



Location Overview

Thorney Island and Chichester

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Thorney Island HIVE

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LOCAL AREA

Thorney is an Island which juts into Chichester Harbour in West Sussex. It is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel called the Great Deep. The old village of West Thorney lies on the East coast of the Island and is incorporated into the military base.

A public footpath, part of the Sussex border path, encircles the Island. The Southern part of the Island is accessed by security controlled sluice gates and public access to this area is limited to the coastal path and the church of St Nicholas at West Thorney. The harbour is a bird sanctuary and the island has various sites of special scientific interest. The Island has a large area of sandy beach which is easily accessible.

The nearest village is Emsworth, a historic market town approximately 2 away. Havant is 5 miles from Baker Barracks and is the closest large town with all the associated major facilities including a leisure centre with swimming pool and major supermarkets and mainline station. The nearest cities are Chichester and Portsmouth (both 10 miles). From Portsmouth the ferry port operates to the Isle of Wight, France and Spain daily. Southampton is 30 minutes westwards.

A map of the location is available at:

www.uk.multimap.co.uk/world/GB/England/Hampshire/Emsworth

The local tourist information centre is in Havant. Telephone 02392 467111

www.visithavant.co.uk

Chichester

The Cathedral City of Chichester lies on the plain between the South Downs and the sea with routes diverging north to Winchester and along the coast, both east and west. The present city of Chichester was built on the site of the capital of Cogidubnus, the King of the Regneses and an ally of the Romans.

Chichester has excellent theatres the Festival and Minerva which provide all year round entertainment with the renowned Summer Festival and winter programme. It has many of the familiar high street stores plus many independent small shops located off the centre square forming a cross of North South East and West streets. There are several car parks around the city. A market is held every Wednesday and Saturday in the main car park.

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UNIT OVERVIEW

Baker Barracks, Thorney Island is home to 12 Regt RA & 47 Regt RA.

12 Regt RA is the army's only close air defence Regt and is equipped with the High Velocity Missile System (HVM) which includes both Light Weight Multiple Launcher (LML) and self Propelled Variants (SP). The Regt also provides the army's battle space management capability. The Regiment is made up of 3 equipment Batteries (9 Plassey, 12 Minden, 58 Eyres) and T (HQ) Bty.

47 Regt RA has recently re-rolled from a close air defence (CAD) Regt to an Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) Regt. The Regt provides real time footage of the battlefield using unmanned air vehicles. The Regt is made up of 2 equipment Batteries (10 Assay, 21 Gibraltar), and a HQ Bty (31).

Both Regiments are supported by co-located but individual workshops. 63 Signals Squadron (V) is also located on the Island.

12 Regt personnel deploy as Individual Augmentees in support of operations. The unit also takes part in Exercise Medman in Canada. 47 Regt deploys on an 18 month cycle in support of OP-Herrick. Exercises are conducted in the USA, Canada and UK flying Unmanned Air Vehicles.

UNIT FACILITIES

The facilities and amenities on the island include a crèche, Kindergarten, Primary School, stables, Saddle Club, St Nicholas Church, JNCO Bar, hairdressers, beauty salon, youth cadets, youth group, RA Yacht Club and water sports centre, Army Learning Centre, gymnasium, go kart track, Spar shop, mums' and tots' group.

Aramark provide PAYD

Monday-Friday

Breakfast: 07:00 – 07:45hrs

Lunch: 12:30 – 13:30hrs

Dinner: 16:45 – 17:45hrs

Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast: 08:00 – 09:00hrs

Lunch: 10:30 – 13:30hrs

Dinner: 16:45 – 17:15hrs

Spar Shop

The Spar is located opposite the gym and provides hot snacks, newspapers and general groceries. There is also a Link cash machine inside the shop.

Opening hrs

Mon – Thur: 07:30 – 21:00hrs

Fri: 07:30 – 19:00hrs

Sat & Sun 09:00 - 16:00hrs

Tel: 01243374071

Learning Centre

The RACPD is the Royal Artillery Centre for Personal Development. The centre offers computer based courses in a variety of subjects including maths and English. The centre is open to soldiers and dependants. The Learning Centre is located next to the NAAFI. Opening hrs are Mon-Wed 08:30 -16:30hrs, Thurs 08:30 - 21:00hrs and Fri 08:30 -12:00hrs. For more information contact 01243 388298 or visit www.racpd.org.uk/racpd-index.html

Community Centre

The Community Centre accommodates the HIVE Information Support Officer (HISO), Community Development Worker (CDW) and the HUB.

The HISO provides Service Personnel and their dependants and the chain of command within both regiments with up to date and relevant information.

The CDW runs the Youth Group twice a week in the community centre and other activities throughout the week. For more information about the CDW's programme of events contact the CDW on 01243 388859.

The HUB serves hot and cold food from 09:00 – 14:00hrs Mon-Fri. Telephone orders are taken on 01243 388878.

The Community Centre provides access to 2 computers with internet access. There is also wifi connection. Mums' and Tots' group runs every Wednesday from 09:30 – 10:30 hrs in the gymnasium. Refreshment is then provided by the Hub in the Community Centre for the children.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Thorney Island, Baker Barracks: Post code PO10 8DH
254 SFA – 231 Soldiers' & 23 Officers'

Chichester, Rousillon Barracks: Postcode PO19 6BN
53 SFA – 24 houses, 21 flats Soldiers' and 8 Officers'

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

There are nine blocks for junior ranks totalling 423 rooms. 221 rooms are available for 47 Regiment personnel and 202 rooms for 12 Regiment personnel. Block 74 (totalling 48 rooms) has been part of project SLAM. All rooms are assigned to the soldier on arrival by their sub unit BQMS

Junior rank service personnel should contact their respective Accommodation Sgts for information on Single Living Accommodation.

47 Regt – Tel: Civ - 01243 388850 Mil - 94295 8850

12 Regt – Tel: Civ - 01243 388348 Mil - 94295 8348

Local accommodation

The nearest Army Welfare Service Contact House is at Rowner in Gosport which is 10 minutes from the M27 and close to local amenities.

To check availability and to make a booking contact tel: 02392 528235.

Premier Travel Inn

Chichester Gate, Leisure Park,
Terminus Road, Chichester, PO19 8SQ
Tel: 0871 527 8242
www.premierinn.com

The Brookfield Hotel

93 Havant Road, Emsworth,
PO10 7LF 15% Forces Discount
Tel: 01243 37 3363
www.brookfieldhotel.co.uk

Crown Hotel

8 High Street, Emsworth, PO10 7AW
 Tel: 01243 37 2806
www.thecrownemsworth.com

High Towers

Portsdown Hill Road, Havant PO9 3JY
 Tel: 02392 47 1748
www.hightowers.co.uk

Jingles Hotel

73/77 Horndean Road, Emsworth
 PO10 7PU
 Tel: 01243 373755
www.jingleshotel.co.uk

The Beach House

Rookwood Road,
 Chichester,
 PO20 8LT
 Tel: 01243 514 800
www.beachhse.co.uk

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Thorney Island is PO10 8DH

Approaching on the M3

- Join M27 at Junction 14
- Continue for 20 miles on to A27
- Continue a further 8 miles and take the A259 towards Emsworth
- At round about take 3rd exit
- At 2nd round about take 2nd exit continue approx 1 mile
- At Emsworth round about take 2nd exit continuing along A259
- After ½ mile (just after The Sussex Brewery) turn right into Thorney Road
- Continue approx 1 mile to the gate post

By bus – The Emsworth and District Motor Services No 11 bus connects Thorney Island and Chichester. For more information contact 01243 378337 or visit www.emsworthanddistrict.co.uk

A two hourly bus service connects Thorney Island with Emsworth, Havant and Chichester. There is a bus station in Chichester on Stockbridge Road, Southgate, PO19 8DL, approximately 1 mile from Rousillon Barracks.

By train: Havant mainline station, 5 miles from Thorney Island, offers the most frequent connection to London Waterloo and Southampton Stations. Emsworth Station is closer to the Island but operates a less frequent service. From Chichester Station (Stockbridge Rd) there is a direct train to Emsworth and Havant with further connections available to Portsmouth, Southampton and London Waterloo.

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

Taxi: Taxis are available outside Havant station or can be pre-booked:

Havant Cabs 02392 47444 / Swift Cars 02392 471666 / Premier Cars 01243 370370
 Chichester Elite Cars 01243 778855 / Central Cars 0800 789432 / City Cars 0800 012 6939

HEALTHCARE**Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01243 388 273 Mil: 94295 8273

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01243 388 274 Mil: 94295 8274

Dependants – Thorney Island:

- Medical – The closest Medical Centre is The Emsworth Health Centre, 6 North

Street, Emsworth. Tel: 0844 477 8723. For emergency call out Tel: 01243 372132

- The nearest hospital is Queen Alexandra Hospital, Southwick Hill Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO6 3LY Tel: 02392 286 000

Dependants - Chichester:

- Medical – The closest medical centre is, PJD Whittaker & Partners, 8 Lavant Road, Chichester, PO19 5RHTel: 01243 52 7264
- The nearest hospital is St Richards, Spitfield Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6SE, Tel: 01243 788 122

There are limited NHS Dentists. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care. 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

Thorney Island Nursery (3 months - 4 years) Located on Thorney Island 01243 388 879.

Thorney Island C.P School (4 -11 years) Located on Thorney Island.
Tel: 01243 371 317. www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk

Bourne Community College, (11-16 years) Approximately 4 miles from Thorney Island.
Tel: 01243 375691. Email: office@bourne.org.uk www.bourne.org.uk

Bishop Luffa School (Aided) (11-18 years) Approximately 10 miles from Thorney Island.
Tel: 01243 787 741. Email: webadmin@bishopluffa.org.uk www.bishopluffa.org.uk

Lavant C.E. Primary School , (4-11 years) Approximately 1.5 miles from Rousillon Barracks, Tel: 01243 375691. Email: office@bourne.org.uk www.bourne.org.uk

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Education Services, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1R Tel: 01243 777 100 www.westsussex.gov.uk
- 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

	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94271 2694	01962 886 989
Guard Room	94295 8275	01243 388 275
HIVE	94295 8308	01243 388 308
Padre		01243 379 074
Welfare 47 Regiment		01243 377 606
Welfare 12 Regiment	94295 8250	01243 388 250
Gate Post	94295 8269	01243 388 269

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