

‘Giant’ crane installed for REME at Larkhill



A 31m long crane that will support future Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME) operations at Larkhill arrived at the Garrison this month, following a journey of over 180 miles.

The huge heavy load crane has been installed in a new workshop for the REME at Purvis Lines. Its safe working load is 10 tonne and it will be used to lift vehicle parts/engines from military vehicles for maintenance.

The crane, supplied by Streetcrane, travelled to Larkhill from Derbyshire over two days, leaving the company’s site at Chapel on Le Frith at 6am on Tuesday 9 October, arriving at Larkhill at 6pm on Thursday 11 October.

The vehicle transporting the crane was 3m wide and 37m long. The entire load weighed 44,000kg and required its own escort. All the police forces, local councils, highways offices, Network Rail and transport agencies along the route had to be notified in advance.

Anna Taylor, Section Manager for Aspire Defence Capital Works (ADCW), said:

‘Despite much detailed planning going into the logistics of this move, the delivery vehicle and its escorts were held up in traffic on the A34.’

Thankfully the crane arrived on site on time without causing any disruption to the Army, or to the roads surrounding Larkhill.

Now that the crane is safely in situ, Briggs & Forrester (ADCW’s mechanical and electrical contractor) will continue with the building services installation. Once power is available and the building is in a suitable condition, Streetcrane will return to commission the crane and train both the Army users and the Aspire Defence Services Limited maintenance team on its operation.

A Bigger, Better Health Centre for Bulford



The ADCW team has been praised by the Army for going ‘above and beyond’ to complete the first phase of improvement works at Bulford Medical and Dental Centre

Since August 2017, ADCW’s contractor, Brymor, has completed a 2-storey extension to provide new medical consulting rooms, administration on the ground floor, and audio and run up rooms on the first floor. Additional parking has been created alongside hard landscaping, providing better access to the building.

These improvements support the need for increased local healthcare provision, as more military families prepare to move to Salisbury Plain Training Area in 2019 under the ABP.

Practice Manager SSgt Gemma Conley commended Brymor and ADCW for their professionalism, safe working practices and respectful engagement with staff and patients when accessing clinical areas during construction.

SSgt Conley said: 'Before work commenced we were all very apprehensive as to how we could provide an effective, safe service to our patients and staff whilst under construction. From early on we developed a great rapport with ADCW, who went above and beyond to ensure that we were able to obtain partial occupancy in time for our public opening in early September.'

'Since taking over occupancy there have been a few snags and these have been dealt with immediately with minimum fuss and disruption...Keep up the good work and I will look forward to continuing the good rapport during the second phase.'

ADCW and Brymor are also undertaking internal reconfiguration and renovation of rooms within the existing medical facility. The 'New and Improved' Bulford Health Centre is due to be fully completed in January 2019.

Delivery to January 2019

Bulford

Starting construction: Medical & Dental Centre alteration, extension of SNCO SLA, Transit SLA, SRSLA alteration into OSLA, Healthcare Centre.

Continued construction: Physical and Recreational Training Centre extension, new garages / stores, Training Wing, new SNCO Triple Mess, Officers Mess extension, new JRSLA village, new Brigade Headquarters, new RHQ, new SNCO SLA.

Completed: Demolition works including the Old Bakery, Medical & Dental Centre extension, Officers SLA, Officers Mess, Vehicle Workshop alteration.

Larkhill

Starting construction: Physical Recreation Training Centre.

Continued construction: Medical & Dental Centre, new Officers and Senior Ranks Messes. new SLA , new Junior Ranks Diner, JRSLA, new RHQ & Battery Offices, new Garages, new QM's Stores, Utility Works, various car parks, various demolitions, Technical Building, Purvis Lines.

Completed: Guardroom RHQ.

Perham Down

Starting construction: Squadron Offices.

Continued construction: SNCO Mess extension, new SNCO SLA, new SNCO Mess, Physical and Recreational Training Centre.

Construction completed: New perimeter fencing and associated groundworks, JRSLA.

Tidworth

Starting construction: Mess extension and alteration, Early Years School.

Continued construction: 2 x RHQ offices, Mess extension, Mess alteration, Guardroom & store.

Construction completed: New SNCO Mess and SLA, Garage alterations.

Aldershot

Continued construction: Live Out Change alteration (sports changing rooms).

Construction schedules are subject to change.

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