



Army Basing Programme

Special Edition Newsletter

ABP 2016 Locations - Bicester

BICESTER



Local Area

Bicester is situated just north of the city of Oxford off the M40. It is surrounded mainly by small villages. Bicester Village shopping complex is the UK's leading outlet Shopping attraction. A wider range of shopping and entertainment facilities can be easily accessed in Oxford, Banbury, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. London is also within an hours travelling either by car, train or coach.

There is certainly no shortage of amenities in and around the town of Bicester. A great range of clubs and organisations exist to cater for almost every need. There is a modern Sports Centre in Queens Avenue, Bicester, which offers swimming, badminton, squash and other indoor games.

A pleasant public park is situated in Launton Road, within a short walk of the main shopping area of Bicester. The park, which is open throughout the year, includes a fully equipped children's play area. There is a Vue cinema in Pioneer Square, Bicester.

All SFA addresses have been confirmed with the majority in Bicester but allocations also made in Abingdon, approximately 20 miles away. All family members will need to register with a local NHS GP and dentist, there are a good range of both in Bicester and Abingdon.

There are plenty of nurseries nearby with two early years' facilities in the nearby village of Ambrosden and a variety of early year's settings including 5 private nurseries in Bicester. The main schools serving Bicester are Five Acres Primary School and Bicester Community College. Abingdon also has a variety of nurseries, pre schools, primary schools and secondary schools – further information can be found [here](#).

Useful Links

www.bicester.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

www.cherwell.gov.uk www.aff.org.uk

www.visitnorthoxfordshire.com

www.abingdonhive.blogspot.co.uk

PRE MOVE CHECKLIST

Service Family Accommodation – If you require housing you must complete a [Form e-1132](#)

Healthcare – You must deregister with the medical centre just before you leave Germany. If you currently take medication ensure you have enough to cover you until you are registered in the UK. Three months' worth of repeat medication can be issued.

Dentalcare – Any routine dental inspections and treatments must be initiated four months prior to relocation to the UK.

Education – Once your child has been offered a school place in the UK you need to inform the SCE school of your child's departure and of their future school. They then liaise to ensure the best transition for your child.

Childcare Qualifications – If looking to work with children or vulnerable adults following your move to the UK you may need a 'Good Conduct Certificate'. More information can be found [here](#).

Visas – If you do not hold a British passport or are a citizen of a non EEA country your first POC for any information regarding visas is your UWO. Further information can be found [here](#)

Passports – Make sure all your family passports are valid for six months from your date of travel.

Pet Passports - For some types of animal that you intend to transport back to the UK you must have a pet passport. You need to ensure that you have the correct documentation in place and that your pets are vaccinated. Advice can be found [here](#).

Travel Arrangements – Ferries and hotel bookings should be booked through your Unit Admin Office

Cars – All BFG vehicles returning to the UK require a BFG Form NOVA from BFG Customs and Immigration.

German Contracts – Cancel any German contracts in writing. Your local HIVE has bilingual templates for use.

Kindergeld – Cancel German Kindergeld through your Admin Office.

POST MOVE CHECKLIST

Service Family Accommodation – If you are taking over your quarter then you must arrange to take it over a minimum of 24 hours before your removals delivery date. Once you have the keys you must be available on your predetermined move in day for receipt of your container from Germany.

Healthcare – Families will need to register with a UK GP if you didn't do so before you left Germany.

Dentalcare - Families will need to register with a UK Dentist if you didn't do so before you left Germany.

Education – If your child is attending a new school we would advise that you arrange a visit to understand what services are being provided, such as breakfast and after school clubs. If at boarding school in the UK, you will need to renew your Continuity of Education eligibility certificate.

Cars – Contact DVLA in Swansea with your new address and apply for a new driver's license. Confirm that your car is registered correctly, insured, taxed and MOT'd for the UK.

Insurance – You will need to arrange home, car, personal and if applicable pet insurance.

Allowances – If you qualify for allowances such as child, disability or unemployment Benefit you must contact the relevant department and update your details to confirm entitlements and the process for claiming them.

Utilities – Utilities are run differently in the UK. You are responsible for choosing your utility provider whether it is gas, electric or water and how you pay for them.

Phones – Transfer or take out new mobile and/or landline phones. If you would like broadband it is sensible to look at all available packages to get best value for money.

TV – All SFA with a TV will require a TV license. If in SLA you will need to apply for a TV license, the Mess licenses do not cover the entire Barracks.

Address – Tell your UK Bank or Building Society and Card providers of your new UK address.