From Commander R Atkinson Royal Navy

Navy Command

Commanding Officer
HMS DUNCAN
BFPO 269

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HMS DUNCAN Homecoming

HMS DUNCAN's homecoming promises to be a very special day as she returns from her maiden deployment and on of the Royal Navy's first nine month deployments. Whether you are a family member or a friend of a one of our Ship's Company we are very glad that you are able to join in the celebrations to welcome us home.

Unless you require disabled access or have limited mobility, access to the dockyard for those arriving by car will be via buses from the Tipner Park and Ride. If you are arriving by other means e.g. train, coach it will be on foot via Victory Gate which is the pedestrian entrance to the Historic Dockyard and is approximately 100 yards from the Hard Interchange and Portsmouth Harbour railway station.

Once at Trafalgar/Victory Gate your name will be checked against the guest list, please bring some form of ID with you (either a passport or driving license). If arriving by the Park and Ride buses you will arrive directly to the Homecoming jetty, Sheer Jetty. If walking via the Historic Dockyard Entrance you will be guided to Sheer Jetty from Victory Gate.

At Sheer Jetty we will have a large marquee, children's entertainers and a band from the Royal Marines School of Music and the Portsmouth Military Wives Choir. There will be a hog roast available, mulled wine and mince pies, Duncan 'Donuts', a chocolate fountain, for those feeling adventurous in the cold weather an ice cream van and tea, coffee and squash. All of this will be provided to our guests free of charge. There will also be a cash bar for those also wishing to purchase alcoholic drinks.

Whilst the marquee will provide shelter and will be heated please bring sufficient warm and wet weather clothing for the event.

The Ship will be entering the approaches to Portsmouth at 1200, passing Round Tower at approximately 1220. Round Tower has long been a favourite place for people to watch Royal Navy warships return from sea and will offer a good vantage point for our approach. It is, however, quite a walk from there to our berth and will prevent you from seeing us get alongside at 1230.

Timeline

1030	Naval Base opens for homecoming guests
1205	DUNCAN enters channel towards Round Tower
1230	DUNCAN alongside Sheer Jetty
1500	Naval Base closes to homecoming guests

Getting There

If arriving by car all guests are kindly asked to use the Tipner Portsmouth Park and Ride. There will be BAE buses running from the Park and Ride directly to the Homecoming Jetty within the Dockyard. The Park and Ride is situated at a purpose-built location on the M275 entrance to Portsmouth and avoids Portsmouth city centre traffic and will drop you directly to the Homecoming celebrations. Please be aware that the Park and Ride facility costs £4 per car. For more information please visit http://parkandride.portsmouth.gov.uk/

If you are arriving by another method, other than the car, you will need to enter the Dockyard through an alternative entrance, Victory Gate, and walk to Sheer Jetty. Please see below for further information.

By Coach

The majority of national coach services to Portsmouth stop at the Hard Interchange in Portsmouth. If you arrive by coach you will need to enter the Dockyard through Victory Gate, 200 yards away, which is also the entrance to the Historic Dockyard and. There are a total of 12 National Express services a day between London and Portsmouth of which four services are non-stop. These can take as little as two hours.

By Rail

Portsmouth Harbour station is the nearest station to Victory Gate. This station is generally the last stop on the line. South West Trains run frequent trains from London Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour, with a journey time of only 90 minutes. There are also regular services to and from Southampton Central with links to the South West and the West Country. Portsmouth Harbour train station is only 200 yards from the entrance to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Details can be obtained from National Rail Travel Information telephone line on 08457 484950 or through the websites www.nationalrail.com and www.southwesttrains.co.uk.

By Taxi

There are a number of taxi companies available in the area, all of which will know Victory Gate.

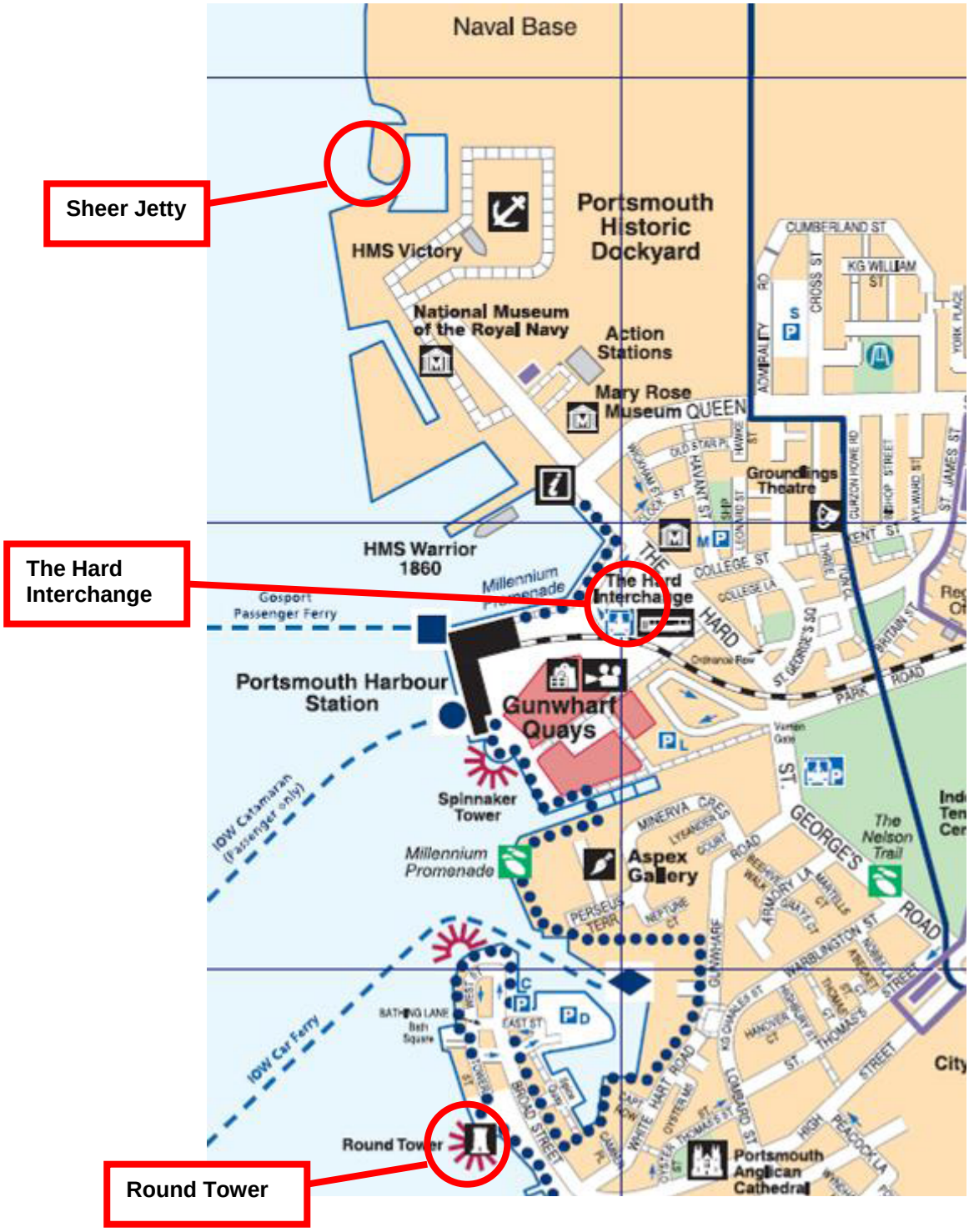
City Wide	02392 833333
Aqua	02392 666666
Fareham Radio Taxis	01329 282282
Fareham Taxi	01329 235235
Acacia	01329 283283

Accommodation

Portsmouth has a large number of hotels; the following list is just a selection of what is available.

Premier Inn Binnacle Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 4FB	0871 527 8906	www.premierinn.co.uk
Premier Inn Long Curtain Road, North Harbour, Cosham, PO5 3AA	0871 527 9014	www.premierinn.co.uk
Premier Inn 65 Bedhampton Hill Road, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3JN	0871 527 8900	www.premierinn.co.uk
Holiday Inn 2-8 Cartwright Drive, Fareham, PO15 5RJ	0800 990 3997	www.HolidayInn.co.uk
Holiday Inn Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2TA	0800 990 3997	www.HolidayInn.co.uk
Holiday Inn The Plaza, Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FD	0800 990 3997	www.HolidayInn.co.uk
Travelodge Copnor Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth, PO3 5HS	0871 559 1841	www.travelodge.co.uk
Travelodge Kingston Crescent, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8AB	0871 984 6208	www.travelodge.co.uk
Ibis – Portsmouth Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth, PO1 2LX	023 9264 0000	www.ibishotel.com
The Anglesey in the Crescent 24 The Crescent, Alverstoke, Gosport, PO12 2DH	023 9258 2157	www.angleseyhotel.co.uk
Alverbank Country House Hotel Stokes Bay Road, Gosport, PO12 2QT	023 9251 0005	www.alverbankhotel.co.uk
The Manor Hotel Brewers Lane, Gosport, PO13 0JY	01329 232946	www.themanorhotelgosport.co.uk
Travel Rest Solent Gateway 22 The Avenue, Fareham, PO14 1NS	01329 232175	www.travelrest.co.uk
The Roundabout Hotel 46 Wallington Shore Road, Fareham, PO16 8SB	01329 822542	www.theroundabouthotel.co.uk
Red Lion Hotel East Street, Fareham, PO16 0BP	01329 822640	www.theredlion-hotel.co.uk
Lysses House Hotel 51 High Street, Fareham, PO16 7BQ	01329 822622	www.lysses.co.uk
The Bugle Hotel The Square, Titchfield, PO14 4AF	01329 841888	www.thebuglehotel.co.uk
Solent Hotel Rookery Avenue, Fareham, PO15 7AJ	01489 880000	www.solenthotel.com
Royal Beach Hotel St Helens Parade, Southsea, PO4 0RN	023 9273 1281	www.royalbeachhotel.co.uk
Queens Hotel Clarence Parade, Southsea, PO5 3LJ	023 9282 2466	www.queenshotelsouthsea.co.uk
The Duke of Buckingham 119 High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HW	023 9282 7067	www.dukeofbuckingham.co.uk
The Lady Hamilton 21 The Hard, Portsmouth, PO1 3DT	023 9287 0505	
Keppels Head Hotel 24 The Hard, Portsmouth, PO1 3DT	023 9283 3231	www.keppelsheadhotel.co.uk
The George Hotel Queen Street, Portsmouth, PO1 3HU	023 9275 3885	www.thegeorgehotel.org.uk

Map


Sheer Jetty
The Hard Interchange
Round Tower
Naval Base
Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
HMS Victory
National Museum of the Royal Navy
Action Stations
Mary Rose Museum
HMS Warrior 1860
Millennium Promenade
Gosport Passenger Ferry
Portsmouth Harbour Station
Gunwharf Quays
Spinnaker Tower
IOW Catamaran (Passenger only)
Millennium Promenade
Aspex Gallery
IOW Car Ferry
Round Tower
Groundings Theatre
The Nelson Trail
Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral
QUEEN
THE HARD
GEORGE'S ROAD
PARK ROAD
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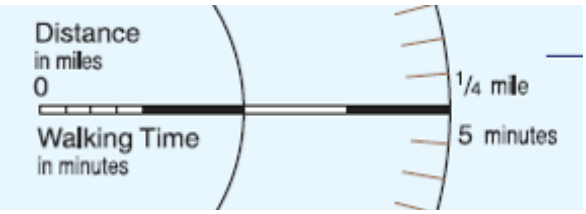
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Walking Time
in minutes
5 minutes