



## Location Overview

### Croydon

[www.mod.uk/hive](http://www.mod.uk/hive)

#### **Woolwich HIVE**

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#### **LOCAL AREA**

Croydon is in the London Borough of Croydon on the transport corridor between London and England's south coast.

Although now largely pedestrianised, Croydon town centre remains home to East Croydon railway station which is still a major hub within the national railway transport system. Croydon also boasts a tram network. The Centrale and Whitgift Shopping Centres, located in the centre of Croydon, include various high streets stores such as Boots, Marks and Spencer and Next.

Croydon is just to the north of two gaps in the North Downs, one followed by the route of the A23 Brighton Road from Purley to Merstham and the other followed by the A22 from Purley to the M25 Godstone interchange.

For a map of Croydon visit: [www.google.co.uk/maps](http://www.google.co.uk/maps)  
The postcode for Croydon is CR0 2AN

More information on Croydon and the surrounding area can be found at:  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

**C (Kent & Sharpshooter Yeomanry) Squadron, Royal Yeomanry**, is the only TA Royal Armoured Corps Unit stationed outside of central London. The squadron's primary role is to provide specialist reconnaissance skills however they cross train in a number of disciplines from basic infantry to nuclear, biological and chemical hazard handling to allow the soldiers a varied training schedule.

[www2.army.mod.uk/royalyeomanry](http://www2.army.mod.uk/royalyeomanry)

**10 Company Mortar Platoon, The Parachute Regiment**, support and assist Regular Battalions in their operational and peacetime roles through the provision of both fully formed company groups and individual soldiers. The Battalion routinely trains at weekends and on exercises which last up to 2 weeks at a time.

[www.4para.co.uk](http://www.4para.co.uk)

## LOCAL FACILITIES

### **Boots Pharmacy**

12-18 Whitgift Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UP

Tel: 0208 688 6021

### **Opening Hours:**

Mon-Wed: 08.00-19.00hrs

Thurs: 08.00-20.30hrs

Fir-Sat: 08.00-19.00hrs

Sun: 11.00-17.00hrs

### **Spar**

4-5 Ruskin Parade, Selsdon Road, CR2 6PW

### **Tesco Petrol Station**

9 Purley Road, CR8 2HA

### **Natwest Cashpoint**

1 High Street, CR9 1PD

Tel: 0845 600 2803

### **West Croydon Post Office**

25 London Road, CR0 2HE

## ACCOMMODATION

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

There are 4 SFA quarters in Croydon - Tavistock Road: Postcode: CR0 2AN

### **Local accommodation**

**Contact Houses** – The closest contact houses to Croydon are in Woolwich which is approximately a 40 minute drive away. Two fully equipped contact houses located in Green Hill are available to hire at a low cost. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning: 0208 781 3622.

### **Express By Holiday Inn**

1 Priddys Yard, Croydon, CR0 1TS

Tel: 020 8253 1200

### **Travelodge**

Norfolk House, Wellesley Road, CR0 1LH

Tel: 0871 985 6918

### **Woodstock Hotel**

30 Woodstock Road, Croydon, CR0 1JR

Tel: 0208 680 1489

### **Jurys Inn Croydon Hotel**

Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 9XY

Tel: 0208 448 6000

## TRAVEL

**By car:** The postcode for Sat Nav is **CR0 2AN**

Anticlockwise from M25:

- Merge onto M25. At junction 15, exit onto M4 toward London (W)
- Continue onto A4, Go through 1 roundabout. Turn right at N End Road/B317
- Turn left at Fulham Road/A304.
- Turn right at Harwood Road/B318
- Turn right at New King's Road/A308.
- Turn left at Wandsworth Bridge Road/A217
- At the roundabout; take the 2nd exit onto Trinity Road/A214.
- Slight left at Tooting Bec Gardens/A214.
- Turn left at Mitcham Lane/A216
- Take the 1st right onto Streatham High Road/A23. Continue onto London Road/A235
- Turn left at St James's Road/A213.
- St James's Road turns slightly left and becomes Hogarth Crescent/A222
- Turn right to stay on Hogarth Crescent/A222
- Turn left at St James's Road/A222
- Turn right at Tavistock Road
- Destination will be on the left.

**By train:** West Croydon is the nearest rail station located approximately 300 yards from the SFA area. For train times and other information visit [www.southernrailway.com](http://www.southernrailway.com)  
National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

The nearest tram stop is West Croydon which is also approximately 300 yards away.

**Taxi:** Call one of these taxi firms to book a journey: Circuit Cars: 0208 653 7640  
Kendall Cars: 0203 417 0883, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cars: 0208 777 8686

## HEALTHCARE

### Service Personnel:

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

### Dependents:

- Medical – Dr P P Charlton & Partners, The Whitehorse Practice, 87 Whitehorse Road, Croydon, CR0 2JJ, Tel: 0208 684 1162.
- Dental – Sachdev, Kamlesh Kumar, Gentle Dental Care, 29a Whitehorse Road, Croydon, CR0 2JH. Tel: 0208 684 4441.

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

The nearest hospital is Croydon University Hospital, 530 London Road, 530 London Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 7YE. Tel: 020 8401 3000. [www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/](http://www.croydonhealthservices.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](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

## SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

### **Broadmead Nursery and Infant School**

366 Sydenham Road, Croydon, CR0 2EA. Tel: 0208 684 4003

### **Elmwood Infant School**

Lodge Road, Croydon, CR0 2PL. Tel: 0208 689 7681

### **Elmwood Junior School**

Lodge Road, Croydon, CR0 2PL. Tel: 0208 684 4007

### **St Mary's RC High School**

Woburn Road, Croydon, CR0 2AB. Tel: 0208 686 3837

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Croydon is served by **Croydon LEA**, London Borough of Croydon, Croydon, CR9 3JS. Tel: 0208 686 4433  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

- 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 0208 781 3622		
	Mil	Civ
Croydon TA Centre	0208 749 2257	
Army Welfare Service	94691 3628	0208 781 3628
HIVE	94691 3622	0208 781 3622
Padre		0779 909 1793

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