



Location Overview

Brecon, Brynmawr, Crickhowell & Sennybridge

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Brecon HIVE

Community Centre, Infantry Battle School, Dering Lines, Brecon, Powys LD3 7RA

Tel: Civ – 01874 613547 Mil – 94351 2547 E: brecon@hivegb.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 0900-1300 hrs

LOCAL AREA

Brecon is an old market and county town, which is an ideal base for exploring the scenery of the Beacons and the South & Mid Wales area, with lots of opportunity for outdoor activities. Major banks and high street shops are located in the town centre and the regular Craft and Farmers' Markets are popular with local people and tourists. Cafés, hotels and pubs are plentiful and there is a leisure centre and a 2-screen cinema. Located in the canal basin is the theatre - Theatr Brycheiniog offers a variety of professional, amateur and community entertainment. City shopping and facilities are easily accessible with Cardiff, Swansea, Newport and Hereford each about an hour's drive away.

Brynmawr (meaning "big hill") is located at the head of the South Wales Valleys and is the highest town in Wales, approximately 1,350 feet above sea level. It grew during the arrival of the mining and iron industries in the early 1800s and was originally a small village settlement called Gwaen Helygen. It now has an ASDA supermarket (just a few minutes walk from Lakeside) and there is a leisure centre in the west end of the town.

Crickhowell is a prosperous little town with a good selection of independent shops, with larger stores within easy distance, either by car or bus. Although Cwrt y Gollen was once a busy training establishment (it was the Depot Prince of Wales's Division) the military presence now centres around the families' estate and just a few minor training units.

Sennybridge is located on the A40 between Brecon and Llandovery. It has no banks, but most of the larger ones have branches in Brecon town centre or Llandovery. There is a Spar shop with a cash point in Sennybridge camp and some small shops in the village, together with a Post Office, but for most facilities you will need to travel to either Brecon or Llandovery.

A map of the Infantry Battle School location may be obtained from:

<http://getamap.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/getamap/frames.htm> enter the postcode - **LD3 7RA** to search.

Tourist information: www.visit-brecon-beacons.co.uk and www.brecon.co.uk/index.htm

UNIT OVERVIEW

An Infantry training unit was first established at Dering Lines, Brecon in 1961, although Dering Lines camp has had many military roles since at least the beginning of the 20th century. Since that time the establishment has undergone many changes, but it has always been the place where the Infantry has trained its NCOs. In its latest guise, the Infantry Battle School has subsumed the Platoon Commanders' Division from Warminster and is renowned as a centre of excellence for Dismounted Close Combat training at platoon level and below, for both the Infantry and the Army. The results speak for themselves and continue to do so in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Barracks in Brecon, now the home of Headquarters 160 (Wales) Brigade, has existed since 1805 when an armament store was first built. The Barracks became the home of the South Wales Borderers in 1881 when regiments were given territorial titles. It contained a hospital, stables and smithy, mortuary and houses, almost all of which are now offices. From the seventies until 1991, it was Headquarters Wales (a district HQ)..

UNIT FACILITIES

PAYD

HUB! Dine (Infantry Battle School) is open at the following times:

Monday to Friday

Breakfast	0630-0730 hrs
Lunch	1215-1330 hrs
Dinner	1700-1830 hrs

Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast	0700-0800 hrs
Lunch	1215-1300 hrs
Dinner	1645-1730 hrs

Sports HUB! Bar - The Pen y Fan club – Open 1900-2300 Monday to Friday – closed at weekends. **Sports HUB! Food** - 0930-1330 Monday to Friday – closed at weekends.

Dering Lines has a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, HUB, Army Learning Centre, Army Library Service Study Centre, Hairdresser, Londis Shop and RV-3 (a shop that sells military kit); there is also a Community Centre, which may be booked for parties and other events. The Brigade Headquarters has a small gymnasium.

ACCOMMODATION

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

Area / Estate	Type	Approx No
Brecon – Beacons Close LD3 7RE	20 x B, 21 x C, 5 x D 1 x B (Contact house)	47
Brecon – Dering Lines/Hillcrest LD3 7PU & 7PW	8 x B, 10 x C	18
Brecon – Dorlangoch LD3 7RH	4 x C	4
Brecon – Camden Crescent/Dolglas LD3 7BY & 7DB	17 x C, 1 x D	18
Brecon – Beacons Park LD3 9BR & 9BP	14 x C, 1 x D	15
Brecon – Parc Tarell LD3 8DX:	2 x D	2
Brecon – Honddu Court LD3 7JW	11 x B, 10 x C	21
Brecon – Elliott Place LD3 7HU	5 x C, 1 x D	6
Brynmawr – Lakeside Way & Lakeside Close NP23 4AL & 4EG	5 x C, 4 x D	9
Crickhowell – Martell Way NP8 1TJ	18 x B, 10 x C, 2 x D	38
Crickhowell – Dan y Gollen NP8 1TN	2 x C	2
Sennybridge – Llwynicyntefin Close LD3 8BH	2 x B, 4 x C	6
Offrs SFA Dering Lines, Brecon LD3 7RD, 7PR & 7PT	II, III, IV, V	25
Offrs SFA Cwrt y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TE	8 x IV, 4 x V	12

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Officers Mess Manager, HQ 160 (W) Bde
Officers Mess Manager, Inf Battle Sch
WOs & Sgts Mess Manager
Accommodation CSgt

Tel: Civ 01874 613209, Mil 94351 2209
Tel: Civ 01874 613531, Mil 94351 2531
Tel: Civ 01874 613533, Mil 94351 2533
Tel: Civ 01874 613761, Mil 94351 2761

Local accommodation

Contact House

The fully-equipped Contact House (2 bedrooms), situated on Dering-Lines Camp, is available for bookings (minimum of 2 nights). The contact house has been set up to provide short term home-from-home family accommodation for use by serving soldiers. For further details contact the Admin Officer (Welfare) on 01874 613578 (civ) or 94351 2578 (mil).

Brecon Hotels:

The Wellington Hotel

The Bulwark
Brecon LD3 7AD
01874 625225

The Castle of Brecon Hotel*

Castle Square
Brecon LD3 9DB
01874 624611

The Lansdowne Hotel*

39 The Watton
Brecon LD3 7EG
01874 623321

The George Hotel*

George Street
Brecon LD3 7LD
01874 623421

Brynmawr Hotels:**Gwesty Bach**

Clarence Road
Brynmawr NP23
Tel: 01495 310245

Rock& Fountain Hotel

Clydach
Abergavenny NP7 0LL
Tel: 01873 830393

Crickhowell Hotels:**The Bear Hotel**

High Street
Crickhowell NP8 1BW
Tel: 01873 810408

The Manor Hotel

Brecon Road
Crickhowell NP8 1SE
Tel: 01873 810212

Sennybridge Hotels:**Usk & Railway Hotel**

Sennybridge, LD3 8RS
01874 636223

The White House Hotel

Sennybridge, LD3 8RP
01874 636396

For a full list of Bed & Breakfast establishments, contact the HIVE

TRAVEL**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is **LD3 7RA**

From the Severn Bridge, follow the M4 to junction 24, take the A449 north to Raglan, then the A40 via Abergavenny and Crickhowell to Brecon. Dering Lines is on the eastern outskirts of the town, Brigade HQ ½ mile further on. For other routes, contact the HIVE.

By rail/bus:

Rail to Abergavenny, then bus number X43 from Abergavenny bus station (some will pick up at the rail station, so ask the HIVE for a timetable).

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

Traveline Cymru – www.traveline-cymru.info/ for timetables, route planners, etc.

Taxis Brecon

Brecon Taxis Tel: 01874 623444
Captains Cabs Tel: 01874 625108
Taxi Taxi Tel: 01874 625522

Taxis Brynmawr

G&H Taxis Tel: 01495 315554
Morgans Taxis Tel: 01495 310734
Opel Taxis Tel: 01495 304900

Taxis Crickhowell:

Crickhowell Taxis Tel: 01873 810479
Town to Town Taxis Tel: 01873 812399

Taxis Sennybridge – As for Brecon or

Towy Taxi Tel: 0754 462 4411
Llangadog Taxis Tel: 01550 777924

HEALTHCARE**Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ:01874 613554 Mil: (9) 4351 2554

Station Dental Centre – enquiries via Medical Centre

Dependants:

Brecon Medical Group Practice Ty Henry Vaughan, Bridge Street, Llanfaes, Brecon LD3 8AH Tel: 01874 622121 www.breconmedicalgroup.co.uk	Brecon Medical Group Practice Sennybridge Health Centre, Defynnog Road, Sennybridge, Brecon LD3 8RU Tel: 01874 636559
Crickhowell Group Practice War Memorial Health Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell NP8 1AG Tel: 01873 810255	Blaen y Cwm Surgery Blaina Road, Brynmawr NP23 4PS Tel: 01495 312909 or Essendene Surgery 3-4 Worcester Street, Brynmawr NP23 4DE Tel: 01495 310217

Dental – Request current availability information from the HIVE

NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details). The Gwent Dental Helpline is 01633 488389.

The nearest hospital with Accident & Emergency cover is Nevill Hall Hospital, Brecon Road, Abergavenny NP7 7EG Tel: 01873 732732

Brecon War Memorial Hospital (Cerrigochion Road, Brecon LD3 7NS - Tel: 01874 622443- Local health board website: www.powyslhb.wales.nhs.uk) and Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan (The Works, Ebbw Vale NP23 8XE – Tel: 01495 363636) deal with minor injuries only.

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.wales.nhs.uk .

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Pre-School/Nurseries

Buttons Nursery, Brecon LD3 7AS	Tel 01874 620170
Puffins Nursery/Pre-School, Brecon LD3 7DW	Tel 01874 611615
Families First, Llangors LD3 7UG	Tel 01874 658378
Teeny Tots Day Nursery, Brecon LD3 9SW	Tel 01874 622337

Mrs Puddleduck Day Nursery, Ebbw Vale NP23 5PP	Tel: 1495 306525
Welsh Nursery School, Brynmawr NP23 4RD	Tel: 01495 310841
Wiggly Giggly's Day Nursery, Ebbw Vale NP23 5AZ	Tel: 07854 953092

Crickhowell Parent & Tot Group	Tel: 01873 810453
Allsorts Playgroup, Crickhowell	Tel: 01873 810963

Primary schools

Provider	Address	Miles from SFA	Tel No	Website/Info
Mount Street Infants School	Rhosferig Road Brecon LD3 7NG	Various*	01874 623038	www.mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk

Mount Street Junior School	Mount Street Brecon LD3 7HR	Various*	01874 622262	www.mountstreetj.powys.sch.uk
St Joseph's RC Primary School	Silver Street, Brecon LD3 8BL	Various*	01874 624488	www.st-josephs.powys.sch.uk
Priory CIW Primary School	Pendre Close, Brecon LD3 9EU	Various*	01874 623549	www.priory.powys.sch.uk
Llanfaes CP School	Beilihelig Road Brecon LD3 8EB	Various*	01874 623326	www.llanfaes.powys.sch.uk
Ysgol y Bannau (Welsh Language)	Penlan, Brecon LD3 9SR	Various*	01874 622207	www.bannau.powys.sch.uk
Ysgol Penmaes (SEN)	Canal Road Brecon LD3 7HL	Various*	01874 623508	www.penmaes.powys.sch.uk
Blaenycwm Primary School	Blaenafon Road Brynmawr NP23 4BR	0.5 from Lakeside	01495 313524	www.blaenycwmprimary.co.uk
St Mary's RC Primary School	Catholic Road Brynmawr NP23 4EF	0.05 from Lakeside	01495 310596	
St Mary's CIW Primary School	Intermediate Road, Brynmawr NP23 4SE	0.8 from Lakeside	01495 310525	
Crickhowell CP School	Oakfield Drive Crickhowell NP8 1DY	1 from Cwrt y Gollen	01873 813500	www.crickhowell.powys.sch.uk
Sennybridge CP School	Sennybridge Brecon LD3 8LS	0.5 from SFA	01874 636268	www.sennybridge.powys.sch.uk
The Gollop – Independent Prep Dept	Llandovery College SA20 0EE	20 from Brecon	01550 7230050	www.llandoverycollege.com

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Ask the HIVE for details once you have an address
For information about out of school clubs, contact the HIVE

Secondary Schools

Provider	Address	Miles From SFA	Telephone	Website/Info
Brecon High School	Penlan Brecon LD3 9SR	Various, but not more than 2 miles	01874 622361	www.brecon-hs.powys.sch.uk
Gwernyfed High School	Three Cocks Brecon D3 0SG	12 miles from Brecon	01497 847445	www.gwernyfed-hs.powys.sch.uk
Crickhowell High School	New Road Crickhowell NP8 1AW	About 1 mile from Cwrt y Gollen	01873 813500	www.crickhowell-hs.powys.sch.uk
Brynmawr Comprehensive School	Intermediate Road Brynmawr NP23 4XT	1.7 miles from Lakeside	01495 310527	www.brynmawrschool.co.uk

Christ College (Independent)	Llanfaes Brecon LD3 8AF	Various, but not more than 2 miles	01874 615440	www.christcollegebrecon.com
Llandovery College (Independent)	Llandovery SA20 0EE	20 miles from Brecon	01550 7230050	www.llandoverycollege.com

Applications for state school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). Contact details for Powys County Council are: Tel - 01597 826455/826477/826449 Email - admissionsandtransport@powys.gov.uk and for Blaenau-Gwent: Tel 01495 311556 Email: education.department@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Contact Powys Children's Information Service for free advice and information on childcare and for a list of registered childminders – Tel: 0845 130 3637 or email cis@powys.gov.uk
Contact Blaenau Gwent Children's Information Service for free advice and information on childcare and for a list of registered childminders – Freephone 0800 032 3339 or Email : cis@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

School inspection reports may be accessed at www.estyn.gov.uk (the equivalent of Ofsted in Wales).

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 01874 613547		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94351 2825	01874 613825
Guard Room HQ 160 (W) Bde	94351 2487	01874 613487
Guardroom Inf Battle Sch	94351 2520	01874 613520
HIVE	94351 2547	01874 613547
Unit Welfare Office	94351 2578	01874 613578
Padre	-	01874 711200

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