

# Blandford Forum

Blandford Forum is a rural, market town located 10 miles (or a twenty-minute drive) northwest of Wimborne Minster and is an important farming district. The Blandford Army Camp is headquarters to the Royal School of Signals and a significant employer of local people.



## Amenities

Blandford has three large supermarkets with several smaller retail outlets dotted around the town. There are two primary schools and two secondary schools. Blandford Community Hospital provides for minor surgeries, injuries, and illnesses. There is also provision for those suffering from mental health.

## Transport and connections

There are buses to Poole, Salisbury, Dorchester & Weymouth. The nearest train stations are at Poole (14miles) and Bournemouth (20miles). Airports are at Bournemouth and Southampton.



## The Methodist Church

Blandford Methodist Church, built 189 years ago, is home to a small congregation mainly third age but with a heart for outreach and mission. Sited next to the post office and opposite the library, it is in a very central position in the town. The church hosts a weekly Thursday coffee morning and a Friday Lunch Club for those over 55 averaging 45-50 per session. Support is given to the Blandford Food Bank, now called "Nourish".



This is a community space, offering kindness and understanding. They have care organisations keen to help, and a finance team ready to help people with problems of debt and budgeting. There are several charities located in the town that provide help for young families, clothing, shelter, relationships, addictions, and those seeking employment.