester Road, Derby Road, Nottingham Road - All SFA are located a five-minute walk from the barracks.

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

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

Personnel should contact Whittington Joint Support Unit (JSU) 2IC on 01543 434313 or Mil: 9 4422 4313.

Personnel wishing to book into the Officers' and SNCOS' Mess should contact Officers' & SNCOs' Mess Manageress on 01543 434206 or Mil: (9) 4422 4206

### **Local accommodation**

The Lichfield contact house is a 2 bed-roomed self contained flat which sleeps four people and is provided by the Unit Welfare Office. The flat is fully furnished with a well equipped kitchen. It is available at £25 per day with a £50 deposit required (returnable). All enquiries are to be made to 2IC JSU 01543 434313 or Mil: 9 4422 4313.

**Best Western - The George Hotel**

The George Hotel  
Bird Street  
Lichfield Tel: 01543 414822  
[www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk)

**Holiday Inn Express**

Holiday Inn  
Wall Island, Birmingham Road  
Shenstone  
Lichfield Tel: 01543 482700  
[www.hiexpress.co.uk](http://www.hiexpress.co.uk)

**Oak Tree Farm**

Hints Road  
Hopwas  
Nr Tamworth Tel: 01827 56807

**Bed and Breakfast****The Hawthorns –**

30 Norwich Close,  
Lichfield  
WS13 7SJ Tel: 01543 250151  
Email: [bambrushton@hotmail.com](mailto:bambrushton@hotmail.com) .

**Altair House**

21 Shakespeare Avenue,  
Lichfield  
WS14 9BE. Tel: 01543 252900 Email:  
[roper-hall@talktalk.net](mailto:roper-hall@talktalk.net)

**TRAVEL**

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is WS14 9PY

- Directions from M42: leave M42 at J10 and follow signs towards the A5 and Lichfield. At 3<sup>rd</sup> Junction follow signs for Tamworth and then follow signs for Hopwas and Lichfield (A51). This road continues past the Barracks which is in the right hand side.
- Directions from M6 North: Follow directions to M42 then directions as above.
- Directions from M6 South: Heading south on the M6 leave at J12 and follow the A5 towards Tamworth, Brownhills and Rugeley. Stay on the A5 (ignoring signs for Lichfield A461). At roundabout follow sign for A38. On A38 take 1<sup>st</sup> slip road sign posted A5206. Turn left at roundabout onto the A5206 Lichfield. At Shell Garage/traffic lights turn right onto the A51, which takes you to the Barracks, situated on the left hand side of the road. Do not take the turning into Whittington.

**By train:** Lichfield City train station is the main station in Lichfield. As you leave the station there is a taxi rank located outside of the building.

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

**Taxi:** Dial a Cab: 01543 250333. City Cars: 01543 255440. Two Five Five Taxis: 01543 255255.

## HEALTHCARE

### Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - At time of publication, there are no Medical Centre facilities on Whittington Barracks. Serving personnel are to phone the Medical Centre at Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote on 01455 22 2342. (M) 9 4423 2342 for an appointment

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01543 434216. Mil: (9) 4422 4216. Open Mon-Fri 0800 – 1230hrs and 1330 – 1730hrs.

### Dependants:

Medical – Lichfield Surgery, Langton Grange Medical Centre, Stephens Walk, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield WS13 6RL

01543 440812 [www.langtonmedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.langtonmedicalgroup.co.uk)

Whittington Surgery

Whittington Village Hall, Langton Crescent, Whittington. WS14 9LR

01543 440811

[www.langtonmedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.langtonmedicalgroup.co.uk)

Child Health Clinics held on alternate Thursdays 1015 – 1215 at The Community Centre, Whittington Barracks – Health Visitor from Langton Medical Practice attends.

Dental - There are limited NHS Dentists available. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care in the local area (see below for contact details).

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- The nearest hospital with Accident & Emergency cover is Good Hope Hospital, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7RR. Tel: 0121 378 2211
- There is a Minor Injuries Unit located at Samuel Johnson Community Hospital, Trent Valley Road, Lichfield, WS13 6EF. Tel: 01543 412900

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

**Whittington Pre-School Playgroup**, Chester Road, Whittington, WS4 9PY. Tel: 01543 434371

**Elswick House Day Nursery**, Elswick House, Fisherwick Road, Lichfield. Tel: 01543 432329 [www.Elswicknursery.co.uk](http://www.Elswicknursery.co.uk)

**Whittington Nursery**, Whittington Primary School, Common Lane, Whittington, WS14 9LG, Tel: 01543 432487 [www.whittington-school.co.uk](http://www.whittington-school.co.uk)

**Whittington Primary School**. Common Lane, Whittington, Lichfield, WS14 9LG. Tel: 01543 432487 [www.whittington-school.co.uk](http://www.whittington-school.co.uk)

**Howard Primary School**, The Square, Elford, Tamworth, B79 9DB,  
Tel: 01827 383292 [www.howardprimary.co.uk](http://www.howardprimary.co.uk)

**Thomas Barnes Primary School**, School Lane, Hopwas, Tamworth B78 3AD  
Tel: 01827 475683 [www.thomasbarnes.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thomasbarnes.staffs.sch.uk)

**King Edward VI School**, Upper St. John Street, Lichfield, WS14 9EE  
Tel: 01543 255714 [www.keslichfield.org.uk](http://www.keslichfield.org.uk)

**The Friary School**, Eastern Avenue. Lichfield, WS13 7EW.  
Tel: 01543 267400 [www.friaryschool.com](http://www.friaryschool.com)

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA for Lichfield is School Admissions & Transport Service, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2DH. Tel: 01785 278593. [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education)
- 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 01543 433658		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service		01952 672793
Guard Room	(9) 4422 4203	01543 434203
HIVE		01543 433658
Padre	(9) 4422 4212	01543 434212
Joint Support Unit Welfare Officer	(9) 4422 4137	01543 434137
<b>DMS Whittington</b> Contact the HIVE for further information	<b>ADSC</b> 01543 434340	<b>RRU</b> 01543 434108

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