Location Overview

Preston and Weeton

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**Preston HIVE, Fulwood Barracks, Preston, PR2 8AB**  
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Providing an Outreach service to:

**Weeton Barracks, Weeton, PR4 3JQ**  
Tel: Civ – 01772 260908  Mil – 94541 2908

Preston HIVE publishes a blog providing local and military community information for the Preston and Weeton area. You can access the blog at [www.prestonhive.blogspot.com](http://www.prestonhive.blogspot.com)

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**LOCAL AREA**

Weeton is a small village in a rural area between Blackpool and Preston with the nearest shopping facilities approximately 4 miles in either direction. Both Blackpool and Preston have good shopping facilities, places to eat and various leisure options; all are easily accessible from Weeton.

Preston is the gateway to many of Lancashire's beautiful countryside and coastal resorts, such as the Lake District and Blackpool. It has a wide range of local facilities with a broad range of pubs, clubs, restaurants and theatres. Beyond the City Centre, around one third of Preston is dedicated to open spaces with Victorian parks, woodland, riverside walks and a country park.

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**UNIT OVERVIEW**

Weeton - The 2nd Battalion is based, with its families, at Weeton Barracks, Lancashire, near Blackpool. The Battalion returned in summer 2012 from training in Canada at the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) in Alberta. In the autumn of 2012 it commenced training for a tour of Afghanistan beginning in early 2013.

2 LANCS is a light roled battalion which operates mainly on foot, with minimal transport. It is equipped with the full range of small arms, mortars, anti tank weaponry and surveillance equipment. It is a versatile organisation that can work in support of Armored and Mechanised brigades.

Preston - Fulwood Barracks is the home to Headquarters 42 (NW) Brigade, a Squadron of 254 Med Regt (V) and a squadron of 253 Med Regt (V). The barracks is also home to the museum of the Lancashire Regiment.

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**UNIT FACILITIES - WEETON**

Weeton Barracks - The barracks are divided into two parts. The camp area has authorised access and houses Single Living Accommodation (SLA), Unit Departments, messes, NAAFI/Junior Ranks Club and gym. The second area house the Service Families’ Accommodation (SFA), Primary School, Crèche, Pre-School, Londis Shop, Families Complex, Surestart Centre, Medical and Dental Centre (serving personnel only) and Community Centre.
### Regimental Restaurant
This is available to all soldiers on a PAYD system. Opening times are:
- **Breakfast**: 7.00 – 7.45 hrs
- **Lunch**: 12.30 – 13.15 hrs
- **Dinner**: 17.00 – 17.45 hrs

### Army Learning Centre
Available to both serving soldiers and dependants. Internet facilities are available. Please ring to make an appointment or for opening times – 01772 260100

### Gym
For use of the unit gym, contact the PTI on 01772 260702. Dependants wishing to use the gym must have their own personal liability insurance.

### Londis
The Londis shop on Camp provides groceries, newspapers, tobacco, and alcohol and now offers freshly baked pastries etc.

### Post office
A sub post office is in the Londis shop - open Mon – Fri 09.00 – 12.20 hrs.
Cash withdrawals from banks can be made at the post office.

### The HIVE
The HIVE office is located within the Community Centre and offers Internet use. Weeton: Wed & Thur, 9am – 4.30pm.
Preston: Mon, Tue & Fri, 9am – 4.30pm.

### UNIT FACILITIES - PRESTON
Facilities on Camp include a Unit Gym, Army Learning Centre, Museum and Church.

### Regimental Restaurant
The ‘HUB’ is available to all soldiers on a PAYD system.
Tel: 01772 260496

### Army Learning Centre
Available to both serving soldiers and dependants. Internet Facilities are available. Please ring to make an appointment or for opening times Tel: 01772 260303

### Gym
For use of the unit gym, please contact the PTI on 01772 260547
Dependants wanting to use the gym must have their own personal liability insurance.

### The HIVE
HIVE can provide a wide range of Information. The office is located within the Welfare HUB and offers free Internet use.
Tel. 01772 260025/260908

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### ACCOMMODATION

#### Service Families Accommodation (SFA)
Information on entitlements, applications, and the move-in / move-out processes for Service Families Accommodation can be found at [DIO ACCOMMODATION](https://www.gov.uk/defence-infrastructure-organisation-service-family-accommodation)

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) provides an allocations service through the electronic 1132 application system and the main point of contact for customers is the Housing Allocations Service Centre (HASC) Tel: 0800 169 6322 Mil: 94510 8000

#### ACCOMMODATION - WEETON
SFA is situated within the wire in Weeton and consists of 2, 3 and 4 bed houses plus a selection of Officer’s SFA.

#### Link Sources
- DIO ACCOMMODATION
- [https://www.gov.uk/defence-infrastructure-organisation-service-family-accommodation](https://www.gov.uk/defence-infrastructure-organisation-service-family-accommodation)

#### Single Living Accommodation (SLA)
Information on SLA is available from the QM on 01772 260730. Personnel wishing to book into Mess Accommodation should contact the relevant Mess direct.
- Officers’ Mess: 01772 260772
- WOs’ & Sgts’ Mess: 01772 260746
Local accommodation
There are currently two contact houses within Weeton Barracks. For information on availability or to book please contact the UWO on 01772 260773.

The HIVE can provide details of hotels in Blackpool.

ACCOMMODATION - PRESTON

Service Families Accommodation (SFA)
Fulwood: Situated behind Fulwood Barracks. The SFA consists of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses. There are also 3, type 3, Officers’ SFA.

Warton: Situated 10 miles from Fulwood Barracks. The SFA consists of 2 & 3 bedroom houses.

Weeton: Situated 13 miles from Fulwood Barracks. The SFA consists of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses and types 3, 4 & 5 Officers’ SFA.

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)
Information on SLA is available from the QM on 01772 260486. Personnel wishing to book into Mess Accommodation should contact the relevant Mess direct.

Officers’ Mess: 01772 260471
WOs’ & Sgts’ Mess: 01772 260470

Local accommodation
AWS Contact House - There is currently 1 contact house available in Fulwood. For information on availability or to book please contact the AWS on 01772 260401.

Preston Tourist Information Centre provide a Central Accommodation Booking Service on (01772) 253721. There are also many Guest Houses and Hotels located in, nearby, Blackpool.

TRAVEL TO WEETON

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is PR4 3JQ
- Off Junction 3 – M55
- Take 3rd exit towards Greenhalgh
- Turn left onto Mile Road – signposted Weeton Barracks
- Turn left towards Weeton
Weeton Camp is to your right

By Bus: From Preston or Blackpool Bus Station, take the No 75 bus, the bus will drive onto Camp.

By train: The two main Railway Stations are Blackpool or Preston. The nearest smaller stations are Poulton-Le-Fylde and Kirkham/Wesham, both approximately 4 miles from Camp.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: Kirkham Macs – 01772 683008 / 01772 685658
    Poulton Cabs - 01253 884500
TRAVEL TO PRESTON

By car: Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is PR2 8AB

By Bus: The route closest to the Fulwood SFA is the No.19 This travels from the Royal Preston Hospital to the bus station. It can be picked up on Watling Street Road, opposite the Garrison pub.

The route closest to Warton SFA is the No.68. This travels from Preston to Blackpool via Warton. There is also the No.70 service that travels to Kirkham.

By train: Fulwood - Preston station
Warton - Kirkham & Wesham station

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: Fulwood – AAA Taxis – 01772 555666
Warton – Freckleton and Warton Cars - Tel: (01772) 631115

HEALTHCARE – WEETON

Service Personnel: Medical and Dental care for serving personnel is provided by the Station medical centre.

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01772 260152. Mil: (9) 4541 2152
Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01772 260720. Mil: (9) 4541 2720

The nearest hospital is Blackpool Victoria Hospital. Whinney Heyes Road, Blackpool, FY3 8NR Tel: (01253) 300 000.

HEALTHCARE - PRESTON

Service Personnel: Medical and Dental care for serving personnel is provided by the Station medical centre.

Station Medical Centre - Civ: 01772 260235. Mil: (9) 45554 2235
Station Dental Centre - Civ: 01772 260320. Mil: (9) 4541 2320

The nearest hospital is Royal Preston Hospital, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, DPR2 9HT, Tel: (01772) 716 565

Dependants: Medical care is provided by NHS GP practices. Details of all GP practices and dentists in the area can be found at NHS SERVICES Details of how to register with a GP are available at this link REGISTER WITH A GP

A 24hr NHS advice line is available by dialling 111

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SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Information on all schools in this area can be found at this link: SCHOOLSFINDER. This provides a postcode search facility giving full details of local Sure Start Children’s Centres, Schools, links to school websites and Ofsted reports.

To apply for a school place online, go to ADMISSIONS/APPLY and select ‘Apply for A School Place’ then follow the primary school or secondary school links and type in your postcode. You'll then be taken to the relevant page on your local authority's website. A paper form is available by selecting the ‘Contact your Local Authority’ link.

The HIVE can provide details of local nursery provision and local schools.

To find registered childminders, after school and holiday clubs, information on early years education and local family support see this link FIND CHILDCARE INFORMATION

The Children’s Education Advisory Service (CEAS) is part of The Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP), the Ministry of Defence focal point for all matters relating to Service children and young people. If your child has special educational needs you are advised to contact CEAS to register with them. Information is available at this link CEAS

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 01772 260908/260025

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

Each HIVE provides local information sheets on the following topics:
- Accommodation
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Local Community Information

Information sheets can be obtained from all HIVEs and contact details are available at www.army.mod.uk/hives