



Location Overview

Brecon, Brynmawr, Crickhowell & Sennybridge

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LOCAL AREA

Brecon is an old market and county town, which is an ideal base for exploring the scenery of the Beacons and the South & Mid Wales area, with lots of opportunity for outdoor activities. Major banks and high street shops are located in the town centre and the regular Craft and Farmers' Markets are popular with local people and tourists. Cafés, hotels and pubs are plentiful and there is a leisure centre and a 2-screen cinema. Located in the canal basin is the theatre - Theatr Brycheiniog offers a variety of professional, amateur and community entertainment. City shopping and facilities are easily accessible with Cardiff, Swansea, Newport and Hereford each about an hour's drive away.

Brynmawr (meaning "big hill") is located at the head of the South Wales Valleys and is the highest town in Wales, approximately 1,350 feet above sea level. It grew during the arrival of the mining and iron industries in the early 1800s and was originally a small village settlement called Gwaen Helygen. It now has an ASDA supermarket (just a few minutes walk from Lakeside) and there is a leisure centre in the west end of the town.

Crickhowell is a prosperous little town with a good selection of independent shops, with larger stores within easy distance, either by car or bus. Although Cwrt y Gollen was once a busy training establishment (it was the Depot Prince of Wales's Division) the military presence now centres around the families' estate and just a few minor training units.

Sennybridge is located on the A40 between Brecon and Llandovery. It has no banks, but most of the larger ones have branches in Brecon town centre or Llandovery. There is a Spar shop with a cash point in Sennybridge camp and some small shops in the village, together with a Post Office, but for most facilities you will need to travel to either Brecon or Llandovery.

A map of the Infantry Battle School location may be obtained from:

<http://getamap.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/getamap/frames.htm> enter the postcode - **LD3 7RA** to search.

Tourist information: www.visit-brecon-beacons.co.uk and www.brecon.co.uk/index.htm

UNIT OVERVIEW

An Infantry training unit was first established at Dering Lines, Brecon in 1961, although Dering Lines camp has had many military roles since at least the beginning of the 20th century. Since that time the establishment has undergone many changes, but it has always been the place where the Infantry has trained its NCOs. In its latest guise, the Infantry Battle School has subsumed the Platoon Commanders' Division from Warminster and is renowned as a centre of excellence for Dismounted Close Combat training at platoon level and below, for both the Infantry and the Army. The results speak for themselves and continue to do so in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Barracks in Brecon, now the home of Headquarters 160 (Wales) Brigade, has existed since 1805 when an armament store was first built. The Barracks became the home of the South Wales Borderers in 1881 when regiments were given territorial titles. It contained a hospital, stables and smithy, mortuary and houses, almost all of which are now offices. From the seventies until 1991, it was Headquarters Wales (a district HQ)..

UNIT FACILITIES

PAYD

HUB! Dine (Infantry Battle School) is open at the following times:

Monday to Friday

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| Breakfast | 0630-0730 hrs |
| Lunch | 1215-1330 hrs |
| Dinner | 1700-1830 hrs |

Saturday & Sunday

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| Breakfast | 0700-0800 hrs |
| Lunch | 1215-1300 hrs |
| Dinner | 1645-1730 hrs |

Sports HUB! Bar - The Pen y Fan club – Open 1900-2300 Monday to Friday – closed at weekends.

Sports HUB! Food - 0930-1330 Monday to Friday – closed at weekends.

Dering Lines has a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, HUB, Army Learning Centre, Army Library Service Study Centre, Hairdresser, Londis Shop and RV-3 (a shop that sells military kit); there is also a Community Centre, which may be booked for parties and other events. The Brigade Headquarters has a small gymnasium.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

| Area / Estate | Type | Approx No |
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| Brecon – Beacons Close LD3 7RE | 20 x B, 21 x C, 5 x D 1 x B (Contact house) | 47 |
| Brecon – Dering Lines/Hillcrest LD3 7PU & 7PW | 8 x B, 10 x C | 18 |
| Brecon – Dorlangoch LD3 7RH | 4 x C | 4 |
| Brecon – Camden Crescent/Dolglas LD3 7BY /7DB | 17 x C, 1 x D | 18 |
| Brecon – Beacons Park LD3 9BR & 9BP | 14 x C, 1 x D | 15 |
| Brecon – Parc Tarell LD3 8DX: | 2 x D | 2 |
| Brecon – Honddu Court LD3 7JW | 11 x B, 10 x C | 21 |
| Brecon – Elliott Place LD3 7HU | 5 x C, 1 x D | 6 |
| Brynmawr – Lakeside Way & Lakeside Close NP23 4AL & 4EG | 5 x C, 4 x D | 9 |
| Crickhowell – Martell Way NP8 1TJ | 18 x B, 10 x C, 2 x D | 38 |
| Crickhowell – Dan y Gollen NP8 1TN | 2 x C | 2 |
| Sennybridge – Llwynycyntefin Close LD3 8BH | 2 x B, 4 x C | 6 |
| Offrs SFA Dering Lines, Brecon LD3 7RD, 7PR & 7PT | II, III, IV, V | 25 |
| Offrs SFA Cwrt y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TE | 8 x IV, 4 x V | 12 |

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Officers Mess Manager, HQ 160 (W) Bde
 Officers Mess Manager, Inf Battle Sch
 WOs & Sgts Mess Manager
 Accommodation CSgt

Tel: Civ 01874 613209, Mil 94351 2209
 Tel: Civ 01874 613531, Mil 94351 2531
 Tel: Civ 01874 613533, Mil 94351 2533
 Tel: Civ 01874 613761, Mil 94351 2761

Local accommodation

Contact House

The fully-equipped Contact House (2 bedrooms), situated on Dering-Lines Camp, is available for bookings (minimum of 2 nights). The contact house has been set up to provide short term home-from-home family accommodation for use by serving soldiers. For further details contact the Admin Officer (Welfare) on 01874 613578 (civ) or 94351 2578 (mil).

Brecon Hotels:

The Wellington Hotel

The Bulwark
 Brecon LD3 7AD
 01874 625225

The Castle of Brecon Hotel*

Castle Square
 Brecon LD3 9DB
 01874 624611

The Lansdowne Hotel*

39 The Watton
 Brecon LD3 7EG
 01874 623321

The George Hotel*

George Street
 Brecon LD3 7LD
 01874 623421

Brynmawr Hotels:

Gwesty Bach

Rock& Fountain Hotel

Clarence Road
Brynmaur NP23
Tel: 01495 310245

Clydach
Abergavenny NP7 0LL
Tel: 01873 830393

Crickhowell Hotels:

The Bear Hotel

High Street
Crickhowell NP8 1BW
Tel: 01873 810408

The Manor Hotel

Brecon Road
Crickhowell NP8 1SE
Tel: 01873 810212

Sennybridge Hotels:

Usk & Railway Hotel

Sennybridge, LD3 8RS
01874 636223

The White House Hotel

Sennybridge, LD3 8RP
01874 636396

For a full list of Bed & Breakfast establishments, contact the HIVE

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is **LD3 7RA**

From the Severn Bridge, follow the M4 to junction 24, take the A449 north to Raglan, then the A40 via Abergavenny and Crickhowell to Brecon. Dering Lines is on the eastern outskirts of the town, Brigade HQ ½ mile further on. For other routes, contact the HIVE.

By rail/bus:

Rail to Abergavenny, then bus number X43 from Abergavenny bus station (some will pick up at the rail station, so ask the HIVE for a timetable).

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

Traveline Cymru – www.traveline-cymru.info/ for timetables, route planners, etc.

Taxis Brecon

Brecon Taxis Tel: 01874 623444
Captains Cabs Tel: 01874 625108
Taxi Taxi Tel: 01874 625522

Taxis Brynmawr

G&H Taxis Tel: 01495 315554
Morgans Taxis Tel: 01495 310734
Opel Taxis Tel: 01495 304900

Taxis Crickhowell:

Crickhowell Taxis Tel: 01873 810479
Town to Town Taxis Tel: 01873 812399

Taxis Sennybridge – As for Brecon or

Towy Taxi Tel: 0754 462 4411
Llangadog Taxis Tel: 01550 777924

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ:01874 613554 Mil: (9) 4351 2554

Station Dental Centre – enquiries via Medical Centre

Dependants:

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| Brecon Medical Group Practice Ty Henry Vaughan, Bridge Street, Llanfaes, Brecon LD3 8AH Tel: 01874 622121 www.breconmedicalgroup.co.uk | Brecon Medical Group Practice Sennybridge Health Centre, Defynnog Road, Sennybridge, Brecon LD3 8RU Tel: 01874 636559 |
| Crickhowell Group Practice War Memorial Health Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell NP8 1AG Tel: 01873 810255 | Blaen y Cwm Surgery Blaina Road, Brynmawr NP23 4PS Tel: 01495 312909 or Essendene Surgery 3-4 Worcester Street, Brynmawr NP23 4DE Tel: 01495 310217 |

Dental – Request current availability information from the HIVE

NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details). The Gwent Dental Helpline is 01633 488389.

The nearest hospital with Accident & Emergency cover is Nevill Hall Hospital, Brecon Road, Abergavenny NP7 7EG Tel: 01873 732732

Brecon War Memorial Hospital (Cerrigcochion Road, Brecon LD3 7NS - Tel: 01874 622443- Local health board website: www.powyslhb.wales.nhs.uk) and Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan (The Works, Ebbw Vale NP23 8XE – Tel: 01495 363636) deal with minor injuries only.

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.wales.nhs.uk .

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Pre-School/Nurseries

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| Buttons Nursery, Brecon LD3 7AS | Tel 01874 620170 |
| Puffins Nursery/Pre-School, Brecon LD3 7DW | Tel 01874 611615 |
| Families First, Llangors LD3 7UG | Tel 01874 658378 |
| Teeny Tots Day Nursery, Brecon LD3 9SW | Tel 01874 622337 |
| Mrs Puddleduck Day Nursery, Ebbw Vale NP23 5PP | Tel: 1495 306525 |
| Welsh Nursery School, Brynmawr NP23 4RD | Tel: 01495 310841 |
| Wiggly Giggly's Day Nursery, Ebbw Vale NP23 5AZ | Tel: 07854 953092 |
| Crickhowell Parent & Tot Group | Tel: 01873 810453 |
| Allsorts Playgroup, Crickhowell | Tel: 01873 810963 |

Primary schools

| Provider | Address | Miles from SFA | Tel No | Website/Info |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Mount Street Infants School | Rhosferig Road Brecon LD3 7NG | Various* | 01874 623038 | www.mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk |

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| Mount Street Junior School | Mount Street Brecon LD3 7HR | Various* | 01874 622262 | www.mountstreetj.powys.sch.uk |
| St Joseph's RC Primary School | Silver Street, Brecon LD3 8BL | Various* | 01874 624488 | www.st-josephs.powys.sch.uk |
| Priory CIW Primary School | Pendre Close, Brecon LD3 9EU | Various* | 01874 623549 | www.priory.powys.sch.uk |
| Llanfaes CP School | Beilihelig Road Brecon LD3 8EB | Various* | 01874 623326 | www.llanfaes.powys.sch.uk |
| Ysgol y Bannau (Welsh Language) | Penlan, Brecon LD3 9SR | Various* | 01874 622207 | www.bannau.powys.sch.uk |
| Ysgol Penmaes (SEN) | Canal Road Brecon LD3 7HL | Various* | 01874 623508 | www.penmaes.powys.sch.uk |
| Blaenycwm Primary School | Blaenafon Road Brynmawr NP23 4BR | 0.5 from Lakeside | 01495 313524 | www.blaenycwmprimary.co.uk |
| St Mary's RC Primary School | Catholic Road Brynmawr NP23 4EF | 0.05 from Lakeside | 01495 310596 | |
| St Mary's CIW Primary School | Intermediate Road, Brynmawr NP23 4SE | 0.8 from Lakeside | 01495 310525 | |
| Crickhowell CP School | Oakfield Drive Crickhowell NP8 1DY | 1 from Cwrt y Gollen | 01873 813500 | www.crickhowell.powys.sch.uk |
| Sennybridge CP School | Sennybridge Brecon LD3 8LS | 0.5 from SFA | 01874 636268 | www.sennybridge.powys.sch.uk |
| The Gollop – Independent Prep Dept | Llandovery College SA20 0EE | 20 from Brecon | 01550 7230050 | www.llandoverycollege.com |
| <p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask the HIVE for details once you have an address For information about out of school clubs, contact the HIVE</p> | | | | |

Secondary Schools

| Provider | Address | Miles From SFA | Telephone | Website/Info |
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| Brecon High School | Penlan Brecon LD3 9SR | Various, but not more than 2 miles | 01874 622361 | www.brecon-hs.powys.sch.uk |

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| Gwernyfed High School | Three Cocks Brecon D3 0SG | 12 miles from Brecon | 01497 847445 | www.gwernyfed-hs.powys.sch.uk |
| Crickhowell High School | New Road Crickhowell NP8 1AW | About 1 mile from Cwrt y Gollen | 01873 813500 | www.crickhowell-hs.powys.sch.uk |
| Brynmawr Comprehensive School | Intermediate Road Brynmawr NP23 4XT | 1.7 miles from Lakeside | 01495 310527 | www.brynmawrschool.co.uk |
| Christ College (Independent) | Llanfaes Brecon LD3 8AF | Various, but not more than 2 miles | 01874 615440 | www.christcollegebrecon.com |
| Llandovery College (Independent) | Llandovery SA20 0EE | 20 miles from Brecon | 01550 7230050 | www.llandoverycollege.com |

Applications for state school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Contact details for Powys County Council are: Tel - 01597 826455/826477/826449 Email - admissionsandtransport@powys.gov.uk and for Blaenau-Gwent: Tel 01495 311556 Email: education.department@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Contact Powys Children's Information Service for free advice and information on childcare and for a list of registered childminders – Tel: 0845 130 3637 or email cis@powys.gov.uk
Contact Blaenau Gwent Children's Information Service for free advice and information on childcare and for a list of registered childminders – Freephone 0800 032 3339 or Email : cis@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

School inspection reports may be accessed at www.estyn.gov.uk (the equivalent of Ofsted in Wales).

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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| These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 01874 613547 | | |
| | Mil | Civ |
| Army Welfare Service | 94351 2825 | 01874 613825 |
| Guard Room HQ 160 (W) Bde | 94351 2487 | 01874 613487 |
| Guardroom Inf Battle Sch | 94351 2520 | 01874 613520 |
| HIVE | 94351 2547 | 01874 613547 |
| Unit Welfare Office | 94351 2578 | 01874 613578 |
| Padre | - | 01874 711200 |

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