

## **A rough guide to the stuff near to the 2015 PD site.**

The 2015 PD site is within walking distance of my house (hurrah!) so I thought it might be helpful to share some local knowledge with my fellow LRPers. Obviously, this list isn't exhaustive but will hopefully be of some use.

### **Shopping.**

The nearest supermarkets are in Studley. The Co-op (B80 7AR) is set back from the A435 in the centre of the village and has a ton of parking. There's a Tesco metro (B80 7LL) a few hundred yards south of there, with a small car park at the rear accessed from Castle Road; and an Aldi (B80 7BG) a bit further north on the A435, again with a load of parking.

For those with more expensive tastes, Alcester has a Waitrose (B49 5DA) with a big car park attached, if you head south on the A435 and at the first roundabout take the second exit, then carry straight on into Alcester, there's an entrance to the car park on the left after about 0.7 mile. There's a massive Tesco (B98 7RU) in Redditch, if that's your thing.

For meat I'd recommend the Meat Shack (B80 7PD) at the Spennall Garden centre. Big trays of good quality meat at reasonable prices in our experience. The garden centre is on the left just before the turn off from the A435 to the site. John Williams butchers (B80 7AN) in Studley are more expensive but high quality.

For beer, obviously there's the Purity Brewery (B49 6JF) on the edge of the site. In my humble opinion their beer is brilliant. They have a shop selling to the public, and that's open 9-5 weekdays and 10-1 on a Saturday.

<http://puritybrewing.com/>

If you have forgotten any camping gear, Winfields (B96 6HQ) in Feckenham is probably your best bet. Decent sized camping shop, it's about 8 miles away.

<http://www.winfieldsoutdoors.co.uk/>

There is a proper old fashioned hardware shop in Studley. Davis (B80 7AG) will sell you everything from gaffa tape to toys, although they can be a bit variable on their stock. They are opposite the Co-op and you can park in the supermarket car park.

### **Pubs, Restaurants and Take aways.**

We're blessed with some excellent pubs and restaurants in the area. The Moat house pub (B49 5QF) in Kings Coughton (south on the A435) is a stand out, with excellent beer and food; as is the Boot Inn (B80 7BJ) in Mappleborough Green (north on the A435), though the latter is quite expensive. Both of them can get really busy at peak hours, so worth a call before making a trip to them. The Throckmorton Arms (B49 5HX) is OK, though not as good as the others, serving more basic pub grub. The Washford Mill (B80 7BD) is just off the A435 north of Studley and does a good carvery and extensive menu. It's worth a visit as it has a (sometimes) working watermill in the middle of the pub.

<http://www.lovelypubs.co.uk/venues/moat-house-inn-alcester>

<http://www.thebootmappleboroughgreen.co.uk/>  
<http://www.thethrockmorton.com/>  
<http://www.greatbritishcarvery.co.uk/our-pubs/washford-mill>

For non-pub sit down restaurants, there are a few good options. The Nepalese Mount Everest (B80 7LL) restaurant in Studley is awesome. The Summer Palace (B80 7DF) in Mappleborough Green is a decent Chinese restaurant. The best indian restaurants are either Peppers (B80 7HN) on the high street in Studley or The Cellar in Alcester (B49 5AF). The latter serves indian “palace” food, so has some unusual dishes and the benefit of being able to park in Waitrose car park. The former is more traditional indian, but still pretty good.

<http://www.themounteverestrestaurant.co.uk/>  
<http://www.cellar-restaurant.com/>

There’s a bunch of take away places too, our favourites are Fred’s fish bar (B80 7AG) and Saf’s (B80 7HN) both in Studley. The kebabs at the latter are usually great, and Saf also does pizza, chicken and burgers.

## **Hotels**

It’s worth noting that I can’t comment on the quality of any of these hotels, as I live here and so have never stayed in them.

There are a fair few near to the site, for those people who’d rather not camp. The De Vere Studley Castle (B80 7AJ) is the posh end of the spectrum. It’s a gorgeous building and is 3.5 miles from the site by road (much less if you are prepared to walk – there are footpaths across the fields, but an OS map is recommended). The Travelodge Stratford Alcester (B49 6PQ) in Oversley Mill is about 5.5 miles down the road from the site. The Throckmorton Arms (B49 5HX) as mentioned in the pub section also has rooms and is only 2 miles or so from site. The Kings Court hotel (B49 5QQ) is about 3 miles from the site down the A435.

<http://www.deverevenues.co.uk/en/venues/studley-castle/>  
[http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/180/Stratford-Alcester-hotel?  
utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=maps&utm\\_campaign=Stratford%20Alcester](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/180/Stratford-Alcester-hotel?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps&utm_campaign=Stratford%20Alcester)  
<http://www.thethrockmorton.com/>  
<http://www.kingscourthotel.co.uk/>

## **Hospital**

God forbid that anyone should need it, but the nearest hospital is the Alex in Redditch (B98 7UB). From the site go back to the A435 and turn right out of Spernal lane. Head north to the centre of Studley and at the roundabout by the Barley Mow pub turn left. Take the right turn almost immediately and head down there to the roundabout at the end of the road. Turn left and then left at the next roundabout into the Hospital. The A&E department is straight on and to the left, general parking is to the right.

**Taxis**

We've found Premier Taxis in Redditch to be reasonably reliable. Their telephone number is 01527 69999.

**Cashpoints**

There is a cashpoint at the Co-op in Studley (B80 7AR), and also a couple at the Nat West next door to John Williams Butchers (B80 7AN) also in Studley. The petrol station at Oversley Mill (B49 6PQ) has a cashpoint for those coming up the A435 from the South.

**Petrol stations.**

South of the site there is a BP filling station at Oversley Mill (B49 6PQ). There is a Harvest petrol station in Studley (B80 7NW) and a Jet petrol station in Mappleborough Green (B80 7DF).