



Location Overview

MoD Stafford

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Stafford HIVE

Dixon Community Centre, Tedder Road, Beaconside, Stafford ST16 3RA

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Opening hours: Mon – Thur 10am – 3pm

Stafford Electronic Notice Board www.staffordhive.blogspot.com

LOCAL AREA

MOD Stafford is situated in the West Midlands to the north of Stafford in the heart of surrounding countryside. Stafford town is a 5 minute drive away (or about 20 minutes on foot). It has a variety of High Street stores, an indoor market, leisure centre, cinema, theatre, library, various pubs and places to eat and many more amenities for both adults and children within Stafford.

A map of the location is available at this link:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?ie=UTF8&ll=52.822112,-2.101049&spn=0.011514,0.027423&z=15> Postcode for Beacon Barracks – **ST18 0AQ**

Stafford Tourist Information website is at www.visitstafford.org

UNIT OVERVIEW

MoD Stafford is a large and disparate site that hosts 22 Lodger units that delivers operational, engineering and logistic capability with supporting staff consisting of both Service and civilian personnel. The site is well located with good communication links, enjoys a supportive and proactive local community and has huge potential for expansion.

22 Signal Regiment provides information and communication services to the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) and other deployable UK Land Forces. These large scale headquarters and their supporting elements require specially trained Royal Signals officers and soldiers to deploy special to role strategic and tactical communications equipment. In 2012 the Regiment will be training hard with ARRC in preparation for its high readiness role as the NATO Response Force (NRF) Land Component Headquarters. This contingency task could see 22 Signal Regiment personnel deploy at very short notice to provide communications from the UK to anywhere where NATO troops are deployed on a variety of different operations

Tactical Supply Wing RAF (TSW) is a formed unit of the Joint Helicopter Command, which provides Rotors Turning Refuelling to the tri-service helicopter fleet. TSW consists of personnel drawn from 9 specialist trades including Suppliers, Drivers, Engineer Technicians, Administrators, Gunners and Movement Specialists

Army Recruiting Teams (ARTS) There are 3 ARTS each consisting of 20 personnel and 1 OC who report to Comdr Regional Recruiting. Based on 4 Site they run Personal Development Activity at schools and shows as well as 3-5 days residential Insight Courses.

UNIT FACILITIES

Beacon Barracks has a Gymnasium open to Service personnel and their dependants. Beacon Fraggers Sports HUB! facility is the main focus for retail and leisure activities for all Junior Ranks. Pay as You Dine operates in Beacon Barracks. The Army Learning Centre within the Robson Building is open to Military personnel their dependants and MoD Civilian personnel. St Chad's Church is open for visits, private prayer and other services. The Dixon Community Centre hosts the HIVE including free internet access, Gurkha Support Worker, Thrift Shop, coffee mornings, Rainbows and Brownies and twice weekly 'stay and play' sessions. There is Rascals Day nursery and also the Beaconside Amenities Centre, which houses a bar. There are various clubs such as Angling, Motor, Ceramics and a Clay Pigeon Shooting Club. There are cubs and scout troops on the main site and both army cadet corps and air cadets. For further details on all Unit Facilities please contact the HIVE.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Officers' SFA is located on camp at MOD Stafford and is approx 1 mile from the main gate. Although they are within the wire, SFA are in the village of Hopton. **ST18 0TN** There are a total of 36 SFA with a mixture of 3 and 4 bedrooms.

Other Ranks' SFA is located at Beaconside, approximately 0.5 miles from the main gate at MOD Stafford with a good off road cycle path. **ST16 3RA** There are 190 SFA with a mixture of 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms.

There is a shortage of SFA in Stafford and some families are being housed in SFA located at Donnington or Lichfield.

DIO Ops Accn website: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/>

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Junior Ranks: All JR SLA is single room Grade 4. There are 5 Blocks allocated to 22 Signal Regiment, 3 to TSW and 1 to SSU (used for ARTs, transit, etc)

Telephone 01785 78**** Civilian or 95551 **** Military, followed by the ext:

22 Sig Regt	TSW	ARTS
Contact SQMS Spt Sqn ext: 7782 217 Sqn ext: 7444 222 Sqn ext: 7599 248 Sqn ext: 7102	Ext: 7219	Ext: 7277

WOs & Sgts Mess: 63 rooms (incl. one annex). Enquiries via the Mess Manager Ext 7246
Officers Mess: 36 Rooms. Enquiries via the Mess Manager Ext 7050

SoldierNET is a wireless internet service available to all SLA at MoD Stafford. Information on how to subscribe is available from www.soldiernet.co.uk

Local accommodation

Contact House - A 2-bedroom furnished quarter is available on the Beaconside SFA site and is available to book by telephoning 01785 787445.

Wyndale Guest House 3 Star Bed and Breakfast. www.wyndaleguesthouse.co.uk
Tel: 01785 223069. Dogs by arrangement.

Premier Travel Inn www.premierinn.com
(M6 Jn 14).
Hurricane Tel: 0870 990 6478.
Spitfire Tel: 0871 527 9032.

Express by Holiday Inn
www.hiexpress.co.uk (M6 Jn 13) Tel: 0870
400 7308 Pets allowed

Travelodge Stafford Central
www.travelodge.co.uk Tel: 0871 984 6361

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is **ST18 0AQ**

If travelling on the M6, exit at Junction 14 and follow the A34 until you get to a second traffic island, go straight over and follow the A513 (signed Uttoxeter) for approximately one mile. At the traffic lights continue on and Beacon Barracks is about 100 metres further down on the left. MoD Stafford is signposted from Jn14 and other areas of the town.

By train: Stafford Railway Station is situated on Station Road, just off Newport Road (A518). National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus: 5A will bring you to the front gate of camp, however, they only run 6 times a day and you have to walk to Chell Road (Sainsburys) to catch it. www.arrivabus.co.uk

Taxi: You can get a taxi outside the train station, however, only Westside and Aerobright Taxis are permitted onto camp. Tel. No: Westside 01785 225588 Aerobright 01785 244444

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Rascals Day Nursery Tel: 01785 787541 Located within Beaconside SFA area.

St John's Primary School CE Tel: 01785 251960. Catchment area school for Beaconside SFA except Dickson Road. Short walk. www.st-johns-stafford.staffs.sch.uk

St Andrew's Primary School CE Tel: 01889 256555 Catchment area for SFA on camp. School bus provided. www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

John Wheeldon Primary School Tel: 01785 356636 Catchment area for Dickson Road Approx. 15 – 20 min walk. www.johnwheeldon.staffs.sch.uk

St Patrick's RC Primary School Tel: 01785 356685 Approx. 20 min walk from Beaconside SFA www.stpatricksstafford.com

The Weston Road Academy Tel: 01785 356700 Approx. 15-20 min walk, good off road cycle path. School bus provided for those living on camp. www.westonroad.staffs.sch.uk

Blessed William Howard Catholic High School Tel: 01785 244236
www.blessedwilliamhoward.staffs.sch.uk

Stafford College Tel: 01785 223800 Situated in the town centre. www.staffordcoll.ac.uk

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA).
Staffordshire County Council www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education
- 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 01785 787820		
	Mil	Civ
Guard Room	9 5551 7412	01785 787412
HIVE		01785 258843
22 Sig Regt Welfare Office	9 5551 7872	01785 787872
Padre	9 5551 7658	07824 475014
Army Welfare Service	9 4480 2792	01952 672792
TSW Chief Clerk	9 5551 7085	01785 787085
ARTs Welfare Office	9 5551 6121	01785 786121

For details about what's on and community notices please visit the Stafford HIVE Blogspot – updated regularly:

www.staffordhive.blogspot.com

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