

### **Bovington HIVE**

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Opening hours: Mon – Fri 09:00 – 15:00

### **LOCAL AREA**

Bovington and Lulworth lie in a rural area with limited public transport, having a car is fairly essential. The nearest village is Wool, 2 miles from Bovington, 3 ½ from Lulworth. The train station in Wool is a vital link for travel to Wareham, Poole, Dorchester, and Weymouth & Bournemouth. At Bovington, your basic requirements can be met by the Mace shop. There are shops in Wool and a high street in Wareham (7 miles) with main branch banks, a small supermarket, cinema and sports centre. Dorchester (11 miles) has more shops and major supermarkets but for larger shopping centres and high street stores, you will need to travel to Poole (16 miles).

Bovington and Lulworth are surrounded by countryside as well as being only 14 miles to the seaside resort of Weymouth to the west. Tourist attractions such as Monkey World, The Tank Museum, Cloudhill Cottage (home of Lawrence of Arabia) lie on the doorstep of Bovington Camp. Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door and Jurassic coastline are only 4 miles from Bovington.

The Tourist website for this area is [www.visitdorset.com](http://www.visitdorset.com)

### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

Bovington Camp has been a training camp since 1916 and is home of the Armoured Forces of the British Army. All Arms and Services of the British Army are trained at the Armour Centre on the use of all armoured vehicles currently in use.

#### **HQ DRAC and Armour Centre**

Responsible for maintaining direction on armoured warfare, armoured reconnaissance, RAC, All Arms, AFV Training and CBRN Defence.

#### **RAC Training Regiment**

Provides training for Phase 2 & 3 personnel from Armoured Corps regiments.

The Armoured Fighting Vehicle schools (AFV) are organised into three wings

- Gunnery at Lulworth,
- Driving/Maintenance (D&M)
- Communication Information Systems (CIS) Schools at Bovington.

#### **ARMoured TRIALS AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT – (ATDU)**

Carries out performance tests and development tasks on AFV equipment.

#### **GUNNERY SCHOOL LULWORTH CAMP**

Trains instructors and crewman on Gunnery equipment.

Bovington Forces webpage: [www.forcesbovington.2day.ws](http://www.forcesbovington.2day.ws)

## UNIT FACILITIES

**Bovington's** amenities for families and serving personnel include the HIVE, multi use gym, indoor swimming pool, BMX track, play parks, football pitches, tennis courts, Surestart families centre, AWS Community Office, ATM Cash Machines, Families Medical Centre, Garrison Church, Garrison Welfare Office, Hairdressers, "Food Bar" Café, Launderette, Tank Museum and Gauntlet restaurant, Salvation Army Café, Chinese and Kebab Takeaways, Cloudshell Pub/Restaurant, Thrift Shop, Youth club, all weather floodlit sports pitch, & riding stables. There are internet facilities located in the HIVE, Trax, WRVS, & library.

The new Centurion Club in Allenby Barracks is open to all junior ranks and families (set times) and hosts entertainment evenings including quiz nights, bingo & karaoke nights. The Memorial Hall is used for various family activities including school holiday activities organised by the Community Development Worker, and can be booked for birthday parties & other private functions.

There is a library & fully equipped education centre with adult learning centre situated on camp. There are two WRVS leisure complexes; one for Phase 2 Soldiers, the other for Phase 3/permanent staff. Both complexes have TV lounges, pool tables, IT terminals, Play Stations/game consoles & relaxing areas for reading or studying.

Avenance provides PAYD in the **Trax Food Court**

Breakfast: 06:15 – 08:00 (Mon – Fri)

Lunch: 12:00 – 13:00 (Mon – Fri)

Dinner: 17:00 – 19:00 (Mon – Thu)

Brunch: 10:00 – 12:00 (Sat & Sun)

Dinner: 16:30 – 17:30 (Fri – Sun)

Personnel requiring meals outside the above timings are to contact Trax on 01929 403047  
A minimum of two hours notice is required.

### **Mace Shop**

The Mace is outside the wire opposite Allenby Barracks and stocks a wide range of products for the Military/civilian community. Facilities include an in-store bakery with hot food to take away, large choice of fresh & chilled foods, CD/DVD/entertainment goods, household goods, small range of military accessories & clothing.

Mon – Fri 06:30 – 22:00

Sat 07:00 – 22:00

Sun 08:00 – 22:00

**Post Office** (within the Mace shop)

Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00 (closed Lunchtimes)

Sat 09:00 – 12:00

Facilities at **Lulworth Camp** are limited. There is no shop on camp. Cash point machines are located in the 20/20 club. There are 2 telephone boxes and post box near the Guardroom. The Drop-in Families' community centre provides activities for wives and children eg. Coffee mornings, mother/toddler groups, health visitor sessions etc. Families living at Lulworth are encouraged to use all amenities and facilities at Bovington Camp.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Service Families Accommodation (SFA)

There are 350 SFA in Bovington and Lulworth. [www.google.co.uk/maps](http://www.google.co.uk/maps)

#### Bovington

100 SFA are located inside the wire – Allenby Barracks - all 3 & 4 bedroom type, allocated to NCOs

All other SFA in Bovington are outside the wire and within easy walking distance of both Allenby Barracks and Stanley Barracks. They are all 3 & 4 bedroom type with a small number of two bedroom types.

#### Lulworth

There are 79 SFA located in and around Lulworth Camp, the majority are two bedroom. Personnel may be allocated SFA in Lulworth even though their place of work is Bovington and vice versa.

To contact DIO Housing Information Centre: 0800 1696322 followed by **Option 3**  
Website: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/> The Defence Estate  
Warminster Housing Information Centre deals with the Bovington/Lulworth area.

### Single Living Accommodation (SLA) – Allenby Barracks

Z - SLAM accommodation (completed 2006) is for Phase 3/trained soldiers/permanent staff. All single rooms have ensuite facilities with computer/internet access points and study area. Car parking spaces are available.

Completed in May 2009 are SLAM blocks for soldiers undergoing training (Phase 2). Two blocks accommodate 312 personnel in 4 man rooms. Bathrooms with privacy showers and baths are on each floor.

Accommodation contact number for SLAM      **Civ:01929 403801**      **Mil: 94374 3801**  
Personnel wishing to book into the Officers' Mess or WOs' & Sgts Mess should contact the respective messes on the following numbers:

Officers' Mess Bovington	Civ: 01929 403323	Mil: 94374 3323
WOs' & Sgts Mess Bovington	Civ: 01929 403500	Mil: 94374 3500
Officers Mess Lulworth	Civ: 01929 404829	Mil: 94374 4829
WOs' & Sgts Mess Lulworth	Civ: 01929 404843	Mil: 94374 4843

### Local accommodation

Bovington and Lulworth each have a three bedroom welfare house, available to book for a minimum 2 nights stay. Priority is given to military personnel needing contact access to their children. Bookings are made through the Garrison Welfare Office 01929 403317

For information on local B&Bs, hotels etc contact the HIVE.

## TRAVEL

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is BH20 6JA

Travelling from the east take the A352 towards Wareham to Bovington. From the west, take the A352 through Wool. From the north on the A35 Bere Regis roundabout, follow signs for Bovington. From all directions, signs for Bovington and Lulworth Camps are on approach roads.

**By Train:** The nearest train station is at Wool using the South West train service from London Waterloo to Weymouth

*RAC Troop staff will meet all new intakes of Phase 2 Soldiers arriving at Wool Train Station on intake days and escort them to Allenby Brks by MoD transport. (Coach or Minibus).*

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Taxi:** There is a taxi rank at Wool train station.

Garrison Taxis Services 01929 463395

Wool Taxis 01929 462467

01929 463311

## HEALTHCARE

### Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01929 403474. Mil: (9) 4374 3474

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01929 403389. Mil: (9) 4374 3389

### Dependants:

Spouses and dependents can use the Bovington Medical Practice on Holt Rd Bovington. The practice is open Mon – Fri from 08:30 – 15:30. Contact 01929 403474

Out of hours and weekend cover is provided by contacting Dorset Emergency Care Service on 0845 600 1013.

### NHS Wellbridge Practice – Meadow Lane Wool BH20 6DR

The practice accepts Service families living in Bovington, Wool & Lulworth.

The Surgery is open 08:30 – 18:30 Mon – Fri. Contact 01929 462378

Dental - There are limited NHS dentists in the local area. Please contact the HIVE for an up to date list. NHS Direct will also advise on dentists providing NHS care.

The nearest hospital is in Dorchester:

Dorset County Hospital Williams Avenue Dorchester DT1 2JY

Contact: 01305 251150 [www.dch.org.uk](http://www.dch.org.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](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

### SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

There are 2 Nurseries in Bovington and 1 in Lulworth all providing a mixture of full and part day care. There are 4 primary Schools in the area and a Middle School for children age 9-13. The nearest High School is in Wareham (7 miles) Locally funded transport is available.

Applications for school places are made through your current Local Education Authority (LEA), if you have not yet moved you should apply online or by post to your LEA who will coordinate with the relevant council to where you are moving to. If you are currently living abroad, in Scotland, or Wales then you should apply direct to the LEA where you will be living.

**The LEA for this area is:** Dorset LEA, County Hall, Colliton Park Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ Tel: 01305 224110 [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions)

- Ofsted reports can be accessed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://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 01929 403185		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service (Blandford based - covers Bovington & Lulworth)	94371 2450	01258 482450
Guard Room (Allenby Brks)	94374 3378	01929 403378
Guard Room (Stanley Brks)	94374 3604	01929 403604
Guard Room (Lulworth Camp)	94374 4806	01929 404806
Garrison Welfare Office	94374 3317	01929 403317
Padre	94374 3398	01929 403398
Station Staff Officer - Lulworth	94374 4801	01929 404801
<b>RAC Training Regt</b> Troop Squadron	94374 3126	01929 403126
<b>Royal Engineers</b> Titan Troop	94374 4264	01929 404264
<b>Royal Marines</b> Course TQ	94374 3029	01929 403029
<b>JNCO Command Course</b>	94374 4272	01929 404272
<b>CLM Wing</b>	94374 3942	01929 403942

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