



Location Overview

JHC FS Aldergrove

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JHC FS Aldergrove, BFPO 808

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LOCAL AREA

Joint Helicopter Command Flying Station Aldergrove is approximately 6 miles from the town of Antrim. Antrim is located in the heart of Northern Ireland at the northeast corner of Lough Neagh, the largest freshwater lake in the British Isles. An excellent road network gives easy access to the main tourism attractions throughout NI. Antrim Borough is a scenically beautiful area with an abundance of forests, rivers, trails and woodlands. The Lough itself boasts an exceptional variety of wildlife and plants and its gentle beauty offers a unique tranquillity. For an activity-based holiday, some of the finest sporting and leisure activities in Northern Ireland are on offer. If times gone by interest you, then you will certainly not be disappointed by the variety of heritage sites. Or why not enjoy the ultimate shopping experience, and visit Northern Ireland's largest international outlet shopping centre, Junction One on the edge of Antrim Town.

A Map of the location is available at this link:

www.bing.com/maps or www.militmap.com

The postcode for JHC FS Aldergrove is BT29 4AX or BFPO 808

The local tourist information website is:

www.antrim.gov.uk or www.discovernorthernireland.com

UNIT OVERVIEW

38 Engineer Regiment

The Regiment moved from Massereene Barracks (Antrim) in November 2010 and is now permanently stationed at JHC FS Aldergrove. The Regiment is fully operational and consists of 3 Squadrons: 32 HQ & SP Squadron, 25 Fd Squadron and 11 Fd Squadron. The Regiment is also supported by a REME detachment.

5 Army Air Corps

There are 2 Squadrons: 651 Squadron and 665 Squadron. 651 fly the Islander twin-engined, fixed-wing surveillance aircraft; 665 fly the Gazelle helicopter. Their role is mainly surveillance based.

UNIT FACILITIES

The camp itself is split into 3 sections, A site (main), B site and C site. All married quarters and most welfare/family facilities are found on A site with B and C sites housing unit buildings and work places.

Aldergrove boasts many amenities including a gym, hobby centre, various sport and recreational clubs, swimming pool, cinema, library, interactive learning centre, barber, hairdressers, coffee shop, NAAFI bar and shop, gift shop, Mess facilities, and much more. The HIVE provides free internet, fax and photocopying service.

Spar NAAFI Shop on camp

Mon – Fri 0730 – 2200

Sat and Sun 1000 – 2200

Post Office (within the Spar Shop)

Mon – Thurs 0900 – 1200 and 1400 – 1700

Fri 0900 - 1300

Inspirations Gift Shop: Mon - Fri 1000 - 1600

Stocks a variety of gift products, glassware, candles, cards and jewellery.

The Coffee Shop: Mon - Fri 0900 - 1400

Situated behind the community centre, it offers a variety of hot and cold food and beverages.

The Varsity: Sun - Wed 1900 - 2230, Thu - Sat 1900 - 0100

This is the 5 Army Air Corps bar.

The Monty's: Sun - Wed 1900 - 2230, Thu - Sat 1900 - 0100

This is the 38 Engr Regt Bar.

WRVS: Mon - Thu 0930 -1330 and 1800 - 2200, Fri 0930 - 1330, Sun 1800 - 2200.

Facilities include pool table, tennis table, dart board, internet computers and printers, Wii console, TV and tea and coffee facilities. Tel: 028 9445 5074

BFBS NI: BFBS Radio (British Forces Broadcasting Service) is the global services broadcaster. In Northern Ireland there are broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week including local programmes coming from the studios in Lisburn. There are also special and 'bespoke' programmes broadcast from the studios in Aldergrove, Ballykinler and Holywood. There are link ups with studios in Afghanistan plus live programmes from the frontline. BFBS NI is also a registered centre for recording Storybook Soldier - contact HIVE or BFBS for further details. Tel: 02892 266688 (civ), 66688 (mil), e-mail: studio@bfbs.com, text: start your text with 'NI' and a space to 07740 377 377. Further details such as programme schedules can be found at www.bfbs.com/radio/stations/northern-ireland

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

JHC FS Aldergrove: Post code BT29 4AX

All 330 Service Families Accommodation is within the wire. All houses are close to welfare facilities, shops and most work offices. The majority of quarters in Aldergrove have oil-fired central heating as opposed to gas; the exception to this is the Slessor area.

To contact DIO visit the website at: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/>

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

For information regarding the single living accommodation please contact the following telephone numbers.

Junior Ranks service personnel	028 9442 1060
WOs' & Sgts' Mess	028 9445 5414
Officers' Mess	028 9445 5358

Local accommodation

Welfare/Contact Houses – There are 2 contact houses (2 and 3 bedrooms) available for hire - both are fully furnished, and inside the wire. These houses are administered and booked through the Station Welfare Office on: 028 9445 5213

Park Plaza

Belfast International Airport
BT29 4ZY Tel: 028 9445 7000
www.parkplazza.com/belfastuk

Guest House BallyRobin

144-146 BallyRobin Road
BT29 4EG Tel: 028 9442 2211
www.ballyrobin.com

Hilton Hotel

Castle Upton Estate
Templepatrick
BT39 0DD Tel: 028 9443 5500

www.hilton.co.uk/templepatrick

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is BT29 4AX. Please contact your unit prior to arriving in the Province. Most new arrivals are met at the airport by a unit representative.

Airports: Belfast International Airport (BIA) - situated next to Aldergrove Camp.

Tel: 0289 4484848. Belfast City Airport - situated close to the heart of Belfast (approx 30 mins drive from Aldergrove). Tel: 028 90939093

Taxi: Regency Cabs - based in Antrim. Tel: 028 94466666. Bridge Taxis - also based in Antrim. Tel: 028 94460666. NI Garrison Security Awareness Site contains details of out of bounds firms, however there is no such thing as a cleared taxi firm. **London-style taxis/hackney cabs (black or any colour) must not be used.**

Motoring: On arrival In Northern Ireland, you **must** register your Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) with the Drivers Vehicle Agency Northern Ireland (DVA NI) if you will be staying for a period of twelve months or more. **This is a legal requirement.** There is no legal requirement to change to Northern Ireland number plates, but if you would like further advice on this issue then contact the Centralised Risk Assessment Cell on 028 92263601. The purchase of registration plates is an individual responsibility. A list of DVA (NI) authorised outlets is available from the DVA offices.

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 028 9445 5419 Mil: (9) 491 30419

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 028 9445 5410 Mil: (9) 491 30410

Dependants:

Medical - Although Service personnel are automatically registered at the Aldergrove Health Centre, this is not the case for families who have a choice to register either at the Aldergrove Health Centre (where the majority do register) or an external NHS practice. In either case, the families should register promptly as medical records may take 2 to 3 months to arrive. Following registration, adults will be given a health questionnaire to complete and will be offered a Health Check by the Practice Nurse.

Dental – Dependants must use external Dental Centres. The HIVE and Dental Centre hold a full list of Dental Practices in the area but not all take on NHS patients. Currently the 2 closest practices taking on NHS patients are:

Crumlin Dental Practice
18 Main Street, Crumlin
Tel: 028 9445 3413

Antrim Dentists
26 Church St, BT 41 1BA
Tel: 028 9446 3234

If you are not registered with a dentist and have an emergency dental problem, Belfast City Hospital has an “open door” at various times throughout the day. You must call their automated number to find out timings as they change daily. The number to call is: 028 90263992. The hospital is located on Lisburn Rd, Belfast, BT9 7AB and the main reception telephone number for the hospital is 028 90329241

The nearest hospital is: Antrim Area Hospital
Bush Road
Antrim
BT41 2RL
Tel: 028 9442 4000

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

In Northern Ireland there are no catchment areas and under the open enrolment arrangements that exist parents are able to express a preference for the schools they wish their child to attend. However there are strict rules in relation to transport assistance and parents must consider these rules when choosing a suitable school. Transport assistance rules are available on the Education and Library Board websites.

Contact the HIVE for a full list of Schools.

The North-Eastern Education and Library Board, tel 028 2565 3333, www.neelb.org.uk

Inspection reports for all schools can be found on www.deni.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 028 9445 5595		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	(9) 491 66371	028 9226 6371
Guard Room	(9) 491 30119	028 9445 5119
HIVE	(9) 491 30595	028 9445 5595
Padre		07824607683
Housing Help desk		0800 169 6322
38 Unit Welfare Office	(9) 491	028 9445 5045
5 AAC Welfare office	(9) 491	028 9445 5042
Centralised Risk Assessment Cell		02892263601

SECURITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Since the end of Op BANNER, life in Northern Ireland for Service personnel and their families has improved considerably. However, the unique situation in Northern Ireland means that the military community must pay particular attention to their personal safety. This can be achieved by following a number of measures.

Information on these measures can be obtained by attending a security brief on arrival in Northern Ireland. Service personnel are to receive the Northern Ireland Induction Brief from their unit within 48 hours. A security brief is also available for all families on arrival at Aldergrove Station. This takes place on a month basis; please contact the HIVE for the date and timing of the next brief.

There are many ways to receive up to date security information.

- The Northern Ireland Garrison Security Awareness website is available via DII on the intranet at www.ni_sy_aware.dii.r.mil.uk. Unit welfare staff can access this site on behalf of dependants.
- Sign up to your Unit's Text Messaging System via your welfare office and receive information via your mobile phone.
- Call the Northern Ireland Garrison Support Unit Security Awareness Helpline on 028
- If you require specific security advice, for example about out of bound areas, then call the team at the Centralised Risk Assessment Cell on 028 92263601.
- Information about out of bound areas can also be obtained from the Northern Ireland Security Guard Service at the main entry point to camp.

Before arriving in Northern Ireland contact your unit for up to date information about both the current security situation and how to travel to your new unit.

If you are at all unsure about how to obtain information on security in Northern Ireland then call any of the Northern Ireland HIVEs or your Unit Welfare Office

HIVE cannot accept liability for the accuracy of information provided by external agencies nor does the inclusion of this information endorse the quality or reliability of goods and services displayed. Please ensure that you access the NI Garrison security awareness site on the NI Intranet, your Unit Welfare Office or the Centralised Risk Assessment Cell on 0289 226 3601 for latest details on any restrictions.

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