

Shorncliffe HIVE

Shorncliffe Community Centre, Mackenzie Drive, Folkestone, CT20 3LR

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Opening hours: 09:00 - 13:00 hrs Mon-Fri

LOCAL AREA

Shorncliffe is situated near Folkestone in the South East of Kent. It lies in the Shepway District. It is close to the continent, with the coast of France being visible across the Straits of Dover. Landmarks include the Harbour and the white horse that is carved above the Channel Tunnel terminal.

Folkestone is at the eastern end of the M20 which provides fast access to Ashford, Maidstone, London and the M25.

The Eurotunnel which is accessible from Shorncliffe in 5 minutes, links Folkestone to Calais, France in just 35 minutes. There is easy and fast access to London – less than an hour by High Speed train, Gatwick airport is 1 hour 30 minutes by car, Heathrow airport is 1 hour 50 minutes away by car. Nearby towns of Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Hawkinge are easily accessible by road or rail.

Folkestone offers a range of sports activities with sports and leisure centres, golf courses, a racecourse, football, cricket, rugby, running and bowls clubs. Bouverie Place, a shopping centre in the heart of Folkestone, has many High Street names and independent stores, and nearby towns of Ashford and Canterbury also offer a wide range of shopping choices. The 2nd largest shopping mall in the country, Bluewater, is less than an hour's drive away. There are numerous primary and secondary schools and various colleges and universities nearby for further education.

The tourist information website is www.discoverfolkestone.co.uk

UNIT OVERVIEW

The Royal Gurkha Rifles was formed on 1 July 1994, after the amalgamation of four Gurkha Regiments, 2 GR, 6 GR, 7 GR and 10 GR. Since that date battalions of the Royal Gurkha Rifles have taken part in operations in Kosovo, Bosnia, East Timor, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Royal Gurkha Rifles consists of two battalions. 1 RGR (based in Shorncliffe, Kent) is a Light Role Battalion. 2 RGR fulfils a jungle role based in Brunei. The battalions change role and location every four years.

UNIT FACILITIES

Sir John Moore Barracks is well established with various amenities for the soldiers and their dependants.

An education centre provides learning opportunities for the serving soldiers and their families through various courses. It is supplemented by the Army Library and Information Centre offering LearnDirect courses. There is an Internet Suite open to service personnel and dependants for a minimal charge.

There is a gymnasium and swimming pool within Sir John Moore Barracks that can be used by soldiers and dependants.

A temple within the camp is well maintained and is accessible to all Hindu worshippers.

Other facilities include a Visitors' Centre, PRI Shop, Spar Shop, Army Welfare Service Office, British Forces Broadcasting Gurkha Radio Office and a cash point.

Colours restaurant caters for the soldiers and their families.

The meal timings are as follows:

Meal Type	Weekdays	Weekends/Public Holidays
Breakfast	07:00-08:00	08:00-09:00
Lunch	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30
Dinner	17:30-18:45	17:00-18:00

The Shornccliffe Community Centre in Mackenzie Drive houses the Unit Welfare Office with other branches at Dover and Canterbury. It is less than five minutes drive from the camp. Various programmes are run in the community centre for families and children. Please contact HIVE for details.

Other offices in the community centre are of: HIVE, Gurkha Welfare Support Workers and the MOD police. An IT Room is available during working hours for soldiers and their dependants for surfing the Internet

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Service personnel and their dependants are accommodated in SFA areas between 5 minutes and 30 minutes drive away from the Barracks.

There are approximately 500 SFA across the following areas:

- Shorncliffe: There are four different patches in Shorncliffe. The approximate distance from the camp is 1.5 miles
- Hawkinge : 5.7 miles from the camp. Approximately 60 SFA
- Dover: 140 SFA across three patches which are approximately 13 miles from the camp.
- Ashford: Approx 40 SFA in Ashford which is 16.5 miles from the camp.
- Canterbury: Approx 40 SFA 10 miles from the camp.

The allocation of local SFA is dealt with by the Defence Estates Ops Housing Information Centre (HIC).

To contact DIO Housing Information Centre: 0800 1696322

Website: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/Microsite/dio/>

For repairs and maintenance of detached furnitures and households, contact ASA Shorncliffe
Tel.: 01303 225 397

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

The Single Living Accommodation is within the Barracks and has been a part of project SLAM. SLA currently houses 378 soldiers, with a total capacity of 600. For the repairs and maintenance, contact corresponding Company's CQMS.

Civ: 01303 225 xxx(Last 3 digits) Mil: 94281 Ext xxxx (4 digits)

Company	Contact Number
A	2142
B	2745
C	3270
HQ	2733
SP	2723
Officers' Mess	2761
WOs'/ Sgts' Mess	2759

Local accommodation

There is a Welfare House (flat) with a total of ten rooms, including en-suite, double and single rooms which provides temporary accommodation for visiting family or friends for a nominal charge. The rates are as follows:

For availability and bookings, contact the Unit Welfare Office. Tel: 01303 272 194/ 01303 275 261

There is also a contact house in Canterbury. Tel 01227 818 018

Some alternative accommodation near the camp is listed below:

Banque House 4 Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QT Phone: 01303 253 797 Web: www.banquehouse.co.uk e-mail: banquehotel4@hotmail.com	Grand Burstin Hotel- The Harbour Folkestone Kent CT20 1TX Phone: 01303 257455 Fax: 01303 854542 Web: www.britanniahotels.com e-mail: res725@britanniahotels.com	The Relish 4 Augusta Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2RR Phone: 01303 850952 Fax: 01303 850958 Web: www.hotelrelish.co.uk e-mail: reservations@hotelrelish.co.uk
The Grand The Leas Folkestone CT20 2XL Phone: 01303 222222 Fax: 01303 220220 Web: www.grand-uk.com e-mail: info@grand-uk.com	Holiday Inn Express Folkestone Channel Tunnel Cheriton High Street CT18 8AN	Premier Inn Folkestone Cherry Garden Lane CT19 4AP

TRAVEL

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is CT20 3HJ

From all Service Families' Accommodation, soldiers can reach the camp in less than half an hour. The routes that can be used are: A20 for Dover and Hawkinge; B2068 for Canterbury and M20 for Ashford.

From M20

- At junction 12, take the A20 exit to Cheriton
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Cheriton Exchange/A20 heading to Cheriton
- Turn right at Risborough Lane/B2063
- Turn right at North Road/B2063
- Turn left at West Road/B2063

By train:

There are two train stations with high speed rail links to London.

Folkestone Central Station, Station Approach, Folkestone, CT19 5HB

This station is near the town centre but further away from the camp than the alternative station.

Folkestone West, Station Approach, Off Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, CT20 3PA

The ticket office, on the London-bound platform, is manned only during part of the day; at other times a [PERTIS](#) 'permit to travel' machine, located outside the ticket office, must be used to purchase tickets.

Both the train stations are within a 10 minute drive from the camp.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi:

Folkestone Taxi Co. Ltd 01303 252 000

Premier Taxis 01303 279 900

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre – Civ:01303 225 249. Mil: (9) 4281 2249

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01303 225 309.

Dependants:**Medical & Dental**

The HIVE can provide a Health Information Sheet which provides a list of doctors & dentists in your SFA area.

The nearest GP for Shorncliffe is in the Cheriton High Street,
White House Surgery
1 Cheriton High Street
CT19 4PU
Tel: 01303 275 434

The nearest dentist in Shorncliffe from the SFA is:
C R M Hunt (.37 m)
55 Cheriton High Street
CT19 4EZ
01303 275 422

The nearest A&E hospital is William Harvey, Ashford, TN24 0LZ Tel:01233 633 331

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

The following are within 5-6 minutes drive from Shorncliffe SFA:

Shorncliffe Nursery and Baby Unit (2-5yrs) Tel: 01303 278 442

Cheriton Primary School (9-13yrs) Tel: 01303 270 898
Website: www.cheriton.kent.sch.uk

Morehall Primary School (9-13 yrs) Tel: 01303 270 187
Website: www.morehall.kent.sch.uk

Harvey Grammar School (Boys :11-18yrs) Tel:01303 252 131
Website: www.harveygs.kent.sch.uk

Folkestone School for Girls (11-18 yrs) Tel: 01303 251 125
Website: www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Please contact Admissions and Transport Team, Room 2.24, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ. Tel: 01622 696 565. Email: kentadmissions@kent.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 on 01303 271 686

	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94281 2091	01303 225 091
Guard Room	94281 2308 94281 2625	01303 225 308/ 01303 225 625
Pundit		01303 225 781/ 07875443283
Padre		01303 225 109/ 0777185158
UWO-Canterbury		07979408909
UWO-Dover		01304 240 173
UWO-Shorncliffe		01303 275 261

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