



# Information Sheet 1c

## Location Overview

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## GRANTHAM

This information sheet is designed to give you a general picture of **GRANTHAM and the immediate area**. If you would like further information on a specific subject please contact the HIVE.

Prince William of Gloucester Barracks is located on a site occupying the high ground to the east of and overlooking Grantham. On what was originally a flying training school establishment for the Royal Flying Corps, it subsequently became known as RAF Spitalgate. The airfield, when taken over from the RAF, was renamed Prince of William of Gloucester Barracks by HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester at a ceremony on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1977. It became Headquarters The Royal Logistics Corps Territorial Army on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1993.

Grantham is on the border with Leicestershire, a town with its roots in the old stagecoach route from London. There are still several coaching inns, including the famous Beehive Inn at Castlegate, where can be found the world's only "living" pub sign - a real beehive perched in a tree and full of live South African bees, and the Angel Inn is where King Richard III signed the death warrant of the Duke of Buckingham in 1483. The nearby village of Woolsthorpe is where Isaac Newton supposedly saw the famous apple drop that inspired him to discover the law of gravity. He was schooled in Grantham, as was Lady Margaret Thatcher, Baroness of Kesteven, the first woman British Prime Minister. Scenes from the 1981 film Raiders of the Lost Ark were filmed in Margaret Thatcher's old school in Grantham. Grantham Tourist Information Centre (TIC) has many leaflets, maps and guidebooks for walking, cycling, leisure activities, local events and places to visit, as well as lots of souvenirs and gift ideas! The Guildhall Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ Tel/Fax: 01476 406166.

**Station Facilities** There is a good range of facilities here at Grantham. Included are a PRI Shop, Station Youth Club, Patch Playgroup, Station Clothing Store, Gymnasium, IT Training Centre and Internet Suite, Medical Centre, 20-TWENTY Bar (Jnr Ranks), The Market Shop, The Colours Café, The Colours Restaurant, Corporals' Club, The HQ Sergeants Mess and The Prince William of Gloucester Barracks Officers' Mess. There is a launderette on the barracks which families are welcome to use and it is situated at the rear of the Junior Ranks Club.

**Service Families Accommodation** Applications for (SFA) should be sent direct to the Defence Estates – Housing Directorate (DE-HD) office, using the online SFA Application Form (MoD Form 1132) using the DE-HD website: <http://www.defence-estates.mod.uk> The HQ 49(E) Bde Site Estate Representative should be contacted on 0800 169 6322.

**Single Living Accommodation** Junior ranking service personnel should contact the Regimental QM on 0115 957 3269 for more information on Single Living Accommodation. Those personnel wishing to book into the Sgts Mess, please contact the Sgts Mess Manager, on 0115 957 3235/3153. The Officers Mess Manager can be contacted on 0115 957 3146.

**Schools** The standard of the schools in the Grantham area is generally very high. Lincolnshire retains a Grammar School system that requires children to pass the 11Plus examination. Information on the location of all schools in the Grantham area can be found at yell.com, schools-search.co.uk or <http://www.townpages.com/lincolnshire/grantham/schools.htm>

Primary schools mainly used by Grantham Stn families are

- St. Anne's Church of England School, Harrowby Road, Grantham 01476 564505
- Ropsley Church of England School, School Lane, Ropsley 01476 585379
- St Mary's Roman Catholic School, Sandon Road, Grantham 01476 562017

Secondary Schools

- Charles Read High School, Corby Glen 01476 550333. (The LEA provides transport for children attending Charles Read High School)

- King's Grammar School, Brook Street, Grantham 01476 563180
- Kesteven & Grantham Girls School(Grammar), Sandon Rd, Grantham 01476 563017
- Walton Girls High School, Kitty Briggs Lane, Grantham 01476563251
- The Central Technology College, Rushcliffe Road, Grantham 01476 566384

**Transport** Grantham is well served by rail facilities. There are frequent connections to all nearby cities. National train enquiry line - 08457 48 49 50. Timetables can be found at the following websites; National Rail Enquiries, Central Trains, GNER, Virgin Trains, The Train Line. Grantham Bus Station, Isaac Newton Centre, Wharf Road, Grantham. Bus companies operating from the station are:

Kimes Coaches, Sleaford Tel 01529 49725. Centrebus, Tel: 01476 563118  
 A C Williams, Ancaster Tel: 01400 23049. Lincs Road Car Tel: 0870 608 2 608  
 National Express (Grantham - London) Tel: 0839 142384

**Shopping** The town centre features major retail outlets, two indoor shopping centres - The Isaac Newton Centre and George Centre - centrally placed supermarkets, giftware, clothing, antiques, bookshops and much more. Grantham has a very good outdoor Saturday market which is situated in Westgate and the Market Place.

*(Please see enclosed copy of Grantham pocket shopping guide for more information.)*

**Eating Out** There is a great range of formal and informal restaurants and take-away in the town.

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**Healthcare** The Medical Centre is an Army Primary Health Care asset, primarily for the use of military staff. Dependants should sign on at local surgeries.

- St. John's Medical Centre, 62 London Road NG31 6HR Tel: 0844 4773755
- Drs Higgins, Hargreaves, Patel & Baker, Vine House, Vine St, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6RQ Tel: 01476 576851
- St. Peters Hill Surgery, 15, St. Peters Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6QA Tel: 0844 4773612

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