

Local History – ‘The history of Norton Barracks’

- Norton Barracks was the depot and home to the Worcestershire Regiment.
- The War Department purchased the 20.5 acres of land for £3,500 1872.
- The Norton Barracks were built between 1874 and 1878, at a cost of £65,000.
- The barracks consisted of the gatehouse “Keep” with officers’ quarters on one side and offices on the other. The area was enclosed by a high wall, portions of it still remain.
- The Barracks provided accommodation for single officers and soldiers, married quarters, a school, a hospital, stabling for the horses and the necessary training facilities.
- The main function of the barracks was to turn new recruits into soldiers and to administer the Regimental home.
- The barracks were granted grade II listed building status in 1986. A grade II listed building is a building ‘of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve it.’



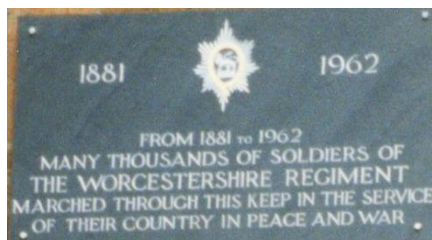
Worcestershire Regimental Badge



Aerial view of the barracks showing part of the Second World War development.

Battalion	A large body of troops ready for battle, especially an infantry unit forming part of a brigade.
Barracks	A large building or groups of buildings used to house soldiers.
Brigade	A subdivision of an army, typically consisting of a small number of infantry battalion and/or other units and forming part of a division.
Infantry	Soldiers marching or fighting on foot.
Keep	Entrance to the barracks.
Regiment	A permanent unit of an army.
Regimental Depot	The Regimental Depot of a Regiment is its home base for recruiting and training.
Sergeant	A rank in the military

- ❖ The construction of the Barracks began in **1874**. It was part of a countrywide programme for the provision of permanent barracks for infantry regiments.
- ❖ The Barracks were completed in **1878**.
- ❖ The Barracks were home to the **Worcestershire Regiment** which was formed in the **early 1880s**.



In 1959, the training of all recruits for the Mercian Brigade was transferred to Lichfield. In early 1960, this plaque was placed on the entrance of the Keep to commemorate the years of the depot.



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