

# **Location Overview**

# Wimbish

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#### Wimbish HIVE

7 Rowney Avenue, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 2YB.

Tel: Civ – 01223 203772 Mil – (9) 4659 3772 E: wimbishhive@armymail.mod.uk Opening hours: Mon to Fri 08.30 to 13.30

#### **LOCAL AREA**

Wimbish Station is approximately 4 miles from the Town of Saffron Walden and approximately 9 miles from Bishop Stortford. 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://classic.multimap.com/maps/?qs=cb10+2ya&countryCode=GB

The postcode for Wimbish Station is CB10 2YA

The nearest major road, the A1301, will take you to the M11 to all points north/south.

The Saffron Walden tourist information website is: http://www.visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk/

The link to Wimbish town centre is http://www.wimbish.org.uk

# **UNIT OVERVIEW**

**33 Engineer Regiment (EOD)** consists of 49 Fd Sqn (EOD), 58 Fd Sqn (EOD) and 61 Fd Sqn (EOD) based at Woodbridge.

**101 Engineer Regiment (EOD)** consists of 17 Fd Sqn (EOD), 21 Fd Sqn (EOD) and 22 Fd Sqn (EOD). 22 HQ & Support Squadron (EOD), 217 Field Squadron (EOD) (V) based at Catford / Rochester and 579 Field Squadron (EOD) (V) based at Tunbridge Wells / Reigate / Brighton

http://www.army.mod.uk/royalengineers/units/860.aspx

http://www.army.mod.uk/royalengineers/units/840.aspx

http://www.armv.mod.uk/rovalengineers/units/852.aspx

#### **UNIT FACILITIES**

Wimbish station provides a wide variety of amenities including a multi gym, squash courts, tennis courts, mobile library, education centre, clay pigeon shooting club and a boxing club. The Village Hall/Community Centre incorporates a TV lounge with table games and fully equipped kitchen. In addition, it hosts various activities such as Bedazzle drama group, Youth Club, Unplugged-play, Tiny Tunes and Mums & Tots. The Centre can be booked for parties and events. The Village Square is the hub of the community and it is here that you will find the Spar Shop, Busy Bees Childcare Centre, ALC, the Unit Welfare Officer and HIVE.

**Aramark** provide PAYD-**Redwing Diner** 

MACE Shop

Breakfast:0630-0800 Lunch: 1130-1315 Dinner: 1630-1800 Mon-Fri 0800-2000 Sat & Sun 1000-1800

Post office (within the MACE Shop)

Mon to Fri 09.30-13.30

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

# **Service Families Accommodation (SFA)**

Wimbish Station: Post Code CB10 2YA.

225 SFA – 36 SNCO', 22 Officers' & 340 Soldiers'. All are located on camp and the SFA are

adjacent to camp.

Wethersfield: Post Code CM7 4AZ

34 SFA. Wethersfield 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: <u>DIOOpsAccn-HASCTeam2@mod.uk</u>

## Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Junior rank service personnel should contact the Regt SQMS for information on Single Living Accommodation. Civ: 01223 20 (then extension) Mil: (9) 4659 (then extension)

33 Engineer Reg (EOD) 101 Engineer Reg (EOD)

49 Fd Sqn 3639 17 Fd Sqn 5513 58 Fd Sqn 3725 21 Fd Sqn 3717 61 Fd Sqn 01394 462497 22 Fd Sqn 3677

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

**Officers' Mess** Civ: 01223 203686 Mil: (9) 4659 3686 **WOs' & Sgts Mess** Civ: 01223 205515 Mil: (9) 4659 5515

#### Local accommodation

**Contact House** – The Unit Welfare Department administers the Contact House at Wimbish. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning 01223 203698

# **Newdegate House**

Howlett Cottage, Howlett End, Wimbish, Saffron Walden CB10 2XW

Tel: 01799 599748

1 Mile from Wimbish Station http://www.newdegate.co.uk/

#### **Warners Farm**

Top Road, Wimbish Green, Saffron Walden, CB10 2XJ

Tel: 01799 599525

2 miles from Wimbish Station www.warnersfarm.co.uk

#### **TRAVEL**

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is CB10 2YA

# Approaching on the M11

- Exit M11 J9
- Exit onto A1301 (J9A)
- At roundabout take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto A1301
- At roundabout take 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Walden Road (B184)
- Pass through two roundabouts remaining on B184
- Continue onto High Street (B1052)
- Turn left onto Debden Road
- Continue on Debden Road then left into Water Lane
- Then left for Carver Barracks.

**By train:** Audley End station is the mainline station for Wimbish Station and is about 4 miles away. Newport Station is slightly closer but only selected trains stop at this station.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit <a href="http://www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com">www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com</a>

**Taxi:** available outside the train station or at the following: Dial A Cab Taxis–07798 520018. Diamond Cars–01799 542001.

Thaxted Cars - 07511 154841

## **HEALTHCARE**

# **Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ:01223 203679 Mil: (9) 4659 3679

Station Dental Centre - Civ:01223 203680 Mil: (9) 4659 3680

# Dependents:

**Medical** - Thaxted Health Centre is the closest doctor's surgery to Wimbish Station. The practice is open Monday to Friday. Tel: 01371 830213.

**Dental** – The nearest NHS dental provider can be found within Saffron Walden Community Hospital on 01799 562832.

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

The nearest hospital is Addenbrookes, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 0QQ. Tel 01223 245151

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**

**Busy Bees Childcare Centre** (2-5yrs). Tel: 01799 523542 Located at Carver Barracks.

**Debden C of E Primary** (3-9 yrs), Tel: 01799 540302

Approximately a mile and a half from Wimbish.

Free transport is provided to take to and from school booked through Essex County Council on 0845 603 2200.

http://www.debden.essex.sch.uk/

**Newport Free Grammar School** (13-18 yrs), Tel: 01799 540237. Approximately 4 miles from Wimbish. <a href="http://www.nfgs.essex.sch.uk/">http://www.nfgs.essex.sch.uk/</a>

Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA).
The LEA for Wattisham is Southern Area LEA, St Edmunds House, Rope Walk, Ipswich, IP4
1LZ Tel: 01473 584776

http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdmissionsToSchools/Listing.htm

• Ofsted reports can be accessed at 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 01223 203772		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94658 4431	01223 204431
Guard Room	94659 3617	01223 203617
HIVE	94659 3772	01223 203772
Padre		01799 520408
Unit Welfare Officer 101 Eng Reg (EOD)		01799 522395
Unit Welfare NCO 101 Eng Reg (EOD)		01799 523221
Unit Welfare Officer 33 Eng Reg		01799 526774
(EOD)		
Unit Welfare NCO 33 Eng Reg (EOD)		01799 520389
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The HIVE holds additional information and will research information for you if you need further help or guidance.