



Location Overview

Chatham

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Chatham HIVE

Sally Port Gardens, Brompton, Gillingham

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LOCAL AREA

Chatham Garrison is situated in the centre of the Medway Towns between Rochester and Gillingham, 20 minutes from London by train, in the North West of Kent – The Garden of England. Within close proximity are the cities of Canterbury, Tonbridge Wells and Maidstone, the County Town.

Medway Towns have historically been renowned for their maritime history including the Dockyard with 400 years of history. Within Medway there are castles, a cathedral, the Royal Engineers Museum, Fort Amherst and two country parks. In Chatham there's a leisure centre, a bowling centre, kart circuit, ski & snowboarding, an Ice Rink, theatres, cinemas, shopping centres and kids play zones. Chatham is accessible via the A2 from the coast and London. With access to the M2, M20, M26 and M25 all within a few minutes drive.

Gillingham railway station is close by with regular trains to London and Dover

UNIT OVERVIEW

Today the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) provides training in all engineering disciplines, providing the unique range of skills that are fundamental to the Royal Engineers as well as delivering military working animals, handlers and maintainers. Royal Engineer skills include the command and management of engineer tasks, combat engineering, technical and professional engineering, communication, watermanship, driving specialist engineer vehicles and artisan skills such as electrical and bricklaying.

The RSME is based at Chatham in Kent. It is the largest residential construction college in Europe and currently runs 675 courses per year

UNIT FACILITIES

Within the barracks there is a NAAFI Spar shop, internet café, WRVS, Launderette, gym, squash courts and mess bars with facilities.

The garrison boasts a Scout Group,(Beavers, Cubs, Scouts), Girl Guide Group,(Rainbows, Brownies, Guides), Martial Arts, gym and Personal Development Centre.

Aramark provide PAYD
Breakfast 0630 – 0800
Lunch 1130 – 1315
Dinner 1630 - 1800

Spar Shop on camp
Monday – Friday 0730 – 2200
Sat & Sunday 1000 - 2200

WRVS services include TV lounge, pool table, Wii, PS, table tennis, coffee/tea making facilities, reading area and 6 internet computers.

The Lampard Centre is in Sally Port Gardens ME7 5BU local activities are run and advertised here including coffee shops and a youth club.

The Royal Engineers seek to provide all ranks with the facilities to support learning throughout their careers. These facilities include regional Education Centres and Learning Resource Centres and, at the RSME, an enhanced learning environment (ELE), wi-fi and modern classroom facilities.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

The garrison has a number of quarters within its boundary (ME4 4UG) these range from flats to four bedroom houses. The majority of quarters are within a two minute walk of the garrison (ME7 5BU). These range from two bedroom to four bedroom houses. All are close to a local primary and secondary school and are five minutes walk from the local shops. All the houses have gardens and also share communal grassed areas and play parks.

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

There is a variety of accommodation, in the most part rooms are shared but some upgrades have been carried out and most accommodation is up to Z standard.

For further information on SLA contact the relevant company clerks on:

- 36 Sqn 01634 822335
- 24 Sqn 01634 822964 Mil 94661 2335 and 2964

Personnel wishing to book into the Officers' Mess or WO's & Sgts' Mess should contact the respective Mess on the following numbers:

- Officers Mess Civ:01634 822402 Mil: 94661 2402
- WOs' & Sgts' Mess Civ:01634 822864 Mil: 94661 2864

Local accommodation

Contact House: There is a Contact House available to hire to all service personnel and their close relatives. Welfare cases will be given priority but when available it can be used during transit, visits by family, R&R etc. For more information and to book call on 01634 405146 .

Other local accommodation:

Encore Ramada
Western Avenue Chatham
ME4 4NT
www.encorchatham.co.uk
Tel 01634 891677

Honourable Pilot Premier Inn
Will Adams Way, Gillingham
ME8 6BY
www.premierinn.com
Tel 01634 261500

Medway Manor Hotel
14-16 New Road Rochester
ME1 1BG
Tel: 01634 01634 847985

Village Hotel
Forstal Road Maidstone
ME14 3AQ
Tel: 01622 67220

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is ME4 4UG

From the M25 join the A2 heading towards Canterbury/Dover take the A289 towards Chatham Maritime, through the Medway tunnel and towards Gillingham. At roundabout turn left and Brompton Barracks is 200 yards up on the left.

By train: Mainline stations at both Chatham and Gillingham. Gillingham is a 5 minute walk away via the High Street.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: Local companies include Computa Cabs 01634 848848 or Express Travel 848484

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ:01634 822448. Mil: (9) 4661 2448

Station Dental Centre - Civ:01634 822262. Mil: (9) 4661 2262

Dependants:

Medical – Walk in centre Canterbury Street Gillingham. 01634 575232

Dental – Medway PCT 01634 382758

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

The nearest hospital is Medway Maritime Windmill Road Gillingham 01634 830000
www.medwaynhs.uk

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

Poppins Nursery (3 months – 5 years) ME7 5BU Tel: 01634 822451

Brompton Westbrook Primary (3-11 years) ME& 5DQ Tel: 01634 844152
Situated within the SFA www.brompton.sch.uk

St Mary's Island Primary (3-11 years) ME4 3ST Tel: 01634 891050
Approximately 1 mile from SFA www.st-marys-island.medway.sch.uk

Brompton Academy (11-18 years) ME7 5HT Tel: 01634 852341
Situated within the SFA www.nbc.sch.uk

Kent County Council

Within Kent secondary education is based on a selective system, there are academies, grammar schools and mixed stream schools. For details of how to apply contact admissions@medway.gov.uk

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA for Chatham is Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road Chatham ME4 4TR. www.medway.gov.uk
- Ofsted reports can be accessed at www.ofsted.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are Unit contact details. For other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94281 2091	01303 225091
Guard Room	94661 2442	01634 822442
HIVE	94661 2326	01634 822326
Padre	94661 2441	01634 822441
WRVS	94661 2843	01634 822843

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