

Jack Hunt School (Trust)





INFORMATION ABOUT PETERBOROUGH





























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Introduction

This pack is designed for applicants and new staff who could/will be moving into the Peterborough area to take up a post in teaching.

The information in the pack covers the following areas:

Location - within the UK and the region

Living - house prices, cost of living, neighbourhood information

Working - development, employers

A short history of Peterborough

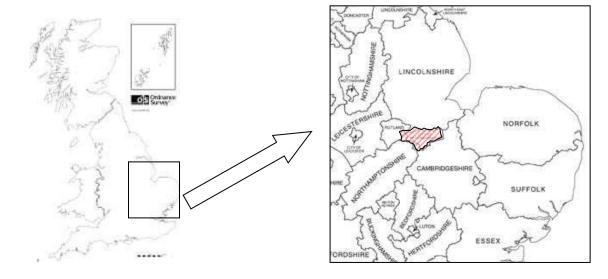
Transport - links to trains, buses and coaches, cycle routes in the City and across the region and the country

Learning - where to get more information on schools in the area for families who are relocating, and information on further and higher education in the City

Leisure - what entertainment, sporting and lifestyle provision is available in the City and where to get more information

Peterborough Location

Peterborough is a cathedral city and unitary authority area in the East of England. The city is situated on the River Nene, which flows into the North Sea approximately 30 miles (48 km) to the north-east. The local landscape to the east of the city is flat and low-lying, and in some places lies below sea level although there is higher ground to the west of the city.



The area known as the Fens falls to the east and north-east of Peterborough. The City of Peterborough is a unitary authority and borders Northamptonshire and Rutland to the west, Lincolnshire to the north, and Cambridgeshire to the south and east.

Peterborough is surrounded by beautiful countryside, including 2,000 acres of riverside parkland, including Ferry Meadows and the Nene Park, and there is access to a vast range of outdoor leisure activities to enjoy.

There are a number of other towns and villages located within commuting distance of Peterborough which may be worth considering if you wish to live outside of Peterborough itself.

A useful map showing these areas can be found on the Peterborough City Council website:

http://hawkeye.peterborough.gov.uk/CNET49Live/CMPro/default.aspx?getmap=true &scale=500000&location=517077.354166667^304677.541666667&layersidentifier=9 f4daa1cc60c490490bb8412af9c1f64&Workspace=Hawkeye&backgroundmap=MapD efaultLayerNames

Urban areas of the city include Bretton, Dogsthorpe, Eastfield, Eastgate, Fengate, Fletton, Gunthorpe, Hampton, Longthorpe, Millfield, New England, Netherton, The Ortons, Parnwell, Paston, Stanground, Walton, Werrington, West Town, Westwood and Woodston.

Villages in the district include Ailsworth, Bainton, Barnack, Borough Fen, Castor, Deeping Gate, Eye, Glinton, Helpston, Marholm, Maxey, Newborough, Northborough, Peakirk, Sutton, Thorney, Thornhaugh, Ufford, Upton, Wansford and Wittering.

Living in Peterborough

If you take a look at what is going on in Peterborough you will find that there is more to the city than its truly magnificent cathedral. The city's population has more than doubled in the last forty years and there are a number of significant development projects taking place in the centre to ensure that it continues to grow. Property prices are among the lowest in the South and East of England, coupled with the fact that this is the most successful economy in the region. Peterborough's appeal for those people considering relocating away from some of the more populated conurbations, particularly in and around the capital just 50 minutes away by train, is increasing apace.

Getting Around

Commuting to the city centre and surrounding area is not as troublesome as you might expect for a city that has a population of over 160,000 people, even during the rush hour.

Peterborough's network of dual carriageway 'parkways' have been purposefully designed to cope with the demand of an increased population. They make it easy to get around without having to go through the city centre, with the city being located next to the North-South A1(M) motorway and the East-West A47. In the centre itself, there are around a dozen short and long term car parks.

Despite its large-scale growth, Peterborough has the fastest peak and off-peak travel times for a city of its size in the UK. This is a major factor contributing to the city's status as one of only four Environment Cities in the UK that is committed to providing sustainable transport, with bus and train travel widely promoted and increasingly becoming the favoured form of transport for commuters.

Both the train and bus station are located on the opposite side of the Queensgate shopping centre with the bus station service connecting every part of the city and the surrounding villages. Peterborough is connected by rail with the nearby towns of Stamford, Grantham, Ely, March, Whittlesey and Huntingdon along with direct connections to some of the largest cities in the regions such as Cambridge, Northampton and London.

Residential Areas

Despite being located next to one of the most expensive property counties in England, Cambridgeshire, house prices to income ratio in Peterborough are significantly lower. This makes the city one of the most affordable locations in the South and East and is a major selling point for people considering moving to the region.

The new Hampton area on the southern perimeter of the city, one of the four areas that were earmarked for development when Peterborough was designated a new town, will eventually provide an additional 7,300 homes. A number of new homes are being built to meet increased demand for modern housing in other areas of the city, such as the Cardea community project to the east of the City and the planned Paston Reserve development to the North East.

House Prices

House prices and council tax in Peterborough are well below regional and national averages. In July 2016, the average house price in Peterborough was around £170,682 compared with an East of England regional average of around £273,806 and national average of £216,750 (figures from Land Registry House Price Index).

If you are renting a property, you will usually be asked to provide at least one month's rent as a deposit and your first month's rent in advance. You may also be asked to provide an employment reference to confirm your income – we are happy to do this for you if you have secured a post with us.

Estate Agencies

A sample of local estate agents is given below:

Briggs Residential www.briggsresidential.co.uk	17 Market Place Market Deeping 01778 349300	William H Brown www.sequencehome.co.uk	7-9 Cowgate Peterborough 01733 311022
Carter Jonas www.carterjonas.co.uk	43 Priestgate Peterborough 01733 568100	City & County www.cityandcounty.net	6 Cowgate Peterborough 01733 563965
Cook & Ward www.cookandward.com	44 Cowgate Peterborough 01733 774444	Connells www.connells.co.uk	14 Cowgate Peterborough 01733 314775
Dakings www.dakings.co.uk	37 Broadway Peterborough 01733 344222	Rosedale www.rosedaleproperties.co.uk	110 Lincoln Road Peterborough 01733 574969
Fitzjohn Ingle www.fitzjohningle.co.uk	2 Fortune Buildings Cowgate Peterborough 01733 555520	Quentin Marks www.quentinmarks.co.uk	15 King Street Peterborough 01733 770770
Savills www.savills.co.uk	Stuart House City Road Peterborough 01733 567231	Your Move www.your-move.co.uk	42 Cowgate Peterborough 01733 558855

Key Worker Scheme

Qualified teachers and some other school-based staff are considered 'Key Workers' and may be eligible for schemes which provide favourable terms for purchasing or renting a property (either in full or through shared ownership). Full

details are available from BPHA – Options to Buy on **0845 456 6757** or via www.bphaoptions.org.uk.

Working in Peterborough

The cathedral city of Peterborough is currently experiencing an economic boom that has positioned it as the most successful economy in the East of England, having jostled for the title with Luton for a number of years. Since being designated as a New Town in 1968, Peterborough's population has continued to soar and so too has its business community.

The city is one of the UK's leading centres for new business start-ups and expansion. Several decades of rapid growth have created a rich, diverse and vibrant city that has a successful track record in attracting businesses to the region and firmly established its status as one of the strongest economies in the country.

For almost 800 years Peterborough passed through history in unremarkable fashion, existing as little more than a market town until the defunct Abbey was re-classified as a cathedral, thereby making Peterborough a 'city' – albeit a small one even by the standards of the time standing at just 1,500 people. By the mid nineteenth century an iron, brick making and elastic webbing manufacturing sector had evolved and the arrival of the railways saw Peterborough quickly become one of the most important industrial centres in the East of England. By 1901 the population of Peterborough stood at around 30,000.

However, the city's fortunes were to change irrevocably when the Government included Peterborough in its New Town scheme – a scheme designed to relieve the housing congestion in London. Despite already having a significant population of over 80,000 people, it was decided to double this to about 160,000 and in 1968, a Development Corporation was formed to build three new suburban areas, Bretton, Orton and Werrington.

In common with the national decline in manufacturing and heavy industry, employment within these sectors has fallen in recent years and Peterborough has diversified as a post-industrial service economy. Indeed, around 80 per cent of all employment opportunities in the city are in the service sector, whilst fewer than 15 per cent can still be found in manufacturing and industry with the likes of British Sugar, Indesit, Perkins Engines, Dresser-Rand (Peter Brotherhood) and Baker Perkins providing the bulk of these jobs.

Peterborough's retail sector is also enjoying a boom which has been stimulated by the £1bn regeneration of the city centre. Peterborough already has an extensive shopping option and has plans for a new retail, leisure and entertainment hub at North Westgate which will include a flagship relocated Marks & Spencer. At present, around 11 per cent of the local workforce is employed in the retail sector.

Being the fastest growing economy in the East of England, Peterborough has seen a significant growth in the number of new business start-ups and existing business expansions in recent years. Spearheading this drive are the financial and professional services sectors which has become one of the key economic drivers in Peterborough. Responsible for around 11 per cent of the workforce, demand for jobs in this sector will inevitably rise as the population continues to soar, with Peterborough continuing to boast an impressive portfolio of leading organisations in the area including the head office for Churchill Insurance, the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society and BNP Paribas. Elsewhere, Barclays Personal Investment Management which employs 450 staff, Diligenta business process outsourcing specialists, and BGL, one of the largest personal lines intermediaries in the UK and parent company of Budget Insurance, with 1,200 workers.

Anglian Water is at the forefront of Peterborough 's objective to become the UK centre for environmental industries. Indeed, Anglian Water's Thorpe Wood office tasks are focused on a large number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and other areas of vulnerability such as wetlands and rivers. Peterborough Environment City Trust, Natural England and the Environment Agency also contribute to a sector that currently supports more than 4,500 jobs in the local area and account for over 5 per cent of the city's GDP.

What Anglian Water is doing for the environmental sector, EMAP is doing for the media sector. Having been based in the city for a number of years, EMAP is one of one of the leading magazine publishers in the UK and also one of the biggest employers in Peterborough, but there are also a number of smaller companies specialising in the fields of website design, newspaper publishing, TV and radio which employ thousands of people in the area.

Aside from the five key sectors above, there are a number of other employment industries which despite employing fewer numbers are vital contributors to the local economy. Travel companies Thomas Cook and Travelex are both headquartered in the city, with the former employing more than 1,500 people.

A Short History of Peterborough

The busy city of Peterborough, whose name is derived from its Norman Cathedral of St. Peter, lies in the northern corner of Cambridgeshire, on the north bank of the River Nene on the edge of the Fens.

Peterborough is an ancient and prosperous city, which has preserved its ancient heritage. Its origins are Saxon, but many prehistoric sites around the area indicate the land may have been farmed for 6,000 years. Flag Fen is an important Bronze Age site near Peterborough, where you can see 3,000 year old timbers preserved in peat.

The Norman Cathedral of St. Peter is built on the site of a monastery, which was destroyed by the Danes in 870 and rebuilt as a Benedictine foundation in 972. It was plundered by Hereward the Wake and later destroyed by fire. The present Cathedral was built by the Normans between 1118 and 1238, built of Barnack stone, with a tower reaching 143 feet. The interior is a splendid example of Norman architecture.

The 1850 opening of the Great Northern Railway's main line from London to York, transformed Peterborough from a market town to an industrial centre, particularly noted for brick manufacture. With this expansion came population growth, which continued through the next 100 years and with Peterborough's designation as a New Town in 1967.

Modern Peterborough is a thriving city which is once again undergoing rapid expansion, with development underway to accommodate another 40,000 people in an extra 22,000 homes and 18,000 jobs by 2020. A multi-million pound scheme to regenerate and rejuvenate Peterborough city centre has been developed to ensure that the city centre develops for the future in line with Peterborough's planned growth.

The current population of Peterborough is around 184,000. Peterborough is a richly diverse, multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-faith city, with approximately 17.5% of Peterborough's population classifying themselves as belonging to a non-white ethnic minority group (2011 Census).

Transport in Peterborough

Peterborough has excellent transport links, including a main line train station, bus and coach station, and access to major road networks.

Trains

There are five main train operators providing services from Peterborough station.

Virgin Trains East Coast provides high-speed inter-city train services along the East Coast Main Line between London, Peterborough, Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland.

Great Northern (Govia Thameslink Railway) provides a slower and cheaper service between Peterborough and London. These services stop at a number of stations between Peterborough and London.

East Midland Trains provide cross country services along the following routes: Liverpool – Manchester – Sheffield – Nottingham – Grantham – Peterborough – March – Ely – Cambridge or Norwich; and Peterborough – Spalding – Sleaford – Lincoln – Doncaster Travelchoice 3 (876)CrossCountry provide services along the following route: Birmingham – Nuneaton – Leicester – Melton Mowbray – Oakham – Stamford – Peterborough – March – Ely – Cambridge – Stansted Airport

Abellio Greater Anglia provides services along the following routes: *Peterborough – Whittlesey – March – Ely – Bury St Edmunds – Stowmarket – Ipswich*

National Rail Enquiries offers a full journey planning service and access to the latest ticketing information as well as a live next departures board and next arrivals board for Peterborough rail station. http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Buses & Coaches

There is a bus and coach station in Peterborough Queensgate Shopping Centre, from which both local and national services operate. Information on all services and journey planning information can be found on the Travel Choice website: http://www.travelchoice.org.uk/public-transport/

National Express coaches stop at Peterborough on services including those to/from Birmingham; London Victoria; Clacton-on-Sea (via Cambridge); Liverpool (via Sheffield); and Grimsby/Lincoln. www.nationalexpress.co.uk

Roads

Adjacent roads including the A1(M), A14 and A47 provide swift access to the national road network and easy access to the M11 to London. Peterborough is approximately 40 miles/64 km from Cambridge and 80 miles/128 km from London.

Cycling

The Peterborough Millennium Green Wheel is a 50 mile (80 km) network of cycleways, footpaths and bridleways, providing safe, continuous routes around the city with radiating spokes connecting to the city centre and connections to the National Cycle Network. More information on the National Cycle Network can be found at http://www.travelchoice.org.uk/cycling/cycle-routes/

Learning in Peterborough

Schools

For parents moving into the area, we appreciate that there will be a need to find a school or schools for your children. As well as Jack Hunt School, there are 10 other Secondary Schools in Peterborough, 50 Infant/Junior/Primary Schools and 3 Special Schools.

An A-Z and map of all Peterborough Schools is available on the Peterborough City Council Website at https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/all-schools-colleges/

The Peterborough City Council website also includes information about admissions, special educational needs and inclusion, and youth services and social care.

Colleges

Peterborough Regional College is a College of Further and Higher Education situated in an extensive site near the centre of the city (next door to Thomas Deacon Academy!) The College serves over 15,000 students annually, and offers courses at all levels from short, introductory courses up to full degrees and post-graduate training. www.peterborough.ac.uk

City College Peterborough is located in central Peterborough, and offers a wide range of general courses, for business and pleasure, both in the daytime and evening, and also one-day Saturday classes. www.citycollegepeterborough.ac.uk

Degree Level and Above

As noted above, Peterborough Regional College is a Higher Education centre, providing undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses validated by Anglia Ruskin University. Students can study full-time or part-time and complete their degree in full at the Peterborough centre. Full details, including a Higher Education prospectus, can be found on their website. www.peterborough.ac.uk

Peterborough is also well placed to access other towns and cities in the area which have Universities offering degree-level and above qualifications. These include:

Cambridge

University of Cambridge www.cam.ac.uk

Anglia Ruskin University www.anglia.ac.uk

Leicester

University of Leicester www.le.ac.uk

De Montfort University www.dmu.ac.uk

Bedford

University of Bedfordshire www.beds.ac.uk

Leisure in Peterborough

The Vivacity Card

Vivacity runs the The Vivacity Card programme, which offers discounts at all Council swimming pools and sports centres, as well as family activities and at selected shops and restaurants. www.vivacity-peterborough.com/sport-healthy-living/the-vivacity-card/

Cinema & Theatre

Key Theatre

Situated on the riverbank, the theatre offers an appealing range of plays and live entertainment. www.vivacity-peterborough.com/venues/key-theatre

The Cresset

A multi-purpose theatre, conference and community venue offering a live entertainment, function rooms and dance and drama classes, workshops, as well as a cafe, pub/restaurant, bars and shops. www.cresset.co.uk

Showcase Cinema

An out-of-town thirteen-screen complex showing the latest cinema releases. www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/pages/peterborough/

Peterborough Arts Cinema

The John Clare Theatre at the Central Library hosts a limited programme of 'film that makes you think'. Season memberships are available. www.peterboroughartscinema.co.uk

Food

Visit Peterborough has a guide to eating out in the Peterborough area, including restaurants, bars, pubs and inns. http://www.visitpeterborough.com/food/

The City Council website also provides a 'Scores on the Doors' system of food hygiene ratings for establishments handling food, including pubs and restaurants. To check out the cleanest kitchens in Peterborough, go to www.peterborough.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/food-safety/

Night Clubs and Late Bars

Peterborough has a number of night clubs and late bars, which have a large crowd capacity and are often visited by well-known DJs. These include:

Halo Nightclub – www.halo-peterborough.co.uk

Edwards - http://www.edwardspeterborough.co.uk/

The Solstice - http://www.thesolstice.co.uk/

Live Music

The Metropolis Lounge is a premier venue in the City for live music. Listings can be found at http://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Peterborough/The--Met-Lounge/

ESP Magazine hosts a 'Gig Guide' of live music in the City. http://www.espmag.co.uk/thelist/

Pubs and Bars

Whether you're a wine or real ale connoisseur, fancy a traditional ale house or a modern bar, want to find a gastropub, or fancy a big party with friends, you will find a pub or bar to suit you.

Beer in the Evening.com gives information on pubs by city or county, giving ratings and lists of facilities. The website also lists pubs with Cask Marque status and information on chain pubs. It even provides a pub crawl generator! www.beerintheevening.com

Peterborough also hosts an annual Beer Festival at the Embankment in August, in association with CAMRA, attracting over 40,000 visitors each year. http://www.peterborough-camra.org.uk/index.php?bf=1

Shopping

Queensgate Shopping Centre is a completely covered centre with two shopping levels in the middle of the City shopping area. There are over 90 stores including John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, Next, Boots and Argos. www.queensgate-shopping.co.uk

Serpentine Green Shopping Centre is in the Hampton township on Peterborough's southern perimeter and includes Britain's largest Tesco Extra store. Among other shops are Boots, WH Smith, Gap, Holiday Hypermarket, Dorothy Perkins, Next and Outfit plus coffee shops and restaurants. www.serpentinegreen.net

Outdoor Activities

Central Park

Peterborough's Central Park is adjacent to the Academy and provides an ideal place to relax. The park also offers a friendly café within walking distance of the Academy.

Ferry Meadows/Nene Park

This park lies in 2,000 acres of meadows, lakes and woods and offers a range of outdoor and watersports activities, including fishing, boating, rowing, canoeing, cycling, walking, bird-watching and golf.

Other Local Attractions

Nene Valley Railway

Nene Valley Railway is a standard gauge railway, which runs for seven and a half miles between Yarwell Junction and Peterborough in Cambridgeshire, through Ferry Meadows. Special events take place throughout the year. www.nvr.org.uk

Sacrewell Farm & Country Centre

Situated just north of Peterborough, there is something for everyone at Sacrewell, from friendly farm animals, the Shire Horse Centre and play areas, to the working watermill and farm bygones. Spread over 35 acres you can always enjoy the feeling of space and rural tranquillity. www.sacrewell.org.uk

Elton Hall

A part-Gothic house which has been in the Proby family since 1660. The Hall, which stands in the midst of unspoilt landscaped parkland, is a fascinating mix of styles surrounded by stunning gardens. There is also a garden centre and Loch Fyne restaurant to visit. www.eltonhall.com

Flag Fen Bronze Age Centre

Part of the preserved remains of a Bronze Age construction can be viewed in an undercover display hall. As well as a Visitors' Centre and the Museum, Flag Fen boasts a reconstructed round house, built using a layout found during excavations. www.flagfen.com

Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery

Situated in the City Centre, Peterborough Museum offers displays of local archaeology, geology and social history, and an exciting programme of talks and walks, including the famous Peterborough ghost walk. The Art Gallery shows traditional and contemporary art displays including digital art. http://www.visitpeterborough.com/thedms.aspx?dms=3&venue=0232320

Sporting Clubs & Facilities

Peterborough has a wide variety of sporting activities to offer to those who enjoy keeping fit – and other leisure activities for thrill seekers!

Athletics

Peterborough Athletics Club www.peterborough-ac.org.uk

Embankment Athletics Track <u>www.runtrackdir.com</u>

Ten Pin Bowling

AMF Bowl Peterborough www.amf-bowling.co.uk/our-centres/peterborough

Football

Peterborough United www.theposh.com

Peterborough Football Association <u>www.peterboroughfootball.co.uk</u>

Golf

Orton Meadows Golf Course www.neneparkgolf.com

Milton Golf Course www.pmqc.org.uk

Thorpe Wood Golf Course <u>www.neneparkgolf.com</u>

Ice Skating/Hockey

Ice Skating Rink <u>www.planet-ice.co.uk/arena/peterborough</u>

Phantoms Ice Hockey www.gophantoms.co.uk

Self-Defence & Martial Arts

Evolution Tae Kwon Do http://www.evolutiontkd.co.uk/

Light Aircraft/Parachuting

Sibson Centre www.skydivesibson.co.uk

Greyhound Racing

Greyhound Stadium www.peterboroughgreyhounds.com

Rugby

Peterborough Rugby Union www.prufc.com

Sailing

Sailing at Tallington Lakes <u>www.tallington.com/water-activities/sailing/sailing-courses/</u>

Rutland Sailing Club www.rutlandsc.co.uk

Skiing

Tallington Dry Ski Slope www.tallington.com/land-activities/dry-ski-slope/

Speedway

Peterborough Panthers www.peterboroughpanthers.co

Swimming

Council Swimming Pools <u>www.vivacity-peterborough.com/sport-healthy-living/</u>

Further Information and Links

The following links are offered as general guidance to find out more about Peterborough and services offered in this area.

Peterborough City Council www.peterborough.gov.uk

Peterborough Leisure <u>www.vivacity-peterborough.com</u>

Peterborough Evening Telegraph <u>www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk</u>

Peterborough Tourism <u>www.visitpeterborough.com</u>

Public Transport in Peterborough <u>www.travelchoice.org</u>

National Rail Enquiries <u>www.nationalrail.co.uk</u>

National Cycle Network <u>www.sustrans.org.uk</u>

Housing Searches <u>www.rightmove.co.uk</u>

Neighbourhood Information <u>www.upmystreet.com</u>

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