



Location Overview

Wattisham Flying Station
Covering Service Families'
Accommodation in Wattisham, Hadleigh
and Thorington

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Wattisham HIVE, Wattisham Information and Support Centre,
2 Valley Road, Wattisham Flying Station, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7RE

Tel: Civ – 01449 728263 Mil – 94674 8263 E: wattishamhive@armymail.mod.uk
Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 08.30-16.30 Fri 08.30-1600

LOCAL AREA

The nearest major road to Wattisham Flying Station is the A14 leading northbound to M11, A1 (M), M1, M6; and southbound to A12 and M25. The postcode for Wattisham Flying Station is **IP7 7RA**. Information on the surrounding areas can be found on the Ipswich tourist information website is <http://www.visit-ipswich.com>

Wattisham - Wattisham Airfield lies in rural Suffolk and the attractions of the countryside are on the doorstep. It is approximately 5 miles from the Town of Needham Market and approximately 8 miles from Stowmarket, both of which cater for everyday needs. There are also swimming pools, leisure centres, cinemas, theatres and many more amenities for both adults and children a car journey away A map of the location is available at this link: http://www.multimap.com/world/GB/England/Suffolk/Ipswich/Wattisham_Airfield

Hadleigh – Hadleigh is approximately 8 miles from Wattisham Flying Station and takes about 15 minutes by car. Hadleigh incorporates its own swimming pool, leisure centre, tennis courts, cricket pitch, football and rugby grounds. A map of the location is available at this link: <http://www.multimap.com/world/GB/England/Suffolk/Ipswich/hadleigh>

Thorington - Thorington is a civilian estate called Pinewood; it is approximately 16.3 miles from Wattisham Flying Station and 2 miles from Ipswich Town Centre. There are good facilities close by, including cinemas, theatres, gyms, bars, nightclubs, bowling alleys and much more. A map of the location is available at this link: <http://www.multimap.com/world/GB/England/Suffolk/Ipswich/thorington>

UNIT OVERVIEW

3 Regiment AAC consists of 653, 662 and 663 Sqns. They have 3 deployable Apache Squadrons.

4 Regiment AAC consists of 654, 656 and 664 Sqns. They have 2 deployable Apache Squadrons.

7 Air Assault Battalion REME consists of 71, 72 and 73 Company which provide Close Aviation Support to the Army, 8 Field Company (Para), situated in Colchester providing Ground Support to 16 Air Assault Brigade and 132 Aviation Support Squadron providing aviation spares to Army Aviation worldwide. With the introduction of the Apache, 7 Air Assault Battalion REME is now looking to the future. Major restructuring is currently underway to enhance support available to this new generation of Army helicopter whilst maintaining continued support to the older fleet of aircraft.

UNIT FACILITIES

Wattisham Airfield provides a wide variety of amenities including a multi gym, swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts, library, education centre, golf club, gliding club, angling club, clay pigeon shooting club and a sub aqua club. The WRVS Herrick Lounge incorporates a TV lounge with table games, tea/coffee facilities, reading area and internet computers. In addition, the Community Centre hosts various activities such as Rainbows, Brownies, Karate and Mums & Tots. The Centre can be booked for parties and events. The new Information and Support Centre is available to all and incorporates the Unit Welfare Officer and the HIVE.

Aramark provide PAYD-**Horizons Food Court**
Breakfast:0630-0800
Lunch: 1130-1315
Dinner: 1630-1800

Spar Service Shop on camp
Mon-Fri 0730-2200
Sat 1000-1600
Sun 1600-2200

Post office (within the Spar Shop)
Mon, Tue & Thurs 0930-1230

Spar Shop also open to all
Mon-Fri 0730-1900
Sat 0900-1900
Sun 1000-1600

Longbow Café sells Starbucks, panini's, baguette and pastries.
Mon-Thurs 0730-1530 & Fri 0730-1400

Herrick Bar Evening bar food available.
Sun-Wed 1900-2230 & Thurs-Sat 1900- 2300

Wattisham Information & Support Centre (WISC) new welfare support facility incorporating a reception area, all Unit Welfare Officers and the HIVE

Herrick Lounge - WRVS. Newly refurbished incorporating a separate TV lounge, pool table, snooker table, table tennis, air hockey, games area, coffee/tea making facilities, reading area and internet computers.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Wattisham Airfield: Post Code IP7 7RA.
289 SFA - 243 Soldiers' & 46 Officers'. The Officers' SFA are located on camp. The Soldiers' SFA is located outside the camp gates in two separate areas within walking distance of the camp.

Hadleigh: Post Code: IP7 6AW
204 SFA - 189 Soldiers' & 13 Officers'. Hadleigh SFA is approximately 6 miles from Wattisham Airfield.

Thorington: Post Code IP8 3UJ
46 SFA - All Soldiers'. Thorington SFA is approximately 8 miles from Wattisham Airfield.

SFA in this area is managed by Thetford HASC and contact details are:

Tel: 0800 169 6322 Option 2 Mil: 94510 8000
Email: DIOOpsAccn-HASCTeam2@mod.uk

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Junior rank service personnel should contact the Regt SQMS for information on Single Living Accommodation. Civ: 01449 72 (then extension) Mil: (9) 4674 (then extension)

3 Regiment AAC

653 SQN 8339

662 SQN 8359

663 SQN 8379

Wksp TQMS 8399

4 Regiment AAC

654 SQN 8459

656 SQN 8439

664 SQN 8479

Wksp TQMS 8499

7 Bn REME

Barrack Accommodation
8817

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

Officers' Mess Civ: 01449 728254 Mil: (9) 4674 8254

WOs' & Sgts Mess Civ: 01449 728260 Mil: (9) 4674 8260

Local accommodation

AWS Contact House - Army Welfare Service administers the Contact House at Wattisham. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning 01449 728285

Best Western House Hotel

16 - 18 Ipswich Road, Claydon, IP6 0AR

www.bestwestern.co.uk

Tel: 01473 830382

Premier Inn

Paper Mill Lane, Claydon,

Ipswich, IP6 0BE

Tel: 0870 2383311

Bildeston Crown

104 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, IP7 7EB

Tel: 01449 740510

www.thebildestoncrown.com

Hadleigh Road, Sproughton, Ipswich,

IP8 3AR

Tel: 0870 1112944

www.premierinn.com

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is IP7 7RA

Approaching on the A14

- Leave the A14 at Junction 51 and merge onto unnamed road.
- At roundabout take the 4th exit onto the B1078
- Continue forward, then merge onto Coddensham Road B1078
- Turn left onto Lion Lane signposted Ipswich
- Turn Right onto Ipswich Road B1113 Signposted Stowmarket
- Turn left onto Grinstead Hill signposted Bildeston B1078
- Turn Right onto Lower Farm Road
- Bear Left, Arrive at Wattisham Airfield

By train: Stowmarket station is the mainline station for Wattisham Flying Station and is about 8 miles away. Needham Market station is closer but only selected trains stop at this station.

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

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: available outside the train station or at the following: Needham Taxis - 01449 722408
Stowmarket Taxis - 01449 677777 Gold Star Taxis - 01449 676767

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01449 728277. Mil: (9) 4674 8277

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01449 728279. Mil: (9) 4674 8279

Dependants:

Medical - Needham Market Health Centre is the closest doctor's surgery to Wattisham. The practice is open Monday to Friday. Tel: 01449 720666.

Dental - There are limited NHS Dentists. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details).

The nearest hospital is the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5PD
Tel: 01473 712233, Fax: 01473 703400
www.ipswichhospital.org.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

Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA)
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/education-and-careers/schools-and-support-in-education/applyingfor-a-school-place/> Catchment area maps are available at
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CatchmentMaps>

Wattisham

Wattisham Airfield Childcare Centre (2-5yrs). Tel: 01449 728928

Located at Wattisham.

<http://www.wattishamairfieldchildcarecentre.co.uk/>

Ringshall County Primary (3-9 yrs), Tel: 01473 658307

Approximately 1.5 miles from Wattisham.

For a small fee your child can take a bus to and from school booked through the Community Development Worker on 01449 728285.

<http://www.ringshallschool.co.uk/>

Needham Market Middle School (9 -13 yrs), Tel: 01449 720218

Approximately 5 miles from Wattisham. A school bus is also provided by Mid Suffolk County Council.

<http://www.nmms.org.uk/>

Stowmarket High School (13-18 yrs), Tel: 01449 613541. Approximately 8 miles from Wattisham. A school bus is provided by Mid Suffolk County Council.

<http://www.stowmarkethigh.suffolk.sch.uk/>

Hadleigh

Hadleigh Community Playgroup (2 ½-5 yrs), Tel: 01473 827702

Approximately 0.5 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.hadleighcommunityplaygroup.co.uk/>

Beaumont Community Primary School (3-11 yrs), Tel: 01473 825120

On the bottom quartering area.

<http://www.beaumontcpschool.ik.org/home.ikml>

Hadleigh Community Primary School (3 -11yrs), Tel: 01473 822161

Approximately 1.1 mile from the quartering area.

<http://www.hadleigh-pri.suffolk.sch.uk/>

Hadleigh St Mary's CEVW Primary School (3-11yrs), Tel: 01473 823268

Approximately 0.9 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.stmaryshad.co.uk/>

Hadleigh High School (11-16 yrs), Tel: 01449 823496

Approximately 1.3 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.hadleighhigh.net/index.html>

Thorington

Just learning Nurseries (8weeks-8yrs), Tel: 01473 687017

Approximately 0.3 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.justlearning.co.uk/WebPage.aspx?pageid=696>

Gusford Park Primary School (3-11 yrs), Tel: 01473 682148

Approximately 0.6 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.gusford.suffolk.sch.uk/contact%20us.html>

The Willows Primary School (3 -11 yrs), Tel: 01473 683178

Approximately 1 mile from the quartering area.

<http://www.willowsprimary.co.uk/>

Chantry High School (11-16 yrs), Tel: 01473 687181

Approximately 1.3 miles from the quartering area.

<http://www.chantryhigh.co.uk/>

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 01449 728263		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	(9)4660 6581	01206 816581
Guard Room	(9)4674 8220	01449 728220
HIVE	(9)4674 8263	01449 728263
Padre	(9)4647 8536	01449 728536
Wattisham Info & Support Ctr (WISC)	(9)4674 8261	01449 728621
WRVS	(9)4674 8935	01449 728935
Unit Welfare Office 3 Reg Army Air Corps Civ: 01449 728321 Mil: (9) 4674 8321 Mob: 07880 701540	Unit Welfare Office 4 Reg Army Air Corps Civ: 01449 728421 Mil: (9) 4674 8421 Mob: 07881 784999	Unit Welfare Office 7 Battalion REME Civ: 01449 728721 Mil: (9) 4674 8721 Mob: 07799 886425
3 Regt HQ Sqn 01449 728327 653 Sqn 01449 728337 662 Sqn 01449 728357 663 Sqn 01449 728381 Workshop 01449 728397	4 Regt HQ Sqn 01449 728353 654 Sqn 01449 728457 656 Sqn 01449 728437 664 Sqn 01449 728562 Workshop 01449 728467	7 Bn REME HQ Coy 01449 728747 71 Coy 01449 728737 72 Coy 01449 728757 73 Coy 01449 728777 132 Sqn 01449 728870