



## Location Overview

### Ouston - Albemarle Barracks

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**Ouston HIVE, Ouston Information and Support Centre**

Welfare Centre Albemarle Bks, Ouston, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE150RQ

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[www.oustonhive.blogspot.com](http://www.oustonhive.blogspot.com)

#### LOCAL AREA

Albemarle Barracks is the home of 39 Regiment Royal Artillery, the “Welsh Gunners”. It is situated in the heart of Hadrian’s Wall country, approximately 15 miles west of Newcastle and 12 miles east of Hexham. Although it is in a rural location Albemarle Barracks is located just off the A69 so local amenities are accessible by car. Newcastle is renowned for its many theatres, museums and concert venues as well as its numerous bars, nightclubs and restaurants.

The Hadrian’s Wall visitor centre is situated just to the west of Hexham and is popular with tourists all year round. There are many attractions nearby including Durham Cathedral and the many historic castles in Northumberland. The coast line in Northumberland is mile after mile of unspoilt beaches.

For more local information see:

[www.whatsonnortheast.com](http://www.whatsonnortheast.com) or [www.visitnorthumberland.com](http://www.visitnorthumberland.com)

#### UNIT OVERVIEW

39 Regiment Royal Artillery is the singleton Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Regiment within the British Army. The Regiment is made up of four MLRS Batteries, Headquarter Battery and the Workshop which includes a Royal Logistic Corps stores troop.

The Regiment has been in Newcastle since 1996. Although stationed in Newcastle the Regiment holds the title of “The Welsh Gunners” and has strong links into the Welsh community. With a continuous commitment to Afghanistan (one Battery on a rotational basis) the Regiment is busy year round.

## UNIT FACILITIES

The barracks is well appointed with excellent leisure and sporting facilities. These include a well equipped gym, squash courts, tennis courts, astro turf pitches, a trim trail, sports pitches, clay pigeon shooting and a golf practice area.

Within Hadrian Hall there is a Shop, Cash machine, Café and Bar area which offers internet facilities, TV and pool table.

The welfare centre has undergone a series of enhancements over the past 2 years and is now a focal facility for families with younger children. The centre also has internet facilities which are open to all. In addition to the Welfare Centre there is the Community Centre which hosts the Youth Club for the older children with organised activities on a weekly basis. Both of these amenities are available to hire for private functions.

The Royal Artillery Centre for Personal Development is an onsite e-learning centre open to all. The centre provides a large selection of courses and personal development opportunities.

**Regimental Restaurant** provide PAYD

Breakfast: 06.45-08.00

Lunch: 12.30-13.15

Dinner: 16.45-17.30

**Londis Shop-** open to all

Mon-Fri 07.30-21.00

Sat - Sun 10.00-17.00

**HUB Café** includes internet , sandwiches and beverages

Mon- Fri 08.00-15.00

**HUB Bar** includes internet and bar meals.

Mon – Sat 18.00- 23.00 & Sun 18.00-22.30

## ACCOMMODATION

### Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

The following SFA areas are within the camp boundary.

**Wade Avenue** 49 SFA **Hadrian Crescent** 27 SFA (Officers)

There are 3 estates located outside of the barracks, they are:

**Windsor Gardens:** Post Code NE15 0RG - 24 SFA - Approximately 17 miles from camp

**Hazelrigg :** Post Code NE13 7NN - 44 SFA - Approximately 14 miles from camp

**Dumpling Hall:** Post Code NE15 7XT-22 SFA - Approximately 9 miles from camp

There is a duty transport pick up from all SFA areas daily.

### Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Each sub unit has an original H Block type of accommodation. For more details on single soldiers accommodation contact the RQMS on 0191 239 3326.

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

<b>Officers' Mess</b>	Civ: 0191239 5400	Mil: (9) 4723 5400
<b>WOs' &amp; Sgts Mess</b>	Civ: 0191 239 3309	Mil: (9) 4723 3309

### Local accommodation

**Contact House** – Welfare staff administer the Contact House at Albemarle Bks. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning 0191 239 3334

#### **Ironsigh Farm B&B**

Country Sign Farm, Military Road, Heddon  
on the Wall NE15 0JB  
[www.ironsignfarm.co.uk](http://www.ironsignfarm.co.uk)  
Tel: 01661 853802

#### **Matfen Hall**

Matfen , Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE20 0RH  
[www.matfenhall.co.uk](http://www.matfenhall.co.uk)  
Tel: 01661 886500

#### **Priorfield B&B**

Hippingstones Lane, Corbridge,  
Northumberland NE45 65JP  
[www.priorfieldbedandbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.priorfieldbedandbreakfast.co.uk)  
Tel: 01434 633179

### TRAVEL

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is **NE15 ORF**.

- From the A1 / A69 junction head west for 7 miles.
- Leave the A69 at the Wylam / Harlow Hill exit.
- At the T junction turn right for 100m.
- At the round about take the first exit for 1 mile.
- At the T junction turn left on the B6318.
- Albemarle Barracks is 2 miles along this road on the right hand side.

**By train:** Newcastle Central Station is the mainline station for Albemarle Barracks and is 11 miles away. Wylam 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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Taxi:** available outside Newcastle Station or at the following      Globe - 01661 830333  
BB Emerald – 01661083028

### HEALTHCARE

#### **Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 0191 239 3350. Mil: (9) 4723 3350

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 0191 239 3351. Mil: (9) 4723 3351

**Dependents:**

Medical – White Medical Group, Wylam is the closet surgery to the Barracks. Telephone 01661 852515

For details of other Surgeries covering the other SFA areas please contact the HIVE.

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

The nearest hospital is Hexham General, Corbridge Road, Hexham Northumberland NE46 1QJ. Tel: 0844 8118111

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**

**Stampers Pre School** – Tel: 01661 855000 Approximately 3 miles from Albemarle  
[www.stamfordham.northumbeland.sch.uk](http://www.stamfordham.northumbeland.sch.uk)

**Stamfordham First School** - Tel: 01661 886358 Approximately 3 miles from Albemarle. [www.stamfordham.northumbeland.sch.uk](http://www.stamfordham.northumbeland.sch.uk)

**Heddon on the Wall First School** - Tel: 01661 853350 Approximately 5 miles from Albemarle. [www.heddon-on-the-wall-school.uk.org](http://www.heddon-on-the-wall-school.uk.org)

**Ponteland Richard Coates Middle School** - Tel: 01661 823167 Approxitmatley 9 miles from Albemarle. [www.pontelandcoates.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.pontelandcoates.northumberland.sch.uk)

**Ponteland High School**- Tel: 01661 824711 Approximately 9 miles from Albemarle.  
[www.pchs.northumberland.sch.uk/](http://www.pchs.northumberland.sch.uk/)

Transport is provided to the above schools by Northumberland County Council

- The Local Education Authority (LEA) is Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF, Tel: 01670 534162  
[http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/EducationAndlearning/AdmissionTo Schools/Listing.htm](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/EducationAndlearning/AdmissionTo%20Schools/Listing.htm)
- Ofsted reports can be accessed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 0191 239 3469		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	(9)4723 3480	0191 2393480
Guard Room	(9)4723 3330	0191 2393330
HIVE	(9)4723 3469	0191 2393469
Padre	(9)4723 3306	0191 2393306
Welfare Centre	(9)4723 3334	0191 2393334
56 Battery	(9)47233338	0191 2393338
74 Battery	(9)47233422	0191 2393422
132 Battery	(9)47233439	0191 2393439
176 Battery	(9)47233377	0191 2393377

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