



Location Overview

Army Foundation College Harrogate

www.mod.uk/hive

Harrogate HIVE,

AFC Jubilee Centre, Hildebrand Barracks, Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate HG3 2SE

Tel: Civ – 01423 567012 E: harrogatehive@armymail.mod.uk

www.harrogatehive.blogspot.com

LOCAL AREA

The Army Foundation College (AFC), only 2 miles from Harrogate, is on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. Harrogate itself is both cosmopolitan and elegant and has a great mixture of shopping, wining and dining combined with a heritage as a famous spa town with grand historic houses and castles, turkish baths and abbey ruins.

A map of the location is available at this link:

<http://www.bing.com/maps/?v=2&where1=HG3%20SE>

Further local area information can be accessed via the following website:

www.harrogate.gov.uk

UNIT OVERVIEW

The Army Foundation College is located in North Yorkshire close to the market town of Harrogate and conveniently placed for Leeds and York. The Army Foundation College at Harrogate (AFC(H)) trains future soldiers from a wide variety of cap badges. If you are a school leaver aged between 16 and 17 years and one month of age on joining, the AFC(H) offers a unique opportunity to learn as you earn. Through first class military training and vocational education, junior soldiers gain the soldiering skills needed in the modern Army and to get a head start in a challenging and fulfilling career

www.army.mod.uk/training_education/training/7127.aspx

UNIT FACILITIES

Both Uniacke (AFC) and Hildebrand Barracks (Families) have their own HIVEs where you can find information on all the Unit facilities. There is one HIVE office located in the Jubilee Centre, which caters mainly for the families. The other HIVE office is located in the WRVS Centre, catering for the Junior Soldiers and Single Unaccompanied Permanent Staff. Including a gymnasium (open to all), swimming pool (open to all), Learn Direct Centre, pre-school/crèche and a community centre/. There are a variety of community activities including: Mums and Toddlers, youth clubs (from 4 years and over) , Jujitsu, Pilates, Guides and Brownies.

The Camp is fully equipped with a WRVS facility for Junior Soldiers and single unaccompanied Permanent Staff where you can access the internet watch films or just sit and relax. There is also a Junior Soldiers Club. The college has a Spar Shop a Sandes Café, open for both Junior Soldiers and Permanent staff and their families and a Costa Coffee, which is open to the Permanent staff and their families only. There is also a barbers shop, library, Learn Direct Centre and 2 cash point machines.

ESS provides PAYD (in operation for Permanent Staff only- junior soldiers pay food and accommodation charges in lieu of PAYD).

Breakfast: 0630-0800

Lunch: 1230-1400

Dinner: 1700-1900

SANDES coffee shop

0830-1400

1730-2030

Mon-Fri (term time only)

Spar Shop

Mon-Fri 0730-2200

Sat&Sun 1000-2200

WRVS

Recently refurbished incorporating a TV lounge, pool table, Table tennis, air hockey, games area, coffee/tea making facilities, reading area and 6 internet computers.

Mon-Fri 1000-2200

Sat & Sun 1700-2200

Junior Ranks Club

Mon-Fri 1800-2200

Sat & Sun 1300-2200

There is a separate Junior Soldiers club located in J Block which is also open during the hours shown above.

Costa Coffee

Mon – Fri 0900-1500 (term time only)

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

There are 136 quarters at the Army Foundation College, comprising accommodation ranging from 2 to 5 bedrooms.

123 of these are situated opposite the college but outside the wire on Burley Avenue, Burley Bank Close and Oak Avenue. These SFA are maintained by PPP Infrastructure Management Ltd. All repairs/faults for these SFA should be reported to the PPPML helpdesk on 01423 813376.

The remaining 13 quarters are situated in Central Harrogate approximately 3.5 miles from the Unit at Hilltop Drive (HG1 3BU) and Hilltop Walk (HG1 3BX). The SFA accommodation at Hilltop Drive and Hilltop Walk are maintained by the MOD contractor Modern Housing Solutions, MHS. For all repairs/faults relating to housing at this location please call 0800 707 6000.

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Information on accommodation for junior soldiers is provided at the induction phase. Permanent staff Mess information is available from the QM on 01423 813249.

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

Officers' Mess Civ: 01423 813276 Mil: (9) 4773 4276
WO's & Sgts' Mess Civ: 01423 813396 Mil: (9) 4773 4396

Local accommodation

There is currently no contact house available at the AFC. The nearest location with a contact house available is Ripon. Contact 01765 632326 for further details. Information about accommodation in local area can be accessed on the Harrogate Tourism Website.

Ripon contact house 01765 632326
Harrogate Accommodation www.harrogate.gov.uk

The Cedar Court Hotel	Holiday Inn
Park Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5AH	King's Road, Harrogate HG1 1XX
Tel: 0845 373 0948	Tel: 0870 4431761
www.bestwestern.co.uk	www.holidayinn.com

St George Hotel	Cairn Hotel
1 Ripon Road	Ripon Road
HG1 2SY	Harrogate HG1 2JD
Tel: 01423 561431	Tel: 01423 504005
www.coastandcountryhotels.co.uk	www.strathmorehotels.com/Cairn+Hotel/Home/

TRAVEL

By Car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is HG3 2SE

By Road: The camp is situated 2 miles out of Harrogate just off the A59 and is very well sign posted.

Bus: Bus Station, 20 A Station Parade (next to train station) **01423 566061**
X59 (most frequent) bus service runs from families' quarters and college entrance
Service No. 112 Penny Pot circular service runs from Penny Pot camp. No service on
Sundays or Bank Holiday Mondays. Timetables available from the HIVE office
National Express: 08717 818181

By train: There is a train station in the centre of Harrogate. Timetables are available from the HIVE.

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

Taxi: There are 2 Taxi ranks outside the camp, the main Taxis that are used are
Blueline **01423 530830** Mainline **01423 555555** and Central Cars **01423 505050**

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - **Civ:** 01423 813447. **Mil:** (9) 4773 ext 4447

Station Dental Centre - **Civ:** 01423 813381. **Mil:** (9) 4773 ext 4381

Dependants:

Medical - Jennyfields or Killinghall Health Centres are the closest to the AFC and are open from Monday to Friday:

- Jennyfields Health Centre Tel: 01423 524605
- Killinghall Health Centre Tel: 01423 505828

Dental – There are limited NHS dentists. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing emergency dental care out of hours (see below for contact details). It is possible to apply for an NHS dental place by registering on the waiting list. Tel 01904 724107.

The HIVE holds a list of local medical and dental practices.

The nearest hospital is Harrogate District Hospital, Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate
HG2 7SX. Tel: 01423 885959
www.hdft.nhs.uk

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

Penny Pot Pre-school & Crèche (3 months to 5 yrs) Tel: 01423 501460

Located at the Jubilee Centre, Hildebrand Barracks.

New Park County Primary (3 to 11 yrs) Tel: 01423 503011

Email: admin@new-park.n.yorks.sch.uk

Catchment primary school for SFA addresses at the Hildebrand/Uniacke site. A school bus is available (upon payment and subject to available places)

Bilton Grange Community Primary School (3 to 11 yrs) Tel: 01423 502375

Email: admin@biltongrange.nyorks.sch.uk

Catchment primary school for Hilltop Drive and Hilltop Walk SFA. This school is under half a mile from the SFA locations.

The schools listed below are the catchment high schools for all SFA. There is access to county funded transport from some SFA addresses. For details of eligibility contact the LEA.

Harrogate High (11 – 18 yrs) Tel: 01423 548800

Email: admin@harrogatehs.com Website: www.harrogatehs.com

Rossett School (11 – 18 yrs) Tel: 01423 564444

Email: office@rossett.n-yorks.sch.uk Website: www.rossett.n-yorks.sch.uk

Harrogate Grammar (11- 18 yrs) Tel: 01423 531127

Email: admin@hgs.n-yorks.sch.uk Website: www.hgs.n-yorks.sch.uk

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Harrogate LEA Admissions Tel: 0845 0349420. Online applications can be submitted via the North Yorkshire County Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/education.

- 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 01423 567012		
	Mil	Civ
Unit Welfare Officer	(9)4773 4442	01423 813442
Guard Room	(9)4773 4248	01423 813248
HIVE	(9)4773 4105	01423 567012
Padre	(9)4773 4260	01423 813260
Unit Families Officer	(9)4773 4346	01423 813346
Police at AFC	(9)4773 4431	01423 813431
Army Welfare Service		01904 662177
WRVS	(9)4773 4210	01423 813210

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