



Location Overview

Arborfield Garrison

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Arborfield HIVE

Hazebrouck Barracks, Arborfield, Berkshire, RG2 9NH

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www.arborfieldhive.blogspot.com

LOCAL AREA

Arborfield Garrison is set in the Berkshire countryside on the edge of Arborfield village, 4 miles from Wokingham and 8 miles from Reading and 6 miles from junction 11 on the M4. London (35 miles away) is an hour by train and there are plenty of other sightseeing opportunities within easy reach including Thorpe Park and Legoland. Reading, the nearest big town, has much to offer such as excellent shopping, restaurants, pubs, clubs, theatres, as well as the Madejski Stadium - home to Reading FC and London Irish RUFC.

Wokingham Tourism website www.wokingham.gov.uk/sports/tourism/

UNIT OVERVIEW

The Garrison comprises of two barracks, Rowcroft and Hazebrouck.

Hazebrouck Barracks is the home of the Corps of REME and has DEME(A), RHQ REME, SEAE, 11 Training Battalion, REME Arms School, and DCAE.

DEME(A) comprises of HQ DEME(A), Regimental Headquarters REME and the REME Museum of Technology.

SEAE (School of Electronic and Aeronautical Engineering) provides a wide range of courses to train electronic and aviation technicians and engineers.

REME Arms School delivers training in REME command skills and engineering management to officers, soldiers and equipment support staff.

DCAE (Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering) commands and manages aeronautical training.

Rowcroft Barracks is the home of REME Corps Band.

UNIT FACILITIES

Arborfield Garrison provides a wide variety of facilities. On the camp there is a fully equipped gym, barbers and tailors. Dependants can also use the gym.

The Welfare Centre has the HIVE, the Padre and Unit Welfare Office. Also Services Welfare have TV lounges, snooker tables, table tennis tables, pool tables, games area and internet suite all for your use.

Passes for the barracks can be obtained via SEAE HQ (the building with the revolving doors).

The Garrison Church is located close to the entrance to Rowcroft Barracks and near the Community Centre.

The Community Centre houses a Hairdresser, Beauty Therapist, various clubs and activities as well a nursery, pre-school and the Army Learning Centre. All the facilities are available for use by all members of the Garrison community. The centre can be booked for parties and events. For further information on the Community Centre please contact the Community Development Worker (CDW) on 0118 976 3276.

42's

ESS provide PAYD (Pay as You Dine)

Breakfast: Mon-Fri 07.00-08.00

Brunch: Sat-Sun 09.30-12.00

Lunch: Mon-Fri 12.15-13.00

Dinner: Mon-Fri 16.45-17.30

Sat-Sun 16.30-17.15

Spar

Mon-Fri 07.00-22.00

Sat 08.00-22.00

Sun 10.00-22.00

Costa Coffee

Mon-Fri 07.00-19.00

Sat 10.00-15.00

Welfare Centre

Weavers Café

Mon-Fri 09.30-11.00

Buddies Café

Mon-Thurs 12.00-13.30 & 17.00-21.30

Fri 12.00-13.30

Sun 17.00-21.30

HIVE for your information needs

Mon-Thurs 09.00-14.00

Fri 09.00-12.00

12.00-14.00 Community Centre

Silver Horse Bar

Mon-Sun 19.00-22.00

Sat-Sun 11.30-14.30

Services Welfare (military personnel only)

Mon-Thurs 09.30-21.30

Fri 09.30-14.30 & 16.00-21.00

Sat-Sun 15.00-21.00

Families Spar and Post Office, Venning Road, RG2 9LU

Mon-Fri 07.30-21.00

Sat 09.00-19.30

Sun 09.00-19.30

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

There is one quartering area for Arborfield Garrison. This is outside the Garrison boundary and within easy walking distance. There are 313 quarters (220 soldiers and 93 officers). The postcode for the community centre is RG2 9NN and all the SFA are situated around this area.

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

None of the SLA has been part of project SLAM.

Junior rank accommodation has single, 4 and 8 man rooms with shared washing facilities. The single rooms are usually allocated to LCpl and Cpl.

A (Foundation) Coy	B (Combat Systems) Coy	Aviation Coy	REME Arms School
CQMS	CQMS	CQMS	CQMS
Mil: 94251 2662	Mil: 94251 2664	Mil: 94251 2306	Mil: 94251 2278
civ: 0118 976 3662	civ: 0118 976 3664	Civ: 0118 976 3306	Civ: 0118 976 3278

Ballieul Sergeant and Warrant Officers' Mess

There are single and 4 man rooms with shared washing facilities.

Mil: 94251 2391

Civ: 0118 976 3391

Officers' Messes

There are two messes both with single and twin rooms with shared washing facilities

Hazebrouck Mess	West Court Mess
Mil: 94251 2305	Mil: 94251 2533
Civ: 0118 976 3305	Civ: 0118 976 3533

Local Accommodation

Arborfield Contact House – Availability and bookings should be made via the Community Development Worker on 0118 976 3276 or 07887 991142.

Novotel Reading Centre
52b Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP
0118 952 2600
www.accorhotels.com
Premier Inn Reading Central
Letcombe Street, Reading, RG1 2HW
0870 850 6318
www.premierinn.com

Quality Hotel Reading
4-8 Duke Street, Reading, RG1 4RY
0118 958 3455
www.qualityinn.com
The Mill House Hotel & Restaurant
Old Basingstoke Road
Swallowfield, RG7 1PY
0118 988 3124
<http://www.themillhousehotel.co.uk/>

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is RG2 9NH

- From the M4, exit at junction 11, take the exit for Whitley Wood (also says Reading University) B3270.
- At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto A327, go past the Black Boy Pub.
- At the next roundabout take the 1st exit.
- At the next roundabout take the 1st exit to stay on the A327.
- Continue to Arborfield village, at the roundabout take the 3rd exit.
- At the next roundabout take the 1st exit onto Langley Common Road.
- Take 1st right onto Biggs Lane, the garrison is on the left hand side.

By train: The closest station is Wokingham (3.3m from the garrison) and offers a direct line from Reading, Gatwick and London.

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

By Bus: The 144 runs from Wokingham and Reading roughly half hourly Mon- Sat. Limited services are available on a Sunday and Bank Holidays. Contact Thames Travel for details 01491 837 988 or visit www.thames-travel.co.uk

Taxi:

Bees – 0118 973 6080

24/7 – 0118 979 9247

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 0118 976 3225. Mil: (9) 4251 2225

Station Dental Centre – Civ: 0118 976 3204. Mil: (9) 4251 2204

Dependants:

Medical –

Finchampstead Surgery, 474 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, RG40 3RG. Tel: 0118 973 2678, www.finchampsteadsurgery.co.uk Open Monday- Friday.

Swallowfield Medical Practice, The Street, Swallowfield, RG7 1QY. Tel: 0118 988 3134, www.swallowfieldmedicalpractice.co.uk Open Monday to Friday, the practice also runs an outreach surgery at Arborfield Village Hall.

Riverdale Health Visitor Team hold a baby clinic at the community centre on Tuesdays from 10.30 to 11.30. Tel: 0844 477 1760.

Dental – There are NHS dentists available, NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details). Alternatively visit <http://www.berkshirewest-pct.nhs.uk/page.asp?fldArea=2&fldMenu=1&fldSubMenu=7&fldKey=590>

The nearest hospital is Royal Berkshire Hospital, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AN. (6.5 miles from the garrison) Tel: 0118 322 5111, www.royalberkshire.nhs.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

Poperinghe Pre-School (2.5-5yrs). Tel: 0118 976 3215

Arborfield Community Complex, Princess Marina Drive, Arborfield, Berkshire, RG2 9NN

www.poperinghe.co.uk

The Coombes School (2.5-11yrs). Tel: 0118 976 0751 (infants), 0118 976 0313 (juniors)

School Road, Arborfield, Berkshire, RG2 9NX

Approximately 1 mile from the garrison.

www.thecoombes.com

Farley Hill (5-11yrs). Tel: 0118 973 2148

Church Road, Farley Hill, Berkshire, RG7 1UB

Approximately 2 miles from the garrison.

www.farleyhillprimary.org.uk

The Forest School (Boys) (11-18yrs). Tel: 0118 978 1626

Robin Hood Lane, Winnersh, Berkshire, RG41 5NE

Free school transport is provided.

The Holt School (Girls) (11-18yrs). Tel: 0118 978 0165

Holt Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 1EE

Free school transport is provided.

- Applications for school places are made through Wokingham District Council, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1WN. Tel: 0118 974 6245/ 6143/6111

www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools/schools-colleges/

- For School Transport please contact Heather Phelps on 0118 974 6118 or email heather.phelps@wokingham.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 0118 976 3794		
	Mil	Civ
Unit Welfare Office (UWO)	94251 2277	0118 976 3277
Guard Room	94251 2442	0118 976 3442
HIVE	94251 2794	0118 976 3794
Padre	94251 2527	0118 976 3527 07909 687782
Services Welfare	94251 2538	0118 976 3538
Gym	94251 2418	0118 976 2418

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