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Marchwood HIVE publishes a blog providing local and military community information for the Marchwood and Thorney Island areas. You can access the blog at www.marchwoodhive.blogspot.com

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 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 miles 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 a mainline station. The nearest cities are Chichester and Portsmouth (both 10 miles away). From Portsmouth, the ferry port operates to the Isle of Wight, France and Spain daily. Southampton is 30 minutes westwards.

The local tourist information centre is in Hayling Island. Central Beachlands, 7 Seafront, Hayling Island PO11 OAG. Tel: 023 9246 7111 Fax: 023 9246 5626
Email: tourism@havant.gov.uk

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.

UNIT OVERVIEW

Baker Barracks, Thorney Island is home to 12 Regt RA and 16 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 Regiment is made up of 4 equipment Batteries (9 Plassey, 12 Air Assault Minden, 58 Eyres, T Bty and 170 HQ Imjin Bty). 12 Air Assault Minden Bty provides the Close Air Defence capability to 16 Air Assault Brigade.

16 Regt RA is the Army's only Short Range Air Defence (SHORAD) Regt and is equipped with Rapier which is a towed Surface to Air Missile System and LEAPP which is a Radar enabled system that provides enhanced airspace situational awareness to Army ground formations. The Regiment is made up of 5 equipment Batteries and a Headquarter Battery; 11 Sphinx, 14 Cole's Kop, 30 Roger's Coy, 32 Minden and 49 Bty and 20 HQ Bty. 16 Regt RA are based out of Thorney Island but have 2 Batteries in North Luffenham and a standing operational commitment to provide SHORAD in the Falkland Islands.

42 Air Defence Support Battery (Alem Hamza) RA is the administrative and logistic hub for all Station matters on Thorney Island. It was created under the new Army 2020 structures to support Joint Ground Based Air Defence Headquarters and its Units. It consists of approximately 200 people

UNIT FACILITIES

The facilities and amenities on the island include a nursery, primary school, stables, the Saddle Club, St Nicholas Church, barbers, youth cadets, RA Yacht Club and water sports centre, Army Learning Centre, gymnasium, Premier shop, parents and tots group, Sure Start stay & play and children's health visitor.

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

Local shop

The Premier shop 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 barbers. Opening hours are Mon-Wed 08:30 -16:30hrs, Thurs 08:30 - 21:00hrs and Fri 08:30 - 12:00hrs. For more information Tel: 01243 388298 or visit www.racpd.org.uk/racpd-index.html

Community Centre

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

The HISO provides up to date and relevant information support to all the military community on the Island.

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

The Community Centre has two computers available for families to use. Wi-Fi internet connection is provided.

For a full timetable of what's on Thorney Island ask HIVE.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Information on entitlements, applications, and the move-in / move-out processes for Service Families Accommodation can be found at [CARILLIONAMEY](#)

There are a number of CarillionAmey customer service centres throughout the UK. These offices provide you with the opportunity to discuss any issues about services provided by CarillionAmey face-to-face.

To find your nearest customer service centre either contact the CarillionAmey Helpdesk on 0800 707 6000 or access the following link [SERVICE CENTRES](#)

Thorney Island, Baker Barracks: Post code PO10 8DH
254 SFA – 23 Officers and 231 Other Ranks

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

Link Sources

[CARILLIONAMEY](#)

www.carillionamey.co.uk

[SERVICE CENTRES](#)

<http://www.carillionamey.co.uk/service-family-accommodation/contact-us/local-customer-service-centres.aspx>

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

There are nine blocks for Junior Ranks totalling 423 rooms. 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 Ranks should contact their respective Accommodation Sergeants for information on Single Living Accommodation.

12 Regt RA: Civ - 01243 388348 Mil - 94295 8348

16 Regt RA: Civ- 01243 388713 Mil- 94295 7713

Local Accommodation

The Welfare team has a flat on camp available for families to hire. Fully furnished. Call 01243 388250 to book.

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

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

The Brookfield Hotel

93 Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7LF
15% Forces Discount
Tel: 01243 37 3363
www.brookfieldhotel.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 4
- 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: There is currently no bus service running to and from Thorney Island. Only secondary school transport.

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: Medical and Dental care for serving personnel is provided by the Unit/Garrison/Station medical centre.

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01243 388273 Mil: 94295 8273

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01243 388274 Mil: 94295 8274

Dependants: Dependants' medical care is provided by NHS GP practices. Details of all GP practices in the area can be found at [NHS SERVICES](#) Details of how to register with a GP are available at this link [REGISTER WITH A GP](#)

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 5RH. Tel: 01243 52 7264
- The nearest hospital is St Richards, Spitfield Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6SE. Tel: 01243 788 122

A 24hr NHS advice line is available by dialling 111

Link Sources

NHS SERVICES	http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories
REGISTER WITH A GP	http://www.nhs.uk/chq/Pages/1095.aspx?CategoryID=68&SubCategoryID=158

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Information on all schools in this area can be found at this link: [SCHOOLSFINDER](#) This provides a postcode search facility giving full details of local Sure Start Children's Centres, Schools, links to school websites and Ofsted reports.

To apply for a school place online, go to [ADMISSIONS/APPLY](#) and select 'Apply for A School Place' then follow the primary school or secondary school links and type in your postcode. You'll then be taken to the relevant page on your local authority's website. A paper form is available by selecting the 'Contact your Local Authority' link.

The Local Education Authority (LEA) is West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1R Tel: 01243 777 100 www.westsussex.gov.uk

To find registered childminders, after school and holiday clubs, information on early years education and local family support see this link [FIND CHILDCARE INFORMATION](#)

The Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS) is part of The Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP), the Ministry of Defence focal point for all matters relating to Service children and young people. If your child has special educational needs you are advised to contact CEAS to register with them. Information is available at this link [CEAS](#)

Link Sources

SCHOOLSFINDER	http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/schoolsfinder
ADMISSIONS/APPLY	https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/applying
FIND CHILDCARE INFORMATION	https://www.gov.uk/find-registered-childminder
CEAS	http://www.gov.uk/childrens-education-advisory-service

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	94777 3054	01904 882054

Guard Room	94295 8275	01243 388 275
HIVE	94295 8308	01243 388 308
Welfare Team	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.

Each HIVE provides local information sheets on the following topics:

- Accommodation
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Local Community Information

Information sheets can be obtained from all HIVE and contact details are available at www.army.mod.uk/hives

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