



## Location Overview

### Lisburn Station

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#### **Lisburn HIVE**

Community Centre, Lisburn Station, Lisburn, BT28 3BX (BFPO 801)

Tel: Civ – 02892 266023 Mil – 9491 66023 E: [lisburnhive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:lisburnhive@armymail.mod.uk)

Opening hours: Mon – Thurs 0900 – 1530hrs, Fri 0900 – 1300hrs

#### **LOCAL AREA**

The city of Lisburn is located just off the M1 motorway and the A1 main arterial route connecting Belfast to Dublin and is ideally located for visiting both the North and South of Ireland. Set in the Lagan Valley, Lisburn, which was awarded city status in 2002, has beautiful scenery and many picturesque towns and villages. The city offers many activities from the multi screen cinema to the unique LeisurePlex for all ages.

Lisburn is an up and coming city and boasts many good shopping facilities. The city centre is within easy reach of all Lisburn Station and SFA areas, and the Sprucefield Retail Park has many large stores. There are plenty of places to eat and drink in the Lisburn area including a selection of eateries situated near the Omniplex (cinema)

The postcode for Thiepval Barracks is BT28 3ND or BFPO 801

To view a map of the area visit [www.bing.com/maps](http://www.bing.com/maps) and then type in the above postcode.

The Lisburn tourist information website is:

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/Lisburn-Tourist\\_Information-Centre-Lisburn-P6889](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Lisburn-Tourist_Information-Centre-Lisburn-P6889)

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

##### **38 (Irish) Brigade HQ**

Consists of NIGSU, WIS Coy, 225 MI Section, 38 Sig Sqn and HQ 38 Bde. They have elements away at most times predominately to Afghanistan.

##### **225 Signal Squadron**

Consists of 225 Sig Sqn and 10 Sig Regt (NI). They have elements away at all times in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

##### **19 Brigade**

Consists of HQ 19 Lt Bde, 209 Sig Sqn, 40 Regt RA and 173 Coy RMP. All of these units have personnel away on operations on a regular basis in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Visit [www.army.mod.uk/home.aspx](http://www.army.mod.uk/home.aspx) where you can search for a particular unit and gain up to date information about deployment, training and general unit information.

## UNIT FACILITIES

Lisburn Station boasts many amenities including 2 gyms, a swimming pool and clubs including sub aqua, ju-jitsu and rock climbing. There is a NAAFI (Spar), PRI gift shop, Barber Shop and a Forces Post Office located on camp.

For those looking for employment there is the Families Employment Advisory Team (FEAT) who can help create CVs and provides an up to date list of jobs within the area. There is an excellent Library and Education Centre for both serving personnel and dependants. There is a Youth Club, parent and toddler groups, crèche and playgroups. There are the usual mess facilities as well as a few bars and cafés on camp.

There are several different coffee mornings that are run either by the Station itself or by the dependants of the various units stationed at Lisburn as well as several events throughout the year for all serving personnel and their families to attend.

### **Spar Shop:**

Mon – Fri 0800 – 2000hrs,  
Sat – Sun 1000 – 2000hrs  
Cash machine available

### **Post Office**

Mon – Fri 0830 – 1300hrs

### **Café J's**

Mon – Thurs 0930 – 1400hrs,  
Fri 0930 – 1300hrs  
Sells a variety of hot and cold food  
Newspapers and comfy seating area with TV

### **Half Crown Bar** (all ranks)

Thurs 1800 – 2300hrs  
Fri & Sat 1700hrs - midnight  
Sun 1200 – 1800 hrs  
Sky, Pool and Darts.

### **Coffee Forum Café:**

Mon – Fri 0800 – 1400hrs  
Hot and cold food and beverages

### **Surprises PRI/Gift Shop**

Mon – Fri 0900 – 1400hrs  
Military products and gifts

**WRVS:** Building is open for use 1000 – 2200hrs Mon – Sun, Office hours are: 0930 – 1230hrs & 1800 – 2200hrs Mon – Thurs, 0930 – 1230hrs Fri and 1800 – 2200hrs Sun.

**BFBS NI:** BFBS Radio (British Forces Broadcasting Service) is the global services broadcaster. In Northern Ireland there are broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week including local programmes coming from the studios in Lisburn. There are also special and 'bespoke' programmes broadcast from the studios in Aldergrove, Ballykinler and Holywood. There are link ups with studios in Afghanistan plus live programmes from the frontline. BFBS NI is also a registered centre for recording Storybook Soldier – contact HIVE or BFBS for further details. Tel: 02892 266688 (civ), 66688 (mil), e-mail: [studio@bfbs.com](mailto:studio@bfbs.com), text: start your text with 'NI' and a space to 07740 377 377. Further details such as programme schedules can be found at [www.bfbs.com/radio/stations/northern-ireland](http://www.bfbs.com/radio/stations/northern-ireland)

## ACCOMMODATION

### **Service Families Accommodation (SFA)**

To contact DIO Housing Information Centre: 0800 1696322 E: [scotlandhic@hd.de.mod.uk](mailto:scotlandhic@hd.de.mod.uk)  
Website: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/>

### **Single Living Accommodation (SLA)**

The Officer's Mess can be contacted on Mil: 9491 67665 or Civ: 02892 267665 and the Sergeants Mess can be contacted on Mil: 9491 66065 or Civ: 02892 266065. The Junior Ranks Single Living Accommodation on Station is administered by the accommodation officer on Mil: 9491 65834 or Civ: 02892 265834

### **Local accommodation**

**Welfare Houses** – There are 2 houses which are allocated on welfare grounds, both have 3 bedrooms and are fully furnished. For more information or to book call the Community Centre on Mil: 9491 66163 or Civ: 02892 266163

**Premier Inn Lisburn**, 136 – 144 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, BT27 5QY. Tel: 0871 527 8606 [www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com)

### **TRAVEL**

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is BT28 3ND

- Travelling on the M1 from Belfast take exit 3 towards Finaghy/Dunmurry
- Turn right at traffic lights onto Blacks Road
- Take first left
- At roundabout take 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto A512/Creighton Road
- At roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto B102/Wilmar Road
- Turn left onto Belsize Road
- After approx 1 mile turn right onto Jersey Avenue
- At junction turn left onto Lester Avenue
- At junction turn right onto Magheralave Park East
- At junction turn left onto Magheralave Park South
- At junction turn right onto Magheralave Road
- Arrive Thiepval Barracks

**By train:** The nearest train station to Thiepval Barracks in Lisburn is Lisburn train station. For details of times and prices visit [www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk) or call Belfast 02890 666630 or Lisburn 02892 662294.

**By Bus:** 2 main translink bus services:

**Ulsterbus** – Operating services to all parts of Northern Ireland and to major cross-border destinations. Call Lisburn bus station 02892 662091 for more information.

**Metro** – Serving Belfast and it's suburbs, call 02890 666630 for more information or visit [www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)

**By air: Belfast International Airport**

Aldergrove, BT29 4AB Tel: 02894 484848 [www.belfastairport.com](http://www.belfastairport.com) located approx 14miles from Lisburn.

**Belfast City Airport**

Belfast, BT3 9JH Tel: 02890 939093 [www.belfastcityairport.com](http://www.belfastcityairport.com) located approx 13miles from Lisburn.

For a list of airlines flying in/out of Northern Ireland please called the HIVE on 02892 266023.

**Ferries: Port of Belfast**

Corporation Square, Belfast Tel: 02890 554422 [www.belfast-harbour.co.uk](http://www.belfast-harbour.co.uk)

**Taxi:** New City Cabs Tel: 02892 641111, Direct cabs Tel: 02892 641641, Go Cabs Tel: 02892 602999. NI Garrison Security Awareness Site contains details of out of bounds firms, however there is no such thing as a cleared taxi firm. **London-style taxis/hackney cabs (black or any colour) must not be used.**

**Motoring:** On arrival In Northern Ireland, you must register your Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) with the Drivers Vehicle Agency Northern Ireland (DVA NI) if you will be staying for a period of twelve months or more. This is a legal requirement. There is no legal requirement to change to Northern Ireland number plates, but if you would like further advice on this issue then contact the Centralised Risk Assessment Cell on 028 92263601. The purchase of registration plates is an individual responsibility. A list of DVA (NI) authorised outlets is available from the DVA offices.

## HEALTHCARE

### Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 02892 262640. Mil: (9) 491 62640

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 02892 262630. Mil: (9) 491 62630

### Dependents:

Medical – Lisburn health Centre, Linenhall Street, Lisburn, BT28 1LU Tel: 02892 665181

Dental – For a full list of available NHS and non NHS practices please contact the HIVE

NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details).

The nearest hospital is Lagan Valley Hospital, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, BT28 1JP Tel: 02892 665141.

NHS Direct does not operate in Northern Ireland.

### SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

In Northern Ireland there are no catchment areas and under the open enrolment arrangements that exist parents are able to express a preference for the schools they wish their child to attend. However there are strict rules in relation to transport assistance and parents must consider these rules when choosing a suitable school. Transport assistance rules are available on the Education and Library Board websites.

There are many schools/playgroups in the Lisburn area; a comprehensive list can be obtained from the HIVE. Free travel to a majority of local schools from all the SFA areas is provided. A passport sized photo must be provided when applying for a bus pass from the Community Office.

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA for Lisburn is the South Eastern Education & Library Board, Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2HS Tel:02890 566200 [www.seelb.org.uk](http://www.seelb.org.uk)
- Inspection reports for all schools can be read at [www.deni.gov.uk](http://www.deni.gov.uk)

### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 02892 266023

	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	9491 66347	02892 266347
Guard Room	9491 62133	02892 262133
HIVE	9491 66023	02892 266023
Padre/Chaplain	9491 65665	02892 265665
WRVS	9491 62862	02892 262862
Unit Welfare Offices:		
Lisburn Station, WIS, NIGSU	9491 66544/66543	02892 266544/266543
40 Regt RA	9491 66168	02892 266168
173 Pro Coy RMP	9491 62180	02892 262180
HQ 19 Lt Bde, 209 Sig Sqn		Mob: 07920 821757
225 Sig Sqn, 243 A Tp	9491 63898	02892 263898

### SECURITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Since the end of Op BANNER, life in Northern Ireland for service personnel and their families has improved considerably. However, the unique situation in Northern Ireland means that the military community must pay particular attention to their personal safety. This can be achieved by following a number of measures.

Information on these measures can be obtained by attending a security brief on arrival in Northern Ireland. Service personnel are to receive the Northern Ireland Induction brief from their unit within 48hrs. A security brief is also available for all families on arrival at Lisburn. This takes place on the first Tuesday on every month at 0930hrs in the community centre. There are many ways to receive up to date security information:

- The Northern Ireland Garrison Security Awareness website is available through DII on the intranet at [www.nisyaware.dii.r.mil.uk](http://www.nisyaware.dii.r.mil.uk) Unit welfare staff can access this site on behalf of dependents.
- Sign up to your unit's text messaging system via your welfare office and receive information via your mobile phone.
- If you require specific security advice, for example all out of bounds areas, then call the team at the Centralised Risk Assessment Cell (CRAC) on 9491 63601 (mil) or 02892 263601 (civilian)
- Information about out of bound areas can also be obtained from the Northern Ireland Security Guard Service at the main entry point to camp.
- Call the security hotline number where any security notices are recorded on 02892 263937.

Before arriving in Northern Ireland contact your unit for up to date information about both the current security situation and how to travel to your new unit.

If you are at all unsure about how to obtain information on security in Northern Ireland the call any of the Northern Ireland HIVE's or you unit welfare office.

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