



## Location Overview

### Colerne

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#### **Colerne HIVE**

2 Holly Drive, North Colerne, Chippenham, Wilts. SN14 8QW

Tel: Civ – 01225 744048 Mil – 94385 5231 E – [colernehive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:colernehive@armymail.mod.uk)

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 09.00 – 15.00

#### **LOCAL AREA**

Colerne is a small village in the heart of rural Wiltshire approximately 8 miles from the city of Bath and the historic market town of Chippenham. Colerne village offers a convenience store, newsagent and post office for your basic everyday needs.

Both Bath and Chippenham have a large variety of high street shops, supermarkets and leisure facilities. Bristol and Swindon are also within easy reach of Colerne.

Local attractions around the Colerne area include the famous Castle Combe racecourse, Bowood House and Lacock village.

The nearest major road is the A420 leading to Bristol, Chippenham and the M4.

For Chippenham tourist information please visit: [www.tourist-information-uk.com/](http://www.tourist-information-uk.com/)

For Bath tourist information please visit: [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk)

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

##### **Regiment Information and Role**

21st Signal Regiment (Air Support). The principal role of this unit is to provide communications for the RAF Support Helicopter Force. The Regiment is equipped with the forefront of modern ground to air and ground based tactical communications.

Detachments from the Regiment have been deployed in support of the UN and NATO operations in the Balkans, UN operations in Rwanda and disaster relief in Monserrat and latterly in Afghanistan.

Primarily the Regiment supplies communication support to the RAF's Chinook, Puma and Merlin EH101 fleet. The latest addition to its role has been the provision of communications for the Apache Longbow Attack helicopter.

## UNIT FACILITIES

Colerne Station provides variety of facilities on Azimghur Barracks which is within walking distance of the housing areas. The facilities include a multi gym, Mace mini market, cash point, Thrift shop, Community Centre which can be booked for parties and events, day nursery, hair salon, beautician, youth club, Army and Air Cadets, Mums & Tots and a Welfare Suite which can be hired through the Welfare Office.

The Officers', Sgt's and WO's Messes, the Cpl's club and the sports bar are also situated on the camp.

Colerne HIVE and Welfare Office are situated off the camp on the Northwood Estate at 2 Holly Drive.

**Colours Restaurant** provides PAYD

**Breakfast**

Mon – Fri  
0700 – 0815

**Lunch**

Mon – Thurs  
12.30 – 13.15  
Fri  
13.00 – 13.45

**Dinner**

Mon – Thursday  
17.15 – 18.00  
Fri  
16.30 – 17.15

**Weekends**

08.00 – 09.00  
12.30 – 13.15  
16.30 - 17.15

**Mace Mini Market**

Situated in the same building as the Colours Restaurant:

Mon – Thurs  
07.30 – 19.00

Friday  
0.730 – 18.00

Saturday  
10.00 – 18.00

Sunday  
10.00 – 19.30

The restaurant is also open to dependants.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Service Families Accommodation (SFA)**

Azimghur Barracks: Postcode SN14 8QT

269 SFA – 198 Soldiers' & 69 Officers'. 32 Officers' SFA are located on Azimghur Barracks at Colerne with a further 39 located at Hilperton (Trowbridge) approximately 18 miles from Colerne.

To contact DIO Housing Information Centre: 0800 1696322 please choose the South West and Warminster Options.

Website: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/>

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

The Single Soldier accommodation is grade 4; they are single man rooms and shared ablutions. There has been some temporary accommodation built which is grade 3. For more information contact RQMS (G) Civ:01225 745263 Mil: (9) 4385 5263

### **Local accommodation**

Colerne Station has both a contact house and Welfare Suite. Availability can be checked by calling the Welfare Office on : 01225 744048 Ext 201

King Johns Hunting Lodge, Lacock,  
Chippenham 01249 730313 SN15 2LB

Travelodge, Leigh Delamere M4 Eastbound  
0871 984 8484 SN14 6LB

The White Hart Inn, Ford, Chippenham  
01249 782213 SN14 8RP

Premier Travel Inn, Cepen Park West,  
Chippenham 0870 197 7061 SN14 6UZ

The Angel Hotel, Chippenham  
01249 652615 SN15 3HD

Damson Cottage B&B, Lacock, Chippenham  
01249 730274 SN15 2PF

### **TRAVEL**

**By car:** Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is SN14 8QT

Leave the M4 at junction 17, head south on the A350 follow signs to A4 to Bumpers Farm roundabout. Take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit sign posted A420 Bristol. After approximately 4 miles follow signs for Colerne. At Colerne village cross road, turn right and follow signs for Azimghur barracks.

**By train:** Take the train to Bath Spa, there is a 2 hourly bus service to Colerne from Bath bus station (situated near the train station). The bus service is operated by Faresaver, bus no. 228, and departs Bath bus station from bay 3. Alternately there are Taxi ranks outside the train station.

**OR**

Take the train to Chippenham, there is **no** daily bus service from Chippenham to Colerne. There are Taxi ranks outside the train station.

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

**Taxi: - Chippenham;** L.P.C. Taxis 01249 712 777 **Bath;** 01225 447 777

### **HEALTHCARE**

#### **Service Personnel:**

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01225 745284. Mil: (9) 4385 5284

Station Dental Centre – Civ: 01225 745282. Mil: (9) 4385 5282

#### **Dependants:**

**Medical –**

The Firs Surgery  
3 Cleaver Avenue  
Colerne  
SN14 8BX  
Tel: 01225 743600

Three Shires Medical Practice.  
35 High Street  
Colerne  
SN14 8DD  
Tel; 01225 742028

The “Three Shires Practice “ has an in-house pharmacy

**Wiltshire Medical out of hours number is 0300 111 5717**

**Dental** – There are a number of dentists in the area, some of whom provide NHS treatment. To find your nearest NHS dentist taking on new patients go to [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk) .

For urgent treatment or advice contact NHS Dental Helpline 0845 7581926

The nearest hospital is Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG. 01225 428331

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**

Colerne Primary School [www.colerneschool.com](http://www.colerneschool.com) is within walking distance of the SFA. The distance is around 1.2 miles. There is no transport provided to the school. Corsham Secondary School is the nearest secondary school to Colerne approximately 5 miles from Colerne. Transport is provided to the school by the local Education Authority. In addition there are schools in Chippenham, approximately 8 miles from Colerne, Hardenhuish School [www.hardenhuish.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.hardenhuish.wilts.sch.uk) and Sheldon School [www.sheldonschool.co.uk](http://www.sheldonschool.co.uk) . Public transport to both schools is available but must be privately funded. Also in Chippenham is Abbeyfield School [www.abbeyfieldschool.co.uk](http://www.abbeyfieldschool.co.uk) There is no transport provision from Colerne to Abbeyfield School

**Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA)**

**E- mail:**

[admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 01225 713010

**Postal Address:**

School Admissions  
Wiltshire Council  
County Hall  
Trowbridge  
BA14 8JN

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning.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 :Civ: 01225 744048 Mil: (9)4385 5231		
	Mil	Civ
Army Welfare Service	94382 6883	01225 846883 01225 846548
Guard Room	94385 5246	01225 745246
HIVE	94385 5231	01225 744048
Padre	94385 5324	01225 745324
Welfare Team	94385 5231	01225 744048

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