



# ARMY BASING PROGRAMME



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### MEET THE TEAM

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My name is Sue Jordan, Senior Environmental Manager in DIO Safety, Environment and Engineering. My colleagues and I work on a range of initiatives that protect and enhance the MOD estate worldwide.

Salisbury Plain has been in use as a military training area for over 100 years and as a result, much of the land is protected as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and/or Special Protection Areas (SPA). It is home to many rare species of plant and animal, as well as historically significant archaeological sites, from the Neolithic to WWI.

To allow planning approvals for the ABP developments across Salisbury Plain to go ahead we successfully addressed the following:

- Loss of chalk grassland, important to rare species of animals and plants
- Impacts on the World Heritage Site and archaeological landscape;
- The risk of unexploded ordnance and historic contamination;
- Increasing recreational pressure on stone curlew and other ground-nesting birds; and
- Increased water abstraction and waste water discharges into the River Avon.

Our successes were recognised and celebrated when the ABP won both the Sustainability Project

Award and the Sustainable Business Award at this year's [MOD Sanctuary Awards](#) event.

More detailed information on this topic can be found in the latest edition of [Sanctuary Magazine](#).

### LARKHILL ARCHAEOLOGY 'BEHIND THE WIRE'

At the Royal School of Artillery in Larkhill, three prehistoric burials were discovered by Wessex Archaeology at the site of a new sports pitch.

One was an infant (see photo) and the other was identified through osteological assessment as a teenage male aged 15–17. One body was placed in a crouched position and such burials typically date between 2400 to 1600 BC. Prehistoric pottery was found in the ditch fill which sealed the grave and this suggests the burial is also prehistoric.



Other finds at Larkhill Garrison include prehistoric pits and ditches, worked flint, five military air raid trenches dug in a zig zag formation and the foundations of three military buildings thought to date from WWII.

An arrangement of eight postholes was also recorded, providing evidence for a prehistoric roundhouse measuring 4m in diameter. A large number of tree-throw hollows, which form when trees have fallen, rotted or been removed, indicate that the site would have been covered by woodland in the past.

## NEXT THREE MONTH PLANS

Construction works to be started and/or continued across the ABP Footprint between Apr and Jun 18:

### Larkhill

- New SLA (1365 total bed spaces)
- New Officers and Senior Ranks Messes
- New Junior Ranks Diner
- New Armoury
- New RHQ & Battery Offices
- New Garages
- New QM's Stores
- New Medical and Dental Centre
- Utility Works
- Various car parks
- Various demolitions



Technical Building, Purvis Lines

### Bulford

- New Training Wing
- New SNCO Triple Mess in Picton Barracks
- Officers Mess extension
- Medical / Dental facility extension
- Demolition works including the Old Bakery
- New JRSLA village
- New OSLA
- New RHQ
- Physical and Recreational Training Centre Extension
- New Officers SLA
- New Armoury



Concrete Pour At Bulford

### Aldershot

- New SLA (40 bed spaces completed)

- Armoury extension and alteration
- Live Out Change alteration

### Perham Down

- New SLA complete and occupied
- New RHQ Offices
- New Officers / SNCO Mess
- New armoury extension
- New perimeter fencing and associated groundworks in Swinton Barracks
- Physical and Recreational Training Centre
- SNCO Mess Extension

### Tidworth

- New JSLA (80 total bed spaces)
- New SNCO Mess and SLA
- One Guardroom & Ammo store
- Armoury extension
- New Officers SLA



JRSLA construction at Tidworth

Enabling works, earthworks and ground improvements will take place across all sites. Aspire Defence works flexibly and responds to the needs of the DIO and the Army. Construction schedules are therefore subject to change. Agreed traffic routes and road signage are in place to manage deliveries to Garrison sites.

To avoid adding to congestion at the main Larkhill Garrison entrance, a dedicated gate for construction traffic has been created.

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