

Army Basing Newsletter – October 2019

This publication aims to regularly update you on the Army Basing Programme (ABP) announced in 2013 stating some 4,000 additional Service personnel plus their families would relocate to Salisbury Plain by 2020.

Programme Update

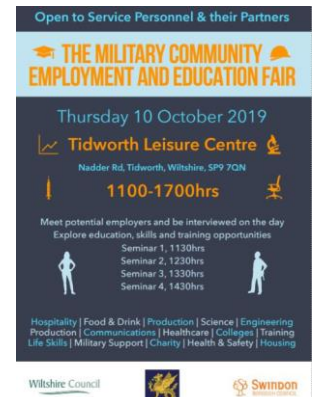
Jobs (Employment and Education) fair helps military families look to the future

Dozens of military families looking to take the next step into upskilling/re-skilling or employment opportunities attended a special event in Tidworth recently.

The Military Community Educational and Employment Fair was held at Tidworth Leisure Centre.

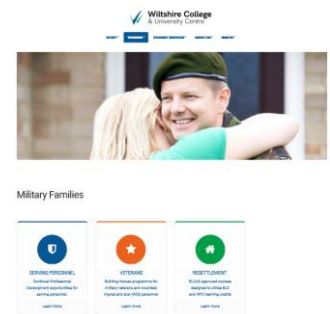
Wiltshire businesses are expanding at a faster rate than any of the county's neighbours so there were plenty of opportunities available. Wiltshire College has been a partner in Project JEMS (Jobs and Education for Military Families South West) which assists spouses and children of military personnel by offering tailored training for employment where there are likely to be vacancies and skills shortages within Wiltshire.

Other partners in JEMS include Wiltshire Council, Army Headquarters South West, and the support of the Army Families Federation (AFF), Career Transition Partnership (CTP), Careers Advisory Service (CAS), and Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). For more information on JEMS go to <http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/militaryfamilies>



Project JEMS

[Project JEMS](#) (Jobs & Education for Military Families South West) is an innovative project involving a partnership between Army Headquarters South West, Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire College, with the support of the Army Families Federation (AFF), Career Transition Partnership (CTP), Careers Advisory Service (CAS) and DWP. The aim of the project is to assist spouses and children of military personnel by offering tailored training for employment where there are likely to be vacancies and skills shortages within Wiltshire.



Armed Forces Champion appointed



Cllr Chris Williams has been appointed as the Armed Forces Champion for Wiltshire.

He will be directly involved in providing support and raising awareness of Armed Forces for communities, fellow councillors and Wiltshire Council staff.

Chris has lived in Ludgershall with his wife Vi and family since 1982. He served 25 years in REME, trade Aircraft Artificer, WO2(AQMS) and then on leaving in 1990 joined the MoD, employed at Middle Wallop and Trenchard Lines, Upavon, retiring in April 2009.

While working for the MoD he was a member, latterly chairman, of what was then Ludgershall Parish Council now Ludgershall Town Council. He has also been a councillor with Kennet District Council and since 2009, elected to Wiltshire Council as the member for Ludgershall and Perham Down.

As a Member of Wiltshire Council, he was fortunate to be given the communities and area boards portfolio, a position that gives him the opportunity to meet and work with community groups and voluntary organisations both locally and across the county.

A key part of his new role will be promoting the Armed Forces Covenant – the nation's commitment to ensuring Service Personnel, veterans and their families are treated fairly and have the same access to public services as any other citizen.

His division Ludgershall and Perham Down has good relationships between the town council and 26 Engineers who exercised their right to a Freedom Parade and marched through the town centre.

He said: "Army basing has gone really well and it's good to see an influx of younger families in our local community. I'm looking forward to working closer with both our Armed Forces and our communities as we forge closer ties in the future."

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The moves of personnel from Germany into the UK this summer have completed. The majority of Service Personnel and their families rebased to Wiltshire and are settling in well to their new life. Focus has now turned to the UK moves in 2020.



Service Families Accommodation (SFA)



All houses at Plumer Estate, Bulford, and Corunna Estate, Ludgershall are complete with most houses occupied.

Construction at the Alanbrooke Estate, Larkhill, continues with completion in spring 2020.

Behind the Wire (BTW)

Having enabled summer 2019 moves, focus is now on completing remaining assets. Frequent work to monitor progress and manage resource is being completed to ensure the best capability is delivered. Of 88 key assets, only three are left to be completed with Messes and SLA taking priority. Work also continues on non-key assets with all construction planned to be complete by April 2021

Environmental Efficiencies

On all ABP PAC sites more than 97% of construction waste is recycled and 100% of demolition waste is crushed and re-used on site, thereby avoiding landfill. At one site approximately 15,000m³ of contaminated ashy soil was re-used to provide engineered fill to create level sports pitches.

Enhancement during the Army Basing Programme include 456 bat bricks, 128 bat cavity voids, 12 bat squeeze boxes, 28 lbstock bat bricks and 12 tree mounted bat boxes, barn owl boxes, reptile refuge areas, a new great crested newt pond/habitat, an artificial badger sett and extensive woodland and habitat enhancement.



“Hedgehog Highways” have been created in the new SFA at Bulford, Ludgershall and Larkhill, linking gardens with a small hedgehog tunnel to ensure they can travel safely and not get trapped.

For more information visit: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/mci-new.htm>

