



## Location Overview

### Wattisham Flying Station

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[www.mod.uk/hive](http://www.mod.uk/hive)

**Wattisham HIVE, Wattisham Information and Support Centre,**  
2 Valley Road, Wattisham Flying Station, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7RE

Tel: Civ – 01449 728263 Mil – 94674 8263 E: [wattishamhive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:wattishamhive@armymail.mod.uk)  
Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 08.30-16.30 Fri 08.30-1600

#### LOCAL AREA

Wattisham Airfield lies in rural Suffolk and the attractions of the countryside are on the doorstep. It is approximately 5 miles from the Town of Needham Market and approximately 8 miles from Stowmarket, both of which cater for everyday needs. There are also swimming pools, leisure centres, cinemas, theatres and many more amenities for both adults and children a car journey away.

A map of the location is available at this link:

[http://www.multimap.com/world/GB/England/Suffolk/Ipswich/Wattisham\\_Airfield](http://www.multimap.com/world/GB/England/Suffolk/Ipswich/Wattisham_Airfield)

The postcode for Wattisham Flying Station is **IP7 7RA**

The nearest major road, is the A14 leading northbound to M11, A1 (M), M1, M6; and southbound to A12 and M25.

The Ipswich tourist information website is:

[http://www.visit-ipswich.com/ipswich\\_tourist\\_information\\_centre](http://www.visit-ipswich.com/ipswich_tourist_information_centre)

#### UNIT OVERVIEW

**3 Regiment AAC** consists of 653, 662 and 663 Sqns. They have 3 deployable Apache Squadrons.

**4 Regiment AAC** consists of 654,656 and 664 Sqns. They have 2 deployable Apache Squadrons.

**7 Air Assault Battalion REME** consists of 71,72 and 73 Company which provide Close Aviation Support to the Army, 8 Field Company (Para), situated in Colchester providing Ground Support to 16 Air Assault Brigade and 132 Aviation Support Squadron providing aviation spares to Army Aviation worldwide. With the introduction of the Apache, 7 Air Assault Battalion REME is now looking to the future. Major restructuring is currently underway to enhance support available to this new generation of Army helicopter whilst maintaining continued support to the older fleet of aircraft.

For Deployment Information contact the Regiment concerned or the Battalion.

**22 RAF SQN Search & Rescue** are based at Wattisham.

<http://www.raf.mod.uk/organisation/22squadron.cfm> <http://www.army.mod.uk/home.aspx>



## Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Junior rank service personnel should contact the Regt SQMS for information on Single Living Accommodation. Civ: 01449 72 (then extension) Mil: (9) 4674 (then extension)

### 3 Regiment AAC

653 SQN 8339  
662 SQN 8359  
663 SQN 8379  
Wksp TQMS 8399

### 4 Regiment AAC

654 SQN 8459  
656 SQN 8439  
664 SQN 8479  
Wksp TQMS 8499

### 7 Bn REME

Barrack Accommodation  
8817

Personnel wishing to book into the Officers' Mess or WOs' & Sgts' Mess should contact the respective Mess on the following numbers:

**Officers' Mess** Civ: 01449 728254 Mil: (9) 4674 8254

**WOs' & Sgts Mess** Civ: 01449 728260 Mil: (9) 4674 8260

### Local accommodation

**AWS Contact House** - Army Welfare Service administers the Contact House at Wattisham. Availability can be checked and bookings made by phoning 01449 728285

#### Best Western House Hotel

16 - 18 Ipswich Road, Claydon, IP6 0AR  
[www.bestwestern.co.uk](http://www.bestwestern.co.uk)  
Tel: 01473 830382

#### Premier Inn

Paper Mill Lane, Claydon,  
Ipswich, IP6 0BE  
Tel: 0870 2383311

#### Bildeston Crown

104 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, IP7 7EB  
Tel: 01449 740510  
[www.thebildestoncrown.com](http://www.thebildestoncrown.com)

Hadleigh Road, Sproughton, Ipswich,  
IP8 3AR

Tel: 0870 1112944

[www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com)

## TRAVEL

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is IP7 7RA

Approaching on the A14

- Leave the A14 at Junction 51 and merge onto unnamed road.
- At roundabout take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit onto the B1078
- Continue forward, then merge onto Coddendam Road B1078
- Turn left onto Lion Lane signposted Ipswich
- Turn Right onto Ipswich Road B1113 Signposted Stowmarket
- Turn left onto Grinstead Hill signposted Bildeston B1078
- Turn Right onto Lower Farm Road
- Bear Left, Arrive at Wattisham Airfield

**By train:** Stowmarket station is the mainline station for Wattisham Flying Station and is about 8 miles away. Needham Market station is closer but only selected trains stop at this station.

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

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Taxi:** available outside the train station or at the following: Needham Taxis - 01449 722408  
Stowmarket Taxis - 01449 677777 Gold Star Taxis - 01449 676767

## HEALTHCARE

### Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01449 728277. Mil: (9) 4674 8277

Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01449 728279. Mil: (9) 4674 8279

### Dependants:

Medical - Needham Market Health Centre is the closest doctor's surgery to Wattisham. The practice is open Monday to Friday. Tel: 01449 720666.

Dental - There are limited NHS Dentists. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care (see below for contact details).

The nearest hospital is the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5PD  
Tel: 01473 712233, Fax: 01473 703400  
[www.ipswichhospital.org.uk](http://www.ipswichhospital.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

**Wattisham Airfield Childcare Centre** (2-5yrs). Tel: 01449 728928

Located at Wattisham.

<http://www.wattishamairfieldchildcarecentre.co.uk/>

**Ringshall County Primary** (3-9 yrs), Tel: 01473 658307

Approximately 1.5 miles from Wattisham.

For a small fee your child can take a bus to and from school booked through the Community Development Worker on 01449 728285.

<http://www.ringshallschool.co.uk/>

**Needham Market Middle School** (9 -13 yrs), Tel: 01449 720218

Approximately 5 miles from Wattisham. A school bus is also provided by Mid Suffolk County Council.

<http://www.nmms.org.uk/>

**Stowmarket High School** (13-18 yrs), Tel: 01449 613541. Approximately 8 miles from Wattisham. A school bus is provided by Mid Suffolk County Council.

<http://www.stowmarkethigh.suffolk.sch.uk/>

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA for Wattisham is Western Area LEA, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1RX  
Tel: 0845 6000981  
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/AdmissionsToSchools/Listing.htm>

- 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 01449 728263		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	(9)4660 6581	01206 816581
Guard Room	(9)4674 8220	01449 728220
HIVE	(9)4674 8263	01449 728263
Padre	(9)4647 8536	01449 728536
Wattisham Info & Support Ctr (WISC)	(9)4674 8261	01449 728621
WRVS	(9)4674 8935	01449 728935
Unit Welfare Office <b>3 Reg Army Air Corps</b> Civ: 01449 728321 Mil: (9) 4674 8321 Mob: 07880 701540	Unit Welfare Office <b>4 Reg Army Air Corps</b> Civ: 01449 728421 Mil: (9) 4674 8421 Mob: 07881 784999	Unit Welfare Office <b>7 Battalion REME</b> Civ: 01449 728721 Mil: (9) 4674 8721 Mob: 07799 886425
<b>3 Regt</b> HQ Sqn 01449 728327 653 Sqn 01449 728337 662 Sqn 01449 728357 663 Sqn 01449 728381 Workshop 01449 728397	<b>4 Regt</b> HQ Sqn 01449 728353 654 Sqn 01449 728457 656 Sqn 01449 728437 664 Sqn 01449 728562 Workshop 01449 728467	<b>7 Bn REME</b> HQ Coy 01449 728747 71 Coy 01449 728737 72 Coy 01449 728757 73 Coy 01449 728777 132 Sqn 01449 728870

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