



Location Overview

Fort Halstead

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Woolwich HIVE

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LOCAL AREA

Fort Halstead is situated in Sevenoaks which is surrounded by the green belt, in countryside of rolling hills and villages. The village itself is 3 miles south of Orpington and 5 miles north of the centre of Sevenoaks.

More information on Fort Halstead and the surrounding area can be found at:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk and www.kent.gov.uk

UNIT OVERVIEW

Fort Halstead is a research site of The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), which leads the science and technology (S&T) sector's response to the Ministry of Defence's current and future needs. Dstl maximises the impact of S&T for defence and security requirements, working with industry to deliver battle-winning technologies.

Dstl also works with other government departments, exploiting its expertise and knowledge to improve the safety and security of UK citizens.

LOCAL FACILITIES

One Stop Stores

1-2 Sevenoaks Road, Otford, TN14 5PB

Tel: 01732 452 019

Opening Hours:

Mon-Sun: 07.00-22.00hrs

Halstead Post Office

Knockholt Road, Halstead, TN14 7EU

Opening Hours:

Mon-Tues: 09.00-16.30hrs

Weds: 09.00-13.00hrs

Thurs-Fri: 09.00-16.30hrs

Sat: 09.00-12.30hrs

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

There are 11 SFA quarters which are approximately 0.3 miles from DSTL Fort Halstead.

Beckman Close: Postcode TN14 7BX

Crow Drive: Postcode TN14 7BU

Local accommodation

Contact Houses – The closest contact houses to Fort Halstead are located in Woolwich which is approximately a 40 minute drive away. Woolwich benefits from 2 contact houses located on the Greenhill estate. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning 0208 781 3331.

The Royal Oak Hotel

High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HY

Tel: 01732 451 109

The Moorings Hotel

High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HY

Tel: 01732 452 589

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is TN14 7BP

From London and M25:

- Leave M25 at junction 4 and follow the A21 westbound towards Farnborough and Orpington.
- At the roundabout take the A224 southbound towards Dunton Green and Sevenoaks.
- Pass through another roundabout and turn right at T-junction.
- Take the next turning immediately on the left.
- Follow road until you arrive at DSTL Fort Halstead.

From Croydon:

- Take the A232 eastbound leading to the A21. At the roundabout before the M25 (junction 4), take the A224 southbound towards Sevenoaks.
- Pass through another roundabout then turn right at the T-junction.
- Take the next turning immediately on the left.
- Follow road until you arrive at DSTL Fort Halstead.

By train: The closest station to Fort Halstead is Orpington Station which is approximately a 10 minute taxi journey to Fort Halstead.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: Call one of the following taxi firms to book a journey: Victor Hire Taxis: 01732 452 089
Beavers of Seal: 01732 760 750, T-Taxis: 0800 917 3430

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Please contact your unit for information on access to the appropriate medical and dental facilities for Service Personnel.

Dependents:

- Medical – Dr Evans & Partners, Leonard Avenue, Otford, Sevenoaks, TN14 5RB. Tel: 01959 524 633
- Dental – There are a limited amount of NHS dentists available. NHS Direct can advise on dentists that have NHS availability (please see below for contact details).

The nearest hospital is Sevenoaks Hospital, Hospital Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3PG. Tel: 01732 470 200.

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

Otford Nursery School

High Street, Otford, TN14 5PG. Tel: 01959 522 364

Halstead Community Primary School

Otford Lane, Halstead, TN14 7EA. Tel: 01959 532 224

Shoreham Village Primary School

Church Street, Shoreham, TN14 7SN. Tel: 01959 522 228

Sevenoaks Secondary School

Sevenoaks, TN13 1HU. Tel: 01732 455 133. Website: www.sevenoaksschool.org

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Fort Halstead is served by **Kent LEA**, Kent County Council, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ. Tel: 08458 247 247, Fax: 01622 694091. Website: www.kent.gov.uk
- 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 0208 781 3622

	Mil	Civ
DSTL Central Enquiries		01980 613 121
Army Welfare Service	94691 3628	0208 781 3628
SSAFA	94691 4390	0208 781 4390
HIVE	94691 3622	0208 781 3622
Padre		0779 909 1793

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