

Housing

HOUSING UPDATE

As of February 2011 there will be charges levied for rental of SFA, Utilities and CILOCT for all families staying in SFA in the Falkland Islands. Details of these charges can be obtained from the Families Officer and will differ depending on the size of quarter allocated. The rent is abated to take into account that there is no charge for SLA.

SFA

The families' quarters are spread over Jones Ave, Hamilton Rise, Sheridan Rise, Sheffield Close, Ardent Close and Langworthy Villas. There is a requirement to undertake a March In and March Out of quarters which must be at the UK standard. Snagging lists must be completed and returned within the 14 day period after March In. You will also need to sign a licence to occupy the quarter. Each property has been fitted with an electric cooker, refrigerator, washing machine and tumble dryer supplied by Interserve. A large chest freezer is also supplied by Interserve and located in the garden shed. This can also be used for storage.

Due to a severe shortage of storage in theatre there is currently a "No Wharfing" policy. This means none of the MOD furniture can be returned to Barrack Stores. The only exception to this rule is with sofas. If Barrack Stores are informed in advance (a minimum of 14 days notice is needed), they will remove these items before March In. There is limited storage space in quarters and this should be taken into account when packing belongings before moving into theatre.

All SFA is furnished in line with the JSP 308 Standard. Although the furniture is not always in the best of condition you may ask Barrack Stores for a replacement if it is sub-standard. Design and colour of supplied furniture, curtains, etc will vary from house to house and it is not always possible to match them. Barrack stores hold stocks of most household furnishings; any damaged items will be replaced as soon as possible but if they are not in stock it may take up to 3-6 months to get into theatre. Replacement items may not be identical to those items they replace. Should you wish something extra it is worth checking if Barrack Stores have it before rushing out to the NAAFI or Stanley to buy things.

SHEFFIELD CLOSE AND ARDENT CLOSE (12 Houses)

These quarters were built in 2007 and are located just off the main road close to the children's playground and sports pitches. All heating is oil fired. All gardens are enclosed.



- All 4 Bedroom houses with dishwasher

HAMILTON RISE (23 Houses) AND SHERIDAN RISE (12 Houses)

These quarters are located past the children's play park, behind the 120 Facility building.



- A 3 Bedroom house on Hamilton



- One of the 4 Bedroom houses

LANGWORTHY VILLAS (10 Houses)

These villas are situated at the end of the domestic complex near the MPC Primary school. The quarters do not have enclosed gardens or private drives. They are usually allocated to families without children. All the quarters are electrically heated and do not require lampshades. Layouts within the bungalows vary considerably and all are slightly smaller than other SFA at MPC.



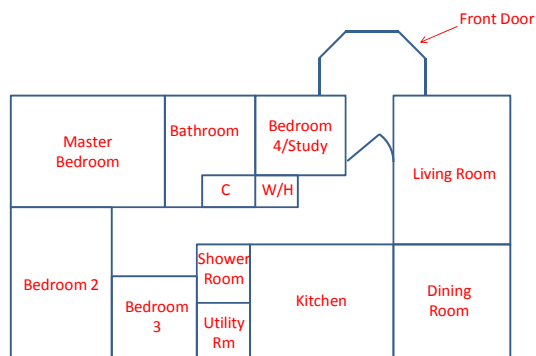
- A 3 Bedroom house in Langworthy

The inventory in each house can vary greatly. It is best to contact the person you will be replacing to get an accurate list. However, the basic inventory for each 3-bed house supplied by the Barrack Store is as follows:-

ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
Fire Extinguisher Water	1	Sauce Boat	1
Fire Extinguisher CO2	1	Fork, Table, Large	8
Settee 3 Seat	1	Fork, Dessert	8
Settee 2 seat	1	Knife, Table, Large	8
Armchair	2	Knife, Dessert	8
Chair Easy	2	Spoon, Tea	8
Double Bed	1	Spoon, Soup	8
Head Board, Double	1	Spoon, Dessert	8
Mattress Double	1	Knife, 12" White	1
Quilt Double	1	Knife, 8", Green	1
Sheet, Double	2	Knife, 6", Blue	1
Wardrobe, Double	1	Knife 4", Green	1
Nest of Tables	1	Knife, 12", Slicing	1
Table Occasional	2	Measure, 2 Pint	1
Buffet Unit	1	Curtains	22
Bed, Chest	4	Poacher, Egg	1
Dressing Table	1	Board, Chopping	1
Stool, Dressing Table	1	Pan, Frying	1
Wardrobe Single	3	Sauce Pan, Milk	2
Table, Dining	1	Dish, Serving	1
Chair, Dining Table	6	Bin, Waste, Small	1
Bed Base Single, 3'6"	2	Board, Ironing	1
Mattress Single	2	Iron Electric	1
Quilt, Single	2	Vacuum Cleaner	1
Sheet, Single	4	Kettle	1
Pillow	8	Toaster, 4 Slice	1
Pillow Slip	16	Sauce Pan 4 Pint	1
Book Case	1	Poacher, Egg	1
Stool	1	Board, Chopping	1
Stool, Bathroom	1	Pan, Frying	1
Stool, Step	1	Sauce Pan, Milk	2
Bin, Large, Kitchen	1	Dish, Serving	1

JONES AVENUE (10 Houses) (Ex Officio)

There are 12 houses situated on Jones Avenue. These comprise of Mount Pleasant House for the Commander British Forces (CBF), 11 Jones Avenue for Chief of Staff and 10 other almost identical bungalow properties built with wooden walls, tile effect roofs and oil fired heating. They are effectively insulated and double glazed. All gardens are enclosed. Jones Avenue is located adjacent to the sports pitches, close to the childrens playground and surrounded by grass.



(No's 4 & 8 Jones Avenue are a slightly different proportion to the original houses in the street but have a very similar layout).

The inventory in each house can vary greatly. It is best to contact the person you will be replacing to get an accurate list. However, the basic inventory for each 4-bed house supplied by the Barrack Store is as follows:-

ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
Fire Extinguisher Water	1	Sauce Boat	1
Fire Extinguisher CO2	1	Fork, Table, Large	8
Settee 3 Seat	1	Fork, Dessert	8
Settee 2 seat	1	Knife, Table, Large	8
Armchair	2	Knife, Dessert	8
Chair Easy	2	Spoon, Tea	8
Double Bed	1	Spoon, Soup	8
Head Board, Double	1	Spoon, Dessert	8
Mattress Double	1	Knife, 12" White	1
Quilt Double	1	Knife, 8", Green	1
Sheet, Double	2	Knife, 6", Blue	1
Wardrobe, Double	1	Knife 4", Green	1
Nest of Tables	1	Knife, 12", Slicing	1
Table Occasional	2	Measure, 2 Pint	1
Buffet Unit	1	Bin, Large, Kitchen	1
Bed, Chest	5	Bin, Waste, Small	1
Dressing Table	1	Board, Ironing	1
Stool, Dressing Table	1	Iron Electric	1
Wardrobe Single	3	Vacuum Cleaner	1

Table, Dining	1	Kettle	1
Chair, Dining Table	6	Toaster, 4 Slice	1
Bed Base Single, 3'6"	3	Sauce Pan 4 Pint	1
Mattress Single	3	Poacher, Egg	1
Quilt, Single	3	Board, Chopping	1
Sheet, Single	6	Pan, Frying	1
Pillow	10	Sauce Pan, Milk	2
Pillow Slip	20	Dish, Serving	1
Book Case	1	Curtains	22
Stool, Bathroom	1	Stool, Step	1

To contact Barrack Stores direct with any queries, dial extension 6032

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

All SFA are furnished in line with the JSP 308 standard, although furnishings are not always in the best of condition, and design and colour will vary! You will be equipped with:

Kitchen. A cooker, washing machine, iron & ironing board, vacuum cleaner, fridge, kettle, toaster, pots & pans (not non-stick), glasses, crockery, cutlery and basic kitchen utensils.

Lounge/Dining Room. A 3-piece suite, dining room table and 6/8 chairs, bookcase, nest of 3 coffee tables and sideboard.

Conservatory. 2 chairs and a coffee table.

Bedrooms. Generally a double bed in the master bedroom and then enough single beds for the number of children you have (bunk beds may be available where children will be sharing bedrooms). The bedrooms will be furnished with double and/or single wardrobes, chest of drawers, dressing table and bedside tables. Duvets with covers, pillows and sheets for each bed are provided.

Shed. Chest freezer and tumble dryer.

It also goes without saying that adequate contents insurance that covers Service equipment is prudent. **If you have specific needs please let the Families Officer know as early as possible. This will enable items to be ordered from the UK if they are not in stock.**

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MAKING YOUR HOUSE A HOME

While all quarters are comfortable and well laid out, like any house they need personal possessions to make them 'home'. The provided curtains and carpets cannot be guaranteed to match furnishings, but remember everyone is in the same situation and some things simply can't be changed - it is up to you to make it feel homely - and it is not really difficult to do this. Having your own things around is key to feeling comfortable so it pays to plan ahead and bring those items you would miss most - whether that be your own bed or supplementary kitchen items. You will be able to find most items in the shops here but they are more expensive and the choice is limited compared to the UK. As mentioned earlier, please bear in mind however that there is a 'no wharfing policy in place'. You are unlikely to be allowed to return to stores unwanted items such as mattresses and furniture.

Some people like to bring their own double mattress or bed, or favourite comfy chair - best advice is to check with your predecessor to ensure there is likely to be space to do this bearing in mind that you cannot return the MOD furnishings. Also note that some quarters do have useful additional items left by previous occupants - such as a microwave or dishwasher, so where possible, check with your predecessor or contact the families officer to avoid duplication.

Top items to bring are cushions, throws or rugs to make your living room more comfortable. Pictures, books and a few favourite ornaments to decorate and additional kitchen items to supplement the basics. Bring serving & oven dishes, gadgets such as food processor & bread-maker (Very popular!) and your favourite everyday items such as a peeler, sharp knives, corkscrew etc. Issue crockery includes cups and saucers - if you prefer too, bring your own mugs!

Listed at Annex A are household, clothing and miscellaneous items you may wish to bring with you to make your stay more comfortable. Obviously do not feel you must have these, they are just suggestions based on what others have found useful.

MOVING YOUR PERSONAL EFFECTS

For the move of personal effects (PE), you will need to read F/Mov/713 "The Joint Service Unaccompanied Baggage Guide" (refer to Annex A, Normal Service). Personnel posted on accompanied tours to the Falkland Islands are entitled to have their unaccompanied baggage professionally packed under MOD "Removal Service" arrangements for the outbound movement from the UK. The amount of baggage you are allowed to bring depends on your SFA entitlement and will be confirmed when you apply for the move - however it will only be a small portion of your belongings as SFA here comes furnished. The rest of your belongings will go into storage until your return to the UK. You must check with the Government Freight Agents (GFA), for the dates of the monthly sailings from the UK for the Falklands and you are advised to allow plenty of time for the packer to get your belongings to the port, containerised and loaded. (The packers often recommend pick up a month before the sailing date!) The contact numbers for GFA are available from your local Admin Office. Unaccompanied baggage is usually transported by ship and after the sailing date still takes approximately 6-8 weeks to reach the Falkland Islands. The arrival date can be before your own arrival, but even so as it all gets checked in Stanley and then delivered to the quarter you may still have to wait up to 2 weeks after you have moved in before you have your belongings. You need to ensure you have enough warm & outdoor clothes in your carry on luggage to last the family until that time!

For more details, please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceFor/ServiceCommunity/Moving/unaccompaniedbaggage/movalsandstoragedocuments>

<https://grms.agilitylogistics.com/external/agilityLoginLoad.do?section=WELCOME>