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GENERAL SITES

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Search Engines		
www.altavista.co.uk	Alta Vista	Good for UK sites, also has translation facility
www.google.co.uk	Google	Excellent, easy to use search engine for worldwide sites
www.askjeeves.co.uk	Ask Jeeves	Question and answer search engine
www.lycos.co.uk	Lycos	Good for UK sites with additional web guides on a range of topics
www.yahoo.co.uk	Yahoo	Worldwide or UK & Ireland specific with a range of search topics i.e. travel and health
www.scoot.co.uk	Scoot	UK businesses and services directory includes a very comprehensive cinema and film finder for all areas of Britain
Military / Garrison Sites		
www.army.mod.uk/4bde	Osnabruck Garrison	Guide to units, events etc at Osnabruck
www.brunssumbrits.com	Brunssum/AFNORTH	Guide to Brunssum facilities and events including the HIVE
www.army.mod.uk	British Army	Official MoD/Army site – lists every unit and gives detailed info on them, including where they are based.
www.lookingat.com/germany	Unofficial BFG site	General BFG info with links to garrison pages and official MoD sites
www.bfgnet.de	British Forces Germany	Official BFG site with links to MoD sites, news, welfare, local garrison sites, etc
www.modoracle.com	MoD Oracle	Comprehensive information resource on all things military with excellent links. Independent of UK MoD.
www.posted2cyprus.com	Cyprus Postings	Guide for soldiers and families posted to Cyprus
www.rafcom.co.uk		RAF website
www.arrse.co.uk		The unofficial forum for the British Army- chat and info on everything Army
www.sftf.mod.uk	Service Families' Task Force	

COMMUNICATION SITES (cat 1)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.bt.com	British Telecom	Details of all BT services plus UK phone directory and yellow pages
www.babelfish.altavista.com	Alta Vista	Translation Facility
www.bfpo.org.uk	BFPO	E Blueys e-mail letter service for personnel on overseas tours plus facility to order gifts
www.yell.com	Yellow Pages	UK Yellow Pages online
www.telefonbuch.de	German Telephone Book	German residential phone book, with English option
www.teleauskunft.de	German Telephone Book	Links to German Yellow Pages and phone books
www.billiger-telefonieren.de		Cheap calls to anywhere with the codes
www.saynoto0870.com		Don't pay premium rates for calling UK companies, banks, etc. Gives you the area code for these.
www.royalmail.com	Royal Mail	Royal Mail online – postcode finder
www.mediauk.com	UK Media	Comprehensive site linking to all forms of media, listing newspaper, magazine, television and radio sites in the UK
www.bfbs.com	BFBS Radio / Television	BFBS TV and radio, with links to SSVC and cinemas
www.192.com	Directory Enquiries	Largest UK directory enquiry service online
www.sky.com	Sky Television	Sky television and satellite info
www.whatsonwhen.com	Info site	Information site for all over the world
www.infobel.com/teldir	Yellow pages	Yellow pages worldwide
www.telekom3.de	Deutsche Telecom	Website about DT services in English
www.getsafeonline.org		Advice on obtaining protection against Internet fraud and threats
www.expatica.com		Amongst lots of other things – German news in English
www.youconvertit.com		Website to convert files into a different format.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT SITES (cat 2) - 6 PAGES

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Air		
www.german-airports.de	German Airports	Links to all major German airports in German
www.baa.co.uk	British Airports Authority	Flight and arrival times for most major UK airports plus airport parking and duty free offers
www.airwise.com	Worldwide Airports	Guide to international airports and facilities worldwide
www.airberlin.de		Cheap flights from numerous German airports – Stansted/Manchester plus others
www.ryanair.com	Cheap Flights to Europe	Offers cheap flights from Niederrhein Dusseldorf to Europe particularly Standsted
www.easyjet.co.uk		Cheap flights from numerous to/from European airports plus other destinations
www.british-airways.com	British Airways Timetables	Details of BA flights, plus other airlines handled by BA
www.londoncityairport.com	London City Airport	Schedules of flights to and from London City
www.travelselect.co.uk	Travelselect	Details of times and fares for flights between locations anywhere in the world. Can be slow to use but does have some helpful information
www.tuifly.com	Tui	Offers cheap flights from Koln to Manchester & more
www.jet2.com	Jet2	Flights from various German airports to destinations all over the world including the UK.
www.skyscanner.net		Cheap flight search
Sea		
www.doverport.co.uk	Port of Dover	Information on Dover Port services and ferry sailing times
www.poferries.com	P&O	P&O ferry timetables and booking service for cross channel and North Sea crossings
www.dfdseaways.com	Scandanavian Seaways	Ferry timetables and booking service
www.stenaline.co.uk	Stena Line	Stena Line information and booking service
www.norfolkline-ferries.com	Norfolk Line	Cheap ferries from Dunkerque to Dover
www.speedferries.com	Speed Ferries	Cheap fast ferries from Boulogne to Dover
www.seafrance.com	Sea France	Ferry crossings from Calais to Dover
Rail		
www.bahn.de	Deutsche Bahn	Ticket information and journey planner for the German rail network

www.ns.nl	Netherlands rail	Information and journey planner for Dutch bus and rail network (English option)
www.sncb.be	Belgium Trains	Information on the Belgian rail network (English option)
www.eurostar.co.uk	Eurostar	Timetable, special offers and background information
www.eurotunnel.co.uk	Eurotunnel	Route planner, info on taking pets through the tunnel, special offers and booking.
www.thetrainline.com	Train Line	UK rail timetables, journey planner and ticket booking facility
www.nationalrail.co.uk	UK Rail	UK rail network timetables, information and booking
www.dlr.co.uk	Docklands Light Railway	Information and timetables
www.gner.co.uk		
www.virgintrains.co.uk		
www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk		
www.midlandmainline.com		
www.scotrail.co.uk		
www.Europeanrailguide.com		A concise guide to travel in and around Europe – gives English version
Road		
www.nationalexpress.com	National Express	Timetables, routings and booking service. Links to Eurolines and Flight Link
www.dvla.gov.uk	Driver & Vehicle licensing Agency	Info on all aspects of driver and vehicle registration in the UK
www.dsa.gov.uk	Driving Standards Agency	Information on practical and theory tests for the UK
www.2pass.co.uk	UK learner drivers	Comprehensive list of UK driving schools including residential courses
www.theaa.com	AA	Route planning, breakdown cover, traffic info, hotel guide and car buying assistance
www.rac.co.uk	RAC	UK traffic reports, route planner, accommodation guide and car buying assistance
www.highwaycode.gov.uk		

www.adac.de	ADAC	German auto association site – only available in German
www.oesag.at	Austrian AA	Info on travel in Austria including current road tolls – in German
www.autoroutes.fr	Autoroutes France	Info on French road tolls and traffic reports
www.taac.de	TAAC	Services offered by TAAC if you have an accident in Germany plus contact details
www.removers.org.uk	British Association of Removal companies	Contains a list of 1500 removal companies worldwide
www.mapquest.com	Map Quest	Road map of any worldwide location with route planner
www.multimap.com	Multi Map	Detailed UK streetmaps – search by postcode, place or street name
www.tank.rast.de		Details of German motorway stops, fuel type and facilities
www.mappy.co.uk	Route Planner	A free route planner for Europe which includes useful features, such as tolls and petrol used on journey.
www.viamichelin.com	Route Planner	A free route planner for Europe which includes useful features, such as tolls and petrol used on journey.
www.streetmap.co.uk	Street map	Search for a London street or a UK city, town or village. An alternative to Multimap
General Transport		
www.tfl.gov.uk	Transport for London	London bus routes, tube map and journey planner for London transport networks and info on Congestion Charges
www.pti.org.uk	UK Public Transport	Journey planning in the UK plus links to timetables, fares, passenger facilities and other public transport information
www.vrr.de	Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Ruhr	Website containing public transport information for the Rhein Ruhr region.

Tourist Info & Countries		
www.towd.com	Tourist Offices Worldwide	Directory and links to 1675 tourist offices and agencies worldwide
www.germany-toursim.de	German Tourist Board	Info on where to visit, what to see and what's on throughout Germany (English option)
www.visitholland.com	Dutch Tourist Board	General information with lots of graphics – not particularly comprehensive (English)
www.belgium.com	Belgium Tourist Info	Very comprehensive guide to travel and holidays in Belgium covering all activities (English)
www.visitbritain.com	British Tourist Board	Visitor info and planner, maps, entertainment, culture and activities
www.franceguide.com	French Tourist board	Very comprehensive guide to travel and holidays in France covering all activities (English)
www.visitdenmark.com	Danish Tourist Board	Very comprehensive guide to travel and holidays in Denmark covering all activities (English)
www.timeout.com	Time Out Guides	Guides to over 50 cities worldwide with links and currency converter
www.roughguides.com	Rough Guides	Entire contents of the Rough Guides travel book series online
www.howtogermy.com	How To Guide	Excellent guide to many aspects of living in Germany – compliments the CRIC booklet
www.berlin.de	Berlin	Guide to Berlin (English option)
www.cityguide.travel-guides.com	Travel Guide	Very good guide on cities around the world, offering useful information
www.harzmagic-info.co.uk	Discover Holiday	A UK based tourist site linking to further relevant website and hotel websites all in English
www.justlanded.com/english/germany		Website for new arrivals in Germany explaining everything you may need to know about living/working whilst in Germany.
www.hrs.de	Hotel reservation service	Worldwide hotel reservations with maps provided.
www.winterberg.de		Info on Winterberg – popular ski area in Sauerland
www.fco.gov.uk	FCO Travel Notices	Official FCO advice on problems which may be faced by travellers to various regions
www.xe.net	Universal Currency Converter	Straightforward conversion of 180 currencies. Produced by Xenon Laboratories

Holiday Centres and Parks		
www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com	US Military	All associated info on US military lodge and resort in Garmisch, Bavaria
www.gettingaround.net	AFRC	AFRC recreation Centre
www.disneylandparis.com	Disneyland Paris	Details on rides, park layout, accommodation and village plus reservation requests
www.efteling.nl	Efteling Theme Park	Dutch at present. Routeplanner, opening times, hotels and park information
www.centerparcs.com	Centreparks Europe	Info about all European Centreparks with online booking and availability. Includes info about the Oasis park in the Lake District
www.landal.com	Landal Greenparks	An alternative to Centre Parks with parks throughout Central Europe
www.freizeitbad.de	European Waterparks Ass	Guide to waterparks across Europe – English/German site
www.themeparks.about.com	Theme Parks	Major theme parks in America and worldwide – links to theme park sites
www.freizeitparks.de	Theme Parks	Excellent guide to European theme and fun parks. Click on 'Parkname' for full listing (German language)
www.sealife.de	Sealife Centres	Sealife Centres in Germany
Travel and holiday Sites		
www.forcestravel.co.uk	Forces Travel	Discount travel booking site for forces and entitled personnel
www.yha.org.uk	Youth Hostel Association	Membership, hostel listings, and online booking service
www.abtanet.com	ABTA	List of ABTA members, holiday search engine and holiday checklist
www.atol.org.uk	ATOL	Check ATOL license holders, consumer advice and helpline
www.eurocamp.co.uk	Euro Camp	Self-catering holidays in Europe
www.placestostay.com	Places To Stay	On-line info and booking for accommodation all over the world – easy to navigate
www.ujclub.co.uk	Union Jack Club	London accommodation for forces personnel and families at discount rates
www.germany-hotels.net	German Hotels	Offers list of hotels in Germany at discount prices
www.venueholidays.co.uk	Venue Holidays	Offers discount holidays to forces personnel and families
www.vsc.co.uk	Victory Services Club	Offers cheap accommodation in London to forces personnel and families
www.battletours.co.uk	Holt Tours Ltd	Organises battlefield tours worldwide
www.remembrancetravel.com	Royal British Legion	RBL scheme organising battlefield tours and war grave visits abroad for widows
www.interhike.com	Interhike (Camping)	Lists camping sites across Germany and other European countries

www.camping-germany.de	Camping Germany	Basic information on camping in Germany, including a list of available guides
www.campingfuehrer.adac.de	ADAC	Camping guide produces by ADAC. This can also be bought in hardcopy from all good bookstores.
www.eurocampings.co.uk		Campsite guide for Europe
www.campingo.com	Campingo	Website for campsites around the world (English option)
www.cambiance.nl	Cambiance	Recreational campsites in Holland
www.hotels.com	Hotel Website	Great website for accommodation
www.smoothhound.co.uk	Smoothhound Hotels Database	Extensive listings of hotels and guest houses for all the UK
www.visitus.co.uk		Guide to thousands of Bed and Breakfast accommodation providers in the UK. If you don't like chain hotels, this is a great way to find somewhere to stay with a little character which won't cost you an arm or a leg. Gives detailed information on prices, facilities and how to get there.
www.petfriendly.co.uk		Fancy a holiday with your pooch? This site lists pet-friendly places to stay and includes a list of beaches you can walk Rover with impunity in the UK.
www.bedandbreakfast.de		B&B website for Germany
www.pension.de		List of pensions and rooms in Germany

CUSTOMS & EXCISE SITES (cat 3)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.hmrc.go.uk	HM Customs and Excise	Latest information on duty free allowances, foot and mouth and other current topics affecting travellers
www.defra.gov.uk	Dept of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Pet Passport and quarantine information
www.ipata.com	International Trade Association of Animal Handlers	Info and contact details of organisations involved in the movement of animals including pet shipping companies throughout the world
www.parair.co.uk	Par Air Services	International Livestock Shipping & Quarantine Specialists

LEGAL SITES (cat 4)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.cps.gov.uk	Crown Prosecution Service	Explains prosecution procedures. Offers useful information to victims and witnesses
www.clsdirect.org.uk	Community legal service direct	Legal info site with links to a further 300 sites
www.lawsociety.org.uk	The Law Society	Guide to legal matters, including on-line directory of UK solicitors
www.lawcentres.org.uk	Law Centres	Provide free advice from qualified lawyers and to find your local office.
www.olso.org	Legal Services Ombudsman	Investigates the way complaints about a lawyer are dealt with by the lawyers own professional body.
www.slso.org.uk	Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman	Investigates complaints about the way in which a professional body has handled a complaint against a legal practitioner.
www.childcustody.net		Free legal advice on everything to do with divorce, child custody and visitation rights
www.forceslaw.com	Forces Law	Solicitors and lawyers who have experience of dealing with Service Personnel and Civil Servants.

EDUCATION SITES (cat 5)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
General UK Education		
www.ceas.mod.uk	Children's Education Advisory Service	Provide information and advice about access to educational provision and services available to your child, in the UK and around the world. Also give advice on boarding schools.
www.sceschools.com	Service Children's Education	Advice and information on Service Children's Education worldwide
www.youchoose2learn.com	SCE	The online guide to learning and training where you are.
www.ofsted.gov.uk	Office for Standards in Education	Download Ofsted reports for UK schools
www.dfes.gov.uk	Dept for Education & Skills	Government education legislation and policies with school performance tables. Includes listing of Local Education Authorities
www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk	Good Schools Guide	Independent guide to UK schools written by parents for parents
www.isc.co.uk	Independent Schools Council	Details of 1300 accredited independent schools
www.schoolsnet.com	Schools Information	Information on all state and independent schools. Also has info on curriculum.
www.open.ac.uk	Open University	Info on the OU set up, courses, fees and application process
www.bullying.co.uk	Bullying On-line	Advice on how to deal with bullying
www.ecis.org	European Council of International Schools	Details on international schools in Europe and rest of the world
www.scotland.gov.uk	Education in Scotland	
www.wales.gov.uk	Education in Wales	
www.connexionsstw.org.uk	Connexions	A youth guidance service for 13-19 year olds. Advice on study, careers and personal development.

Boarding Schools		
www.boarding.org.uk	Boarding Schools Association	Database of school members plus range of services to support schools
www.stabis.org.uk	State Boarding Information Service	Full listing of state run boarding schools with contact information and links
www.darch.co.uk	UK boarding schools	Listing of UK boarding schools plus advice on boarding and financial assistance
www.dukeofyorksschool.com	The Duke Of York's school	The Duke Of York's Royal Military School, Kent
www.welbeck..mod.uk	Welbeck College	Welbeck College, sixth form residential college for those with a commitment to a career in the British Army
www.qvs.org.uk	Queen Victoria School	Queen Victoria School for Children of Scottish and Scottish based Armed Forces personnel.
www.isbi.com	Boarding School Search	Enables you to search for boarding schools according to different criteria, such as area, type of school etc.
www.AndersonEducation.co.uk	Anderson Consultancy	Website linked to Education Guide which all HIVES hold
Special Education Needs		
www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk	British Dyslexia Association	Advice, information and help to families, professionals and dyslexic individuals
www.learningdisabilities.org.uk		Largest site on learning disability issues in the UK, also acts as a gateway to other resources on learning disabilities.
www.snsps.org.uk	Special Needs Support Pages	
www.crested.org.uk	Dyslexic Children	Register of schools that help dyslexic children.
www.bps.org.uk	Educational Psychologist	Website to search for an Independent Educational Psychologist.
www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk	British Dyslexia Association	
www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk	Dyslexia Action	National Charity and UK's leading provider of services & support

Pre-School Information		
www.preschooldirectory.co.uk	Pre-School Directory	Information on nursery school education
www.pre-school.org.uk	Pre-school learning Alliance	
www.childcarelink.gov.uk	Database	Database of nurseries, pre-school and childminders
www.ncma.org.uk	National Childminding Association	
Further Education		
www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk		Financial support for higher education students.
www.learndirect.co.uk	Learn Direct	Database of over 500,000 courses and access to internet based courses.
www.dfes.gov.uk/nvq	NVQs	All you need to know about NVQs.
www.thecleverclub.com		Postal numeracy club for 7 – 11 yr olds providing numeracy support in form of worksheets, games.
www.nec.ac.uk/courses	National Extension College	Long distance courses.
www.vtsbfg.co.uk	Vocational Training Services	Provides NVQs in Business Admin, Customer Services plus Apprenticeships and Key Skills and a variety of other courses.
www.naric.org.uk	National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom	National Agency for Providing information and expert opinion on vocational qualifications.
www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk	National Database of Accredited Qualifications	Contains details of qualifications that are accredited by the regulators of external qualifications in England, Wales & Northern Ireland.
www.ucas.com	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service	Helping students into higher education.

EMPLOYMENT & RESETTLEMENT SITES (cat 6)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Military		
www.mod.uk	Ministry of Defence	Latest military news, MOD policies and walking guides to MOD Estates. Links into Careers in defence in the three arms plus the civil service
www.army.mod.uk	Army	Recruitment offices in the UK, process and requirements for careers as a soldier, officer and in the dental corps. Also has further education opportunities information on joining the TA
www.raf.mod.uk	Royal Air Force	Careers section gives information on all RAF career paths
www.ctp.org.uk	Career Transition Partnership	Resettlement Training Centres and Employment Consultants
www.rnjobs.co.uk	Royal Navy	Current vacancies in the navy and marines, career opportunities, selection and pay
www.questionline.co.uk	Quest	Electronic version of Quest magazine. Info on resettlement, recruitment and training with a searchable database.
www.rfea.org.uk	Regular Forces Employment Association	Charity which provides job-finding support on a case by case basis.
www.officersassociation.org.uk	The Officers' Association	Charity that also offers a job-finding service for Officers.
www.ctp.org.uk	Career Transition Partnership	Contains advice and information for personnel who are leaving the Armed Forces
www.civvystreet.org	Civvy Street	For UK Armed Forces leavers and ex-forces personnel including reservists and families. Full information about resettlement, learning and work.
www.pathfinder-one.com		Advice on careers, job hunting, interview techniques etc
www.joboracle.com		UK jobsite for personnel with police, military and associated skills
Job Hunting		
www.monster.co.uk	Monster Board UK	Includes features on career building, CV construction and targeted advice on job hunting
www.fish4.co.uk	Job Hunter	Search for job vacancies in the UK
www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk	Dept of Work and Pensions	Advice on job hunting and claiming for work related benefits
www.worktrain.gov.uk	Dept of Work and Pensions	Thousands of jobs, training opportunities and voluntary work

www.mondial.net	Mondial Placement	Technology recruitment agency specializing in recruitment in the UK, Germany, Holland and Ireland
www.civilianjobs.mod.uk		UKBC jobs within the MOD both in the UK and worldwide
General		
www.eoc.org.uk	Equal Opportunities Commission	Wide range of information regarding all aspects of equal opportunities including legislation, rights, issues, research and downloadable factsheets & publications
www.cre.gov.uk	Commission for Racial Equality	Information regarding race relations and racial discrimination
www.acas.org.uk	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service	
www.naric.org.uk	National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom	National Agency for Providing information and expert opinion on vocational qualifications
www.howtogermy.de		How to Germany

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SITES (cat 7)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.ukpa.gov.uk	UK Passports Agency	Passport applications and renewals, application tracking, enquiries, office locations and travel advice
www.fco.gov.uk	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Up to date advice on travelling to specific countries (current political situation and potential danger zones) plus information on British Embassies, Consulates and High Commissions around the world
www.embassyworld.com	Embassies	Search site for contact details on virtually every embassy in the world
www.homeoffice.gov.uk	Home Office	A wide ranging website with a section covering British nationality and immigration issues
www.parliament.uk	Houses of Parliament	Lists all MPs and contact details
www.britischebotschaft.de	British Embassy	There is an option for English when on the website. British Embassy for Passports etc.
www.embassyworld.com		Links to embassies and consulates throughout the world for up-to-date information on travel, health and security. Also has extremely useful international telephone directory which tells you what numbers to call from any named country to another (no more garbled conversions with local operators).

www.internationalvisaservices.co.uk	International Visa Services	Useful website for anyone requiring assistance with Visa applications. They do charge a service fee.
www.nasa.gov	NASA	Great site with information on current NASA projects, anything you wanted to know about the universe weather patterns etc. Also has a brilliant kids section.
www.ehic.org.uk		Information and application forms for European Health Insurance Card
www.dh.gov.uk		Healthcare when travelling abroad
www.electoralcommission.org.uk		Information on all matters to do with voting and elections
www.aboutmyvote.co.uk		Information on how to register to vote
www.yourrights.org.uk		General Human Rights Information
www.scotland.gov.uk		Political site for Scotland with links to health, education, welfare etc.
www.wales.gov.uk		Political site for Wales with links to health, education, welfare, etc.

FAMILY, PERSONAL & SOCIETY SITES (cat 8)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Welfare		
www.citizensadvice.org.uk	Citizens Advice	The Citizens Advice service helps people resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing free information and advice, and by influencing policy makers.
www.cas.org.uk	Citizens Advice Scotland	Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) is the national umbrella body that provides support services for Scottish citizens advice bureaux and collates client case evidence to shape policy in Scotland and the UK.
www.kidscape.org.uk	Kidscape	Charity dedicated to keeping children safe and free from abuse. Links to a range of child related sites, publications, donations and details of training offered by Kidscape to all childcare workers
www.nspcc.org.uk	NSPCC	Info and advice to anyone concerned about a child at risk of abuse
www.childline.org.uk	Childline	Website of the children's helpline. Advice for both children and adults. Details current campaigns and publications with downloadable factsheets on a range of child safety issues
www.bullying.co.uk	Bullying online	Advice on how to deal with bullying

www.samaritans.org.uk	Samaritans	Charity providing confidential emotional support to anyone in crisis and at risk of suicide
www.veteransagency.mod.uk	Veterans Agency	The VA is the single point of contact within the MOD for providing information and advice to veterans and their families
www.ssafa.org.uk	SSAFA FH	Confidential advice and support to service personnel and their families on a wide range of contemporary problems
www.victimsupport.org	Victim Support	An independent national charity which helps people cope with crime.
www.home-start.org.uk	Home-Start	Voluntary organisation offering informal, friendly support to parents. Branches throughout BFG
www.charity-commission.gov.uk	Charities Commission	Includes a register of charities which can be searched by name, location or registered number
www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey	BBC Children In Need	Latest news on fundraising activities and how you can participate plus a shop selling products to raise funds
www.gingerbread.org.uk	Gingerbread	Charity for single parent families
www.salvationarmy.org.uk	Salvation Army	Family tracing service and general information on Salvation Army
www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk	White ribbon campaign UK	Charity providing information and advice on mens violence against women.
www.winstonswish.org.uk	Charity	Advice on helping children with bereavement
Forces related organisations		
www.armywivesreunited.co.uk	Army Wives	Website written by an Army wife for Army wives on everything from BFPO-friendly shopping sites to chat rooms
www.britishlegion.org.uk	Royal British Legion	Membership of branches and lots of links to related sites
www.veterans-uk.info	Veterans UK	Advice and support for veterans and their families.
www.armybenfund.org	Army Benevolent Fund	Information on all ABF services and fundraising activities together with merchandise sales and links to other relevant organisations
www.rafa.org.uk	RAF Association	Can help trace ex RAF personnel and find lost friends or colleagues
www.cwgc.org	Commonwealth War graves Commission	Assists with searches for war graves and casualties with links to other overseas war graves commissions
www.ssafa.org.uk	SSAFA Forces Help	Details of services offered by SSAFA in the UK with info on how to become a volunteer, fundraising activities and current events.
www.servicescotswoldcentre.mod.uk		Fully equipped short term accommodation in a peaceful, secure setting. Can be used for R&R, Welfare, transit.
www.aff.org.uk	Army Families Federation	Info on all AFF activities with sections on branches, co-ordinators, recruitment and the AFF Journal

www.raf-families-federation.org.uk	The RAF Families Federation	Provides RAF families with an independent voice to raise awareness of their concerns and aspirations.
www.nff.org.uk	Naval Families Federation	Represents the views and concerns of all family members to the naval authorities and at ministerial level.
www.wrvs.org.uk	WRVS	Information and contact details for WRVS
www.blesma.org	British Limbless Ex-Serviceman's Association	Information about the charity and support offered for ex-personnel and their families
www.armycadets.com	Army Cadet Force	Info about Army Cadets and becoming an ACF leader
www.remembrancetravel.com	Royal British Legion	RBL scheme organising war grave visits abroad for widows
Forces Reunions		
www.servicepals.com	Service Pals	Online community for ex-service personnel with news and discussions on current topics of military interest
www.forcesreunited.org.uk	Forces Reunited	Search for old Forces friends to arrange reunions
Other welfare related sites		
www.womenandequalityunit.gov.uk	Department of Trade and Industry	Guide to support available for to women from the Government on a range of issues such as childcare and maternity rights, domestic violence and ethnic minorities
www.care-for-the-family.org.uk		Site devoted to family issues, strengthening family life and helping people cope if a family breaks up
www.over50.gov.uk	Government	Guide to Government services and support for the over 50s
www.tvlicensing.co.uk/armedforces	TV Licensing	The easiest way to get a TV license.
www.ihavemoved.com		Great site for Forces families always on the move. It saves you time by informing your utilities, the government and nearly everyone else that you need to inform of your change of address.

BENEFITS SITES (cat 9)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.dwp.gov.uk	Department For Work and Pensions	Information on full range of UK benefits
www.maternityalliance.org.uk	Maternity Alliance	Info and answers on everything to do with maternity rights, benefits, parental leave, legislation etc.
www.thepensionservice.gov.uk	Dept of Work and Pensions	Info and advice about state pensions and benefits
www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk	The Pensions Advisory Service	Info and advice on all pensions.
www.stakeholdersaving.gov.uk/pensions	Stakeholder savings	Info and Advice on Stakeholder pensions
www.dwp.gov.uk/international/sa29/benefits_01.asp	Dept. of Work and Pensions	Information for those posted to Germany and wishing to export Job Seekers Allowance
www.hmrc.gov.uk	HM Revenue & Customs	Information on Child Benefit, Tax Credits plus other revenue information
www.childtrustfund.gov.uk	Child Trust Fund	Information on child trust fund savings and investments account.
www.csa.gov.uk	Child Support Agency	Information on all issues concerning Child Support
www.veteransagency.mod.uk	Veterans Agency	Information on War pensions
www.scottishwidows.co.uk/armedforces	Scottish Widows	Information on topping up your Armed Forces Pension
www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk	Job Centre	Information on all benefits relating to work
www.direct.gov.uk		Information on all benefits plus much more
www.newdeal.gov.uk		Advice for lone parents who wish to work

HEALTH & SAFETY SITES (cat 10)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.nhs.uk	National Health Service	Details of local health authorities in the UK and gateway site to all NHS services
www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk	National Health Service	Health encyclopaedia and general health info
http://health.yahoo.com	Yahoo Health	Health specific search engine with vast amount of information and related advice
www.patient.co.uk	Patient UK	Information on health issues and detailed index of UK support groups
www.erskine.org	Erskine Rehab Hospital	Hospital in Scotland providing rehabilitation treatment to ex Servicemen and women.
www.jigsawbfg.co.uk	Jigsaw BFG	BFG cancer patients support group
www.cancerhelp.org.uk	Cancer Help	National charity providing a wide range of info and support for cancer sufferers and health professionals
www.cancerbackup.org.uk	Cancer Backup	National charity providing a wide range of info and support for cancer sufferers and health professionals
www.self-help.org.uk	Self Help UK	Searchable database of over 1,000 self-help organisations and support groups
www.nutrition.org.uk	Nutrition Foundation	Wide range of nutritional and diet information and advice including food allergies
www.slimmingworld.com	Slimming World	Recipes, advice, news and much more diet related information – very good site
www.weightwatchers.co.uk	Weight Watchers	Recipes, articles, slimming advice and frequently asked questions
www.foodstandards.gov.uk	Food Standards Agency	Info relating to food and diet including government standards and regulations
www.givingupsmoking.co.uk	NHS Tobacco Education	Info and advice to help you give up smoking
www.fpa.org.uk	Family Planning Association	Guide to contraception and sexual health
www.disabilitynow.org.uk	Disability Now	Monthly newsletter highlighting disability issues
www.who.int/ith/	World Health Organisation	Travel advice for destinations worldwide
www.doh.gov.uk	Dept. of Health	Provides info on health and social care policy, guidance and publications
www.bupa.com/hmforces	Bupa	Provides private health cover for hm forces, MOD civil servants and families.
www.oxfordskinclinics.co.uk	Tattoo removal service	

HOUSING SITES (cat 11)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceFor/ServiceCommunity/Housing	Joint Services Housing Advice Office	The role of the JSHAO is to provide civilian Housing Information, Advice and, where possible, Placement to Service Persons and their dependants and to Ex-Service personnel still occupying Service Accommodation.
www.spaces.org.uk	SPACES	Single Person's Accommodation Centre for Ex Services, is designed to help Single Ex regulars find appropriate accommodation when they leave the Services.
www.naea.co.uk	National Association of Estate Agents	Lists of Estate Agents in UK. Advice on buying, selling and letting. Information of British Association of Removers
www.upmystreet.com	Up My Street	Type in a postcode to get a range of local information such as maps, shops, schools and crime stats
www.army.mod.uk/jshao	Joint Service Housing Assoc	JSHAO site featuring articles from Housing magazine
www.fish4.co.uk	Homes Search	Search for homes to buy or rent in the UK
www.findaproperty.com		Property info
www.iammoving.com		Provides a checklist of all the companies in the area you are moving to which notifies them on your behalf
www.mortgages4forces.co.uk	Mortgages 4 Forces	Information and advice on home buying and mortgages.
www.kalaydo.de		Information on finding housing in Germany

TAX SITES (cat 12)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
www.hmrc.gov.uk	Inland Revenue	On line tax returns, helplines on all tax credits and various employment and pension issues. Directory of local UK tax offices and a change of address service
www.taxcredits.inlandrevenue.gov.uk	Inland Revenue	Changes to working families tax credit, disabled person's tax credit and children's tax credit replaced by working tax credit and child tax credit from

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CONSUMER & FINANCE SITES (cat 13)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Consumer		
www.offt.gov.uk	Office of Fair Trading	Advice and information on a wide range of consumer issues
www.berr.gov.uk	Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform	Gateway site to consumer advice
www.tradingstandards.gov.uk	Trading Standards	Information on how to contact local TSOs and advice on shopping and consumer rights in the EU. Links to Euro websites
www.forcesdiscount.com	Forces Discount	Reductions for entitled personnel on a range of products and services
www.consumerdirect.gov.uk	Government – Consumer Direct	Easy to use website on all consumer matters, from cars and food to holidays and home improvements
www.unionjacksupplies.com	Union Jack Supplies	Virtual supermarket for UK products. Facility to request specialist items
www.aquarterof.co.uk	Old Fashioned type sweets	A website selling all those sweets you never thought you would see again
www.nacab.org.uk	Citizens advice bureaux	Help on a variety of problems including shopping complaints, also to find your local CAB
www.arbitrators.org	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	For details of their consumer scheme
www.scottish-arbitrators.org	Scottish Council for Arbitration	For details of their consumer scheme
Finance / insurance		
www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk	Financial Services Authority	Information and advice on all money matters.
www.europa.eu.int/euro	European Union	Info on the Euro, including converter, rates, glossary and frequently asked questions and answers
www.icaew.co.uk	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	Details of accountancy services plus lists of accountants and information on related topics and sites

www.icas.org.uk	Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland	Similar to England and Wales site although not as user friendly
www.thisismoney.com	This is Money	Personal finance information and advice with an 'ask the experts' facility
www.money.net.co.uk	Money.net	Comprehensive and independent overview of products available in the personal finance sector
http://finance.yahoo.com	Yahoo Finance	Finance features, current stock prices and links to hundreds of related sites – click on UK & Ireland
www.payplan.com	Federated Credit Ltd	Free advice on debt managements and rescheduling
www.affinitas.com	Affinitas	Range of financial products designed for serving and retired military
www.forcesfinancial.com	NAAFI	Financial services and products for the service community
www.paxinsurance.co.uk	PAX	Person Accident Insurance including personal liability and optional life.
www.forcesplan.co.uk/jag	J.A.G Insurance	Providers of home and kit insurance for members of the Forces
www.siiap.org	Services Insurance and Investment Advisory Panel	Information on members of the advisory group and code of practice – aimed at Service personnel
www.consumerdirect.gov.uk	Government Consumer Direct	Easy to use web-site on all consumer matters
www.nationaldebtline.co.uk	National Debt line	Information about telephone help line for people with debt problems
www.cccs.co.uk	Consumer Credit Counselling Service	Provides free confidential service to help achieve realistic solutions to debt problems, avoid bankruptcy and learn to handle money
www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk	Financial Ombudsman Scheme	Provides consumers with free independent advice resolving disputes with financial firms.
www.moneysavingexpert.com		Martin Lewis' money saving expert site
Home Shopping		
www.shops-uk.org.uk	Mail Order Protection Scheme	Provides advice about problem mail order purchases
www.seniority.co.uk		Loads of websites for shopping
www.british-shopping.com		
www.ukcommerceonline.co.uk		
www.uFish4it.com	UFISH4IT	Free online classified ad service for BFG and NATO
www.ebay.co.uk	EBay	Auction site
Maternity & Children		ALL WEBSITES MARKED * ARE REPORTED TO DELIVER TO BFPO ADDRESSES

www.mothercare.com *		
www.toycentre.com *		
www.hugsandcuddles.co.uk *	Teddy bears	
www.gltc.co.uk *	Great Little Trading Co	
www.little-tinkers.co.uk *	Clothing	
www.jojomamanbebe.co.uk *	Maternity & Baby Clothes	
www.mischiefkids.co.uk *	Children's Designer Clothes	
www.thekidswindow.com *	Clothing and Accessories	
www.kinderski.com *	Children's Ski Wear	
www.bloomingmarvellous.co.uk *	Maternity clothes	
www.nappyhead.co.uk *	Funky slogan baby clothes	
www.vertbaudet.co.uk *	Vertbaudet	Children's and maternity wear
www.startriteshoes.com	Childrens shoes	BFG agent – 1,2, buckle my shoe – on cric
www.splashabout.net	Childrens swimwear	
Hosiery & Lingerie		
www.tightsplease.co.uk *		
www.nylon-dreams.co.uk *		
www.elingerie.uk.net *		
www.the-lingerie-company.co.uk *		
www.b2g.ltd.uk *		
www.lingerie-confidential.co.uk *		
www.alicia.co.uk *		
www.victoriaslingerie.co.uk *		
www.lasenza.co.uk *		
www.rigbyandpeller.com *		
www.annsummers.com *		
www.figleaves.com *		
www.maxcleavage.com *		
www.bodas.co.uk *		

Footwear		
www.shiptonandheneage.com *		
www.barratts.co.uk *		
www.underground-shoes.co.uk *		
www.rawshoe.co.uk *		
www.sportsshoes.com *		
www.vegetarian-shoes.co.uk		
www.freerangers.co.uk *		100% animal free shoes
General Shopping & Gifts		
www.lauraashley.com *		
www.madaboutjewellery.com *		
www.forzieri.com *	Handbags, Wallets etc	
www.thomaspink.co.uk *	Shirts, Ties Etc	
www.ctshirts.co.uk *	Formal Dress, Shirts etc	
www.designermenswear.com *		
www.boden.co.uk *	Casual Clothing	
www.iwantitcheaper.com *	Gadgets & Gifts	
www.needapresent.com *		
www.gifts.co.uk *		
www.chocolatetradingco.com *		
www.ssw.com *		
www.toys-hobbies.co.uk *		
www.hmv.co.uk *		
www.virginmegastores.co.uk *		
www.whsmith.co.uk *		
www.waterstones.com *		
www.stanfords.co.uk *	Maps & Travel Bookshop	
www.bakerross.co.uk	Baker Ross	Arts and Crafts
www.beaverbrooks.co.uk	Beaverbrooks the Jewellers	
www.okadirect.com	OKA	Home wares including an order direct wedding list service.
www.tchibo.co.uk	Tchibo Direct	Sell pretty much everything from clothes to kitchenware

www.cottontraders.co.uk *		
www.burlington-uniforms.com *		Corporate Clothing
www.macculloch.com *		Designer Fashion
www.net-a-porter.com *		Designer Fashion
www.yoox.com *		Fashion (German site)
www.strawberrynet.com *		Cosmetics
www.HQhair.com *		Cosmetics
www.ebay.co.uk *		Please observe BFPO instructions on using E-bay
www.iwantoneofthose.com *		Gadgets and Gizmos
www.memorise-this.com *		
www.pauldaniels.co.uk *		
www.sewdirect.com *		
www.elc.co.uk *	Early Learning Centre	
www.24studio.co.uk	Studio Cards	Gifts, cards, hobby crafts etc.
www.giftsforpetlovers.co.uk		Gifts for your pets
www.forcesdirect.co.uk	Forces Direct	Online gifts sent to British forces overseas
Active & Outdoor Wear		
www.cotswold-outdoor.com *		
www.hawkshead.com *		
www.fatface.co.uk *		
www.landsend.co.uk *		
www.rohan.co.uk *		
www.newitts.com *		Sportswear & Equipment
www.reebokstore.co.uk *		
www.wildday.co.uk *		Tents and camping accessories
www.fieldandtrek.com *		
www.extremepie.com *		Skate, Suff and Snow clothing
www.americangolf.co.uk	American Golf Discounts website	
www.mandmdirect.com	M and M Sports	The UK'S No. 1 Discount sports and leisure mail order co. Good site
www.rideaway.co.uk	Ride Away	For all your equestrian needs and Country Clothing.
www.robinsons-uk.com	Robinsons	Equestrian, Country Leisure.
www.sportsdirect.co.uk *		Low priced brand sportswear

General Shopping		
www.freemans.com *		
www.next.co.uk *		
www.kays.com *		
www.marshallward.co.uk *		
www.choiceshopping.com *		
www.grattan.co.uk *		
www.boots.com		
www.empirestores.co.uk *		
www.laredoute.co.uk		French Designer Clothes
www.woolworths.co.uk		
www.amazon.co.uk *		
www.johnsoncrafts.co.uk *		Hobby crafts
www.holisticshop.co.uk *		
www.sweatband.com *		Sports Equipment
www.virginvieathome.com		Cosmetics, Home ware and Jewellery
www.brownbagclothing.co.uk *		Designer clothes
www.nappyhead.co.uk *		Baby slogan outfits with a difference
www.CD-WOW.com *		
www.QVCUK.com *		
www.firebox.com *		Gadgets and toys
www.lakeland.co.uk *		Kitchenware
www.marksandspencer.com	Marks and Spencer	
www.minxeveningwear.com	Minx Evening Wear	

Car and Motorcycle Accessories		
www.halfords.com *		
www.headlamp-shop.com *		
www.customlids.co.uk *		Motorbike accessories
www.demonbikes.com *		Motorbike accessories
www.mandp.co.uk *		Motorbike accessories
www.fwr.co.uk *		Motorbike accessories
www.babybiker.com *		Motorbike accessories
Charity Christmas Cards and Gift Ideas		
www.RSPB.co.uk *	Birds	
www.bhs.org.uk *	Horses	
www.PDSA-shop.co.uk	Animals	
www.RSPCAshop.co.uk	Animals	
www.WWF.org.uk	Animals	
www.cancerresearchuk-mailorder.co.uk		
www.NSPCCshop.co.uk	Children	

LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT SITES (cat 14)

Web Address	Organisation	Content
Skiing		
www.thealps.com	Alpine Resorts	Information on skiing, snowboarding, equipment and accommodation in the Alps
www.complete-skier.com	Complete Skier	Resort and weather reports, piste maps and skiing advice
Leisure		
www.deutscheweine.de	German Wine Institute	Calendar of events and wine fests throughout Germany (English option)
www.supercook.com		Website to search for recipes for the ingredients you have in your kitchen.
www.festivals.com	Festivals	Information on festivals and events around the world including music, children's, culture and sports
www.cinestar.de	Kino	Latest film premiers and performances (some in English) with contact numbers for reservations
www.maasmechelen.com	Shopping centre	Outlet village in Belgium selling designer clothes from last season at discount prices
www.centro.de	Centro Oberhausen	Large indoor shopping mall at Oberhausen. Also a concert hall, multi screen cinema, theatre, amusement park, Sealife Centre, Hotels and a restaurant promenade
www.designeroutletroermond.com		Designer outlet village in Roermond.
www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk	London Theatre Tickets	Guide to London theatre productions and how to buy tickets
www.blastvalve.com	Hot Air Balloon Rides	Website with links to European wide sites to do with hot air balloon rides
www.eventim.de		Website with all the latest concert & Gig news plus how to get tickets
www2.army.mod.uk/sportsandadventure/clubs/BFDSTC/index.htm	British Forces Dümmersee Sail training centre	
www.citysports.de		Find any sports club in your local town
<i>Websites for theme parks and tourist information are under section 2 (travel, transport and holidays)</i>		