



Service Community Official Guide **2008 Edition**

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This Guide, provided by the Army Welfare Service, is a source of information to Service personnel, families and dependants arriving at their new home or duty station. It is hoped the information contained within the Guide will be of use at the time of your arrival, and throughout your stay.

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Message from the Station Commander

If you are newly arrived in Elmpt Station, I would like to offer you a very warm welcome at the start of what I hope will be an enjoyable and rewarding tour. If you have been here a while, I hope this new Guide will highlight yet more of the advantages of living here in Elmpt Station.

Elmpt Station consists of Javelin Barracks at Elmpt and a large community of families at Wildenrath. The Elmpt Station community consists of some 2500 soldiers and their families. It is supported by a small Station Headquarters, which is also based in Javelin Barracks.

Our goal is to build and maintain the best community for soldiers and their families anywhere in the British Army. Elmpt Station currently offers many opportunities, and I urge you to make the most of them. We have many excellent sports and leisure facilities, and the educational opportunities here and in Rheindahlen are the best in Germany. This Guide will get you started. For more up to date information, please contact your local HIVE and read *The Bulletin*, the Garrison's monthly magazine.

We live in an attractive and interesting part of Europe. Our relationships with the local towns and villages are excellent, and you will be made welcome at the many local festivals and fairs that are held throughout the year. Belgium and the Netherlands are right on our doorstep and France and Luxembourg can be reached in just a few hours. Further afield, the Alps offer wonderful opportunities for travel and recreation, in both summer and winter. Please make the most of these opportunities. Again, the HIVE and *The Bulletin* provide lots of useful information on opportunities for travel.

The quality of life in our community is not only dependent on the facilities provided in the Station. It is also important that everybody plays their part. We need people to participate enthusiastically in community activities, and to volunteer to help or even take charge whenever possible. You might like to support one of our schools, or to work with the young people who live in the Station. Alternatively, you might perhaps join one of the representative bodies that are responsible for bringing the opinions of those living in the community to the attention of the Station Staff and ultimately to me, the Station Commander. Moreover, we all have a responsibility to treat the remainder of the community with respect and I therefore ask you to abide by the simple rules and guidelines that we have set out.

Once again, enjoy your time here in Elmp Station. We live in a wonderful community and I am committed to working with you to make it even better.



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