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Welcome to East Belfast

A Community Guide to Your New Home



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In this section, you'll find an introduction to the history of East Belfast.

East Belfast was made by working people, and its history is a story of development, movement, and growth. At the turn of the nineteenth century, East Belfast didn't even exist. Instead, a collection of villages—Ballymacarrett, Lagan Village, and Ballynafeigh—lined the Co. Down side of the Lagan, dotted between with “rows” of cottages and the grand houses of the gentry. The roughly 2,000 local residents were farmers, labourers, and weavers. Rapid industrialisation, however, drew people to Ballymacarrett and would transform the area before the century's end.

Before the industrial revolution, Carrickfergus rather than Belfast was the principal town in the province of Ulster. Although Belfast, located at the mouth of the Farset and Lagan Rivers, soon grew in importance due to the growth of the linen industry and the patronage of the Chichester family, the Anglo-Irish Marquises of Donegall. Their names still populate our landscape, Chichester Street, Donegall Square, and locally Templemore Avenue

Henry Spencer Chichester, Lord Templemore, owned much of the lands that made up East Belfast. During the mid-nineteenth century he was responsible for draining local marshy lands and laying out key thoroughfares such as Templemore Avenue and Castlereagh Street. On the latter, a single stone from the original Long Bridge that connected Belfast to Ballymacarrett can still be seen.

During the Great Famine many migrants were drawn to the area to make their lives here, soon the area was developing without patronage and by 1868 it was incorporated into Belfast.

Industrialisation caused Belfast to develop into the largest city in Ireland and the third largest port in the United Kingdom. While the industries associated with linen were found across the city, especially the west and south, they were smaller in East Belfast. Here, people were employed in shipbuilding, ropeworking, distilling, and even glasswork throughout the 1800s. East Belfast's proximity to Queen's Island (today's Titanic Quarter, long connected to the east via landfill) meant that shipyards like Harland & Wolff were key draws for population movement. It was seen as advantageous to keep workers local. Rows upon rows of red-brick terraces

were quickly built across Ballymacarett, Bloomfield, Starndtown and beyond. Many are still visible today, such as the well preserved McMasters Street.

By the beginning of the 20th century, East Belfast could boast 44,000 of Belfast's total population—ten to twenty times what it began with. While the story of the twentieth century was marked by great tragedy, it was also one of continued success and growth for the area. In 1911 and 1912, the Titanic was constructed at the shipyards; in 1914, just before the war, Glentoran won the first-ever European football trophy; by the 1920s, the city boasted the second largest shipyard in the world and, at Connswater, the largest ropeworks in the world.

Although the area was greatly impacted by both World Wars as well as sectarian violence in the 1920s and the period known as the Troubles (1968-1998), East Belfast's population continues to hold important memorial links to its contributions in the First World War. During the Second World War, the area and its population were greatly impacted by the Blitz, with camps established for displaced residents at Orangefield.

After the war, many residents began a pattern of modern migration, emigrating to Britain, Canada, and Australia, while new residents were drawn to the area to seek work. Sweeping redevelopment works from the 1960s to the 1980s rendered much of the East Belfast you see today.

The story of East Belfast is one of growth—not only through industrial and economic change but also in population. While industrialisation drove Belfast, working people made it and those working people came here, to the city's east to build their lives. East Belfast's local history has always been one of migration and change, and it still welcomes new populations today, including you.

Bank holidays are holidays when banks and many other businesses such as shops are closed for the day. Public holidays are holidays that have been observed through custom and practice, such as Christmas Day. You don't have a statutory right to paid leave on bank and public holidays, though many people get the day off work.

The dates of bank and public holidays in Northern Ireland for 2024 and 2025 are listed as follows:

2024

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

Thursday 26 December - Boxing Day

2025

Wednesday 1 January - New Year's Day

Monday 17 March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 18 April - Good Friday

Monday 21 April - Easter Monday

Monday 5 May - Early May bank holiday

Monday 26 May - Spring bank holiday

Monday 14 July - Battle of the Boyne (substitute day)

Monday 25 August - Summer bank holiday

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

Friday 26 December - Boxing Day

When the usual date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the 'substitute day' is normally the following Monday.

This section provides essential information and resources to support you in creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable living environment. Here, you'll find guidance on maintaining your home and understanding your responsibilities.

Social Tenancy

You are a social tenant if you rent your home from a housing association or the Housing Executive (NIHE). Examples of housing associations are Ark Housing, Apex Housing Association, Choice Housing, Clanmil Housing, Connswater Homes, Radius Housing and Woven. For any queries or repairs, you will contact your Housing Association.

Private Tenancy

You are a private tenant if you rent from a private landlord. For any queries or repairs, you will contact your landlord, either directly or through a letting agency.

Home Ownership

You are a homeowner if you pay a monthly mortgage repayment instead of rent. You are responsible for the maintenance of the property.

Housing Rights provides specialist independent housing advice, training and information.

General housing advice: 028 9024 5640 (from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm)

Textphone: 028 9026 7927

Website: <https://www.housingrights.org.uk/>

Bins

In East Belfast, bin collection is managed by the Belfast City Council's waste management services. Residents typically have separate bins for general waste (black or grey bin), recycling (blue or brown bin), and organic waste (brown bin).

Collection Schedule: Bin collections usually occur on a specific day of the week, depending on your address. This schedule can vary, so it's important to check the Belfast City Council website or contact them directly for your collection day.

Types of Bins:

General Waste (Black/Grey Bin): For non-recyclable household waste.

Recycling (Blue/Brown Bin): For paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, and cans.

Organic Waste (Brown Bin): For food waste and garden waste (seasonal).

Bin Placement: Bins should be placed at the edge of your property or designated collection point by 7 AM on the collection day. Ensure lids are closed to prevent spillage and pests.

Additional Services: Belfast City Council also provides bulky waste collection services for large items and offers recycling centers (Household Recycling Centers) for disposing of items that can't be collected at the curb.

Contact Information: For inquiries about your bin collection schedule or to report a missed collection, you can contact Belfast City Council's waste management services at 028 9027 0230 or visit their website.

We have included a translated leaflet on Waste & Recycling from Belfast City Council in your Welcome Pack.

Being a Good Neighbour

In East Belfast, we want our homes and our communities to be friendly and safe places to live. It benefits everyone if we all do our best to be a good neighbour and respect each other's right to live in peace. We all want to live in clean and safe communities, free from nuisances and antisocial behaviour so it is important that we do our best to respect each other.

Here are some tips to being a good neighbour:

- Be respectful to your neighbours
- Respect the environment in which you live by contributing to a clean and tidy neighbourhood. Put your household rubbish in the bins provided and only leave your bins out on the morning of your collection service.
- Keep noise to a reasonable level, especially in the evening. Warn your neighbours if you are planning to do something noisy like a party.
- Be responsible for the behaviour of your children and anyone visiting your home.
- Respect the rights of children and young people to play and meet in their neighbourhood.
- Park considerately taking into account access to other properties and roads
- If you do encounter problems with a neighbour, a friendly word might be enough. Often, people don't realise they're causing a problem. The best thing to do is calmly discuss the situation or problem and, if necessary, be willing to compromise.
- It helps to take steps to get to know your neighbours. Introduce yourself if you've never met before.

Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) is any behaviour that is likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress to members of the public.

In reality, ASB is any activity that negatively impacts other people. We understand that antisocial behaviour can cause untold distress, destroy communities and lead to increased crime.

Along with partners, the PSNI, Belfast City Council (BCC) are committed to:

- Preventing and tackling nuisance behaviour
- Responding sensitively and effectively to your complaints

What should you do if you are affected by nuisance or antisocial behaviour?

- Tell BCC about the problem – relevant contact information is included on the next page
- Give as much detail about the incident as possible – who, what, when, why and where.
- Explain the impact this is having on you and your family.

How can you play your part?

Whether you are a home owner or a tenant, you are responsible for the behaviour of every person (including children) living in or visiting your home. This includes their behaviour in the home, garden, surrounding areas and any communal areas.

Antisocial Behaviour

How to report antisocial behaviour?

In some circumstances, BCC have the power to deal with antisocial behaviour alone. However, in other cases, they may need the support of other organisations to resolve the complaint. To report an incident of antisocial behaviour, first contact the PSNI.

PSNI Non-Emergency - 101 (In an Emergency always call 999)

Belfast City Council

Antisocial Behaviour Officer East Belfast - Andy Claydon

Mobile - 07825 420791

Email - claydona@belfastcity.gov.uk

Environmental Health – 028 9032 0202

Issues including bin theft, illegal dumping, graffiti removal, dog wardens and pest control can be reported on this number. The Council's Community Safety Team can also be contacted through this number for advice regarding nuisance behaviour and establishing Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Noise Hotline – 028 9037 3006

If you are bothered by noise, such as parties, television or a dog barking from a neighbouring property, at any time, you can telephone the Noise Hotline for advice. Our night-time noise service operates seven days a week from 8pm – 4am.

Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111

Crimestoppers is an independent charity not the police. This is a confidential service. Crimestoppers only want to know what you know, not who you are. As these reports are anonymous, please provide as much detail as possible.

GP Surgeries, Dental and Pharmacies

We have included our A Connected Community booklet (pictured below) in your Welcome Pack within the booklet you will find detailed information about Gp Surgeries (pages xx) Dentists (pages xx) and pharmacies pages (xx)



Hospitals & Medical Emergencies

Hospitals

All healthcare is provided by the NHS and is free at the point of use.

Royal Hospitals (028) 9024 0503

Belfast City Hospital (028) 9032 9241

Mater Hospital (028) 9074 1211

Musgrave Park Hospital (028) 9090 2000

Ulster Hospital (028) 9048 4511

Emergency Departments

If you have a medical emergency, you should go to the emergency department. Examples of medical emergencies include chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding, sudden weakness or numbness, loss of consciousness, or any other condition that you believe is life-threatening.

Emergency Departments (ED) are located at the following hospitals:

Royal Victoria Hospital

ED reception (adults): 028 9063 2250

Children's Hospital (Royal Hospitals site)

ED reception (children): 028 9063 2251

Mater Hospital

Contact ED through the main switchboard: 028 9074 1211

Ulster Hospital

Emergency Department Relatives Line: 028 9030 6060

GP out of hours service

If you need GP assistance (non-emergency) outside of surgery hours, you can call the GP out of hours service:

028 9079 6220 (in South and East Belfast)

Sexual Health Services

Taking care of your sexual health is crucial for overall well-being. In this section, you'll find information and resources on sexual health services available to you.

Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) clinics

A GUM clinic is a place where sexual health is confidentially assessed and you can be tested and treated for STIs. You do not need to be referred by another doctor. If you are worried that you have an STI, you can get tested at your nearest clinic.

For those with no symptoms, you can order a free home test kit at: www.sh24.org.uk. If you have symptoms or had a positive home test, please contact the GUM service on 028 9615 2111 (8.15am to 11.00am, Monday to Friday). You will be offered advice or booked in for an appointment with a clinician.

Contraception & Abortion Care

Contraception is available from your GP, pharmacist, online from SH:24 and Common Youth if under 25. Otherwise call:

Telemedicine clinics (028 9504 5500)

Monday to Thursday from 9am to 11:30am and 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Friday from 9am to 11.30am

Mental Health Services

Taking care of your mental health is crucial for overall well-being. In this section, you'll find information and resources on mental health services available to you.

New Life Counselling

028 9039 1630

Uhub Counselling

028 9188 8448

Inspire Community Wellbeing Service

028 9032 8474

Oasis Caring In Action

028 9087 2277

Addictions NI

028 9073 1602

Survivors of Suicide (support for those bereaved by suicide)

07928 291466

Extern Crisis Intervention Service

0800 0854808

PIPs Suicide Prevention drop in *NEED to get day for this either Tues or Wed*

Starbucks Connswater Shopping Centre

EBCDA Wellbeing Cafe

Third Tuesday of every month, 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Location varies.

Contact laurie@ebcda.org for more information.

Schools, Nurseries & Sure Start

The **Education Authority (EA)** website has information on all schools and nurseries in East Belfast. You can translate the website into many different languages. Website: www.eani.org.uk

East Belfast Sure Start

East Belfast Sure Start is a free service for families with children aged 0-48 months. They work within specific wards of East Belfast covering; Ballymacarret, Island, The Mount, Woodstock, Bloomfield (SO1 and SO3), Cregagh, Ballybeen Housing Estate and Tullycarnet. They offer support to families including Pregnancy and Beyond, Family Support, Child Development, Speech and Language, a range of stay and play groups and much more.

Website: www.eastbelfastsurestart.co.uk

Call: 028 9073 5686

Office: East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Avenue,
Belfast BT5 4FP.

Further Support

Inner East Family Support Hub

028 9045 6766

Area: Inner East Belfast

Outer East Family Support Hub

07850 541 313

Area: Outer East Belfast

Family Support NI

www.familysupportni.gov.uk

0845 600 6483

Area: Belfast

In this section, you'll find information and resources to help you stay safe, including contact details for local emergency services.

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance and Coastguard)

Call: 999

What is an Emergency?

An emergency involves a situation that poses an immediate risk to life, health, property, or the environment and requires urgent intervention.

Examples include:

- Fires in buildings, vehicles, or outdoors that are out of control.
- Difficulty breathing or choking.
- Major injuries (e.g., fractures, deep cuts, head injuries).
- Unconsciousness or unresponsiveness.
- Car crashes, especially with injuries.
- Acts of violence or threats (e.g., assault, domestic violence).
- Burglary or intruders in your home.
- Suspicious activities that may indicate an imminent threat.
- Gas leaks or electrical hazards.

What is NOT an Emergency?

- Minor medical issues e.g. minor cuts, mild fever or headache or chronic conditions under control.
- Non-immediate concerns e.g. prescriptions or appointments.
- Non-urgent situations e.g. general noise complaints or minor disputes
- Inconveniences e.g. power outages without immediate danger.

Local Emergency Services

Non-Emergency Police

Call: 101

Local Police Station (East Belfast PSNI)

Call: 028 9065 0222

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS)

Call: 028 9266 4221

Lifeline (Crisis Counselling and Support)

Call: 0808 808 8000

East Belfast Women's Aid (Domestic Violence Support)

Call: 028 9029 0123

Crimestoppers

Call: 0800 555 111

Department for Infrastructure

Call: 028 9054 0540

NI Housing Executive (NIHE)

Call: 0344 892 0900

NIHE (out-of-hours)

Call: 0344 892 0901

NIE Networks

Call: 03457 643 643

NI Water

Call: 03457 440 088

Phoenix Gas Emergency

Call: 0800 002 001

Flooding Incident Line

Call: 0300 2000 100

Victim Support NI

Call: 028 9024 3133

University Complaints Line

Call: 028 9097 5219

Translink

Call: 028 9066 6630

We have also included a list of useful contacts for Belfast City Council in your Welcome Pack.

In this section, you'll find information to help you connect with and become an active member of your local community. This section includes details about community centres and residents groups.

Belfast City Council Community Centres

Braniel Community Centre

Warren Grove, Belfast, BT5 7JN

branielcc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9040 1444](tel:02890401444)

Inverary Community Centre

Inverary Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1RN

inverarycc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9047 1456](tel:02890471456)

Cregagh Youth and Community Centre

Mount Merrion Avenue, Belfast, BT6 0FL

cregaghcc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9040 1444](tel:02890401444)

Knocknagoney Community Centre

41A Knocknagoney Drive, Belfast, BT4 2QF

knocknagoneycc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9076 1432](tel:02890761432)

Clonduff Community Centre

Clonduff Drive, Belfast, BT6 9NT

clonduffcc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9040 1444](tel:02890401444)

Tullycarnet Community Centre

Kinross Avenue, Belfast, BT5 7GE

tullycarnetcc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9048 1816](tel:02890481816)

Dee Street Community Centre

12-16 Dee Street, Belfast, BT4 1FT

deestcc@belfastcity.gov.uk

[028 9045 8113](tel:02890458113)

Community Organisations & Residents Groups

For more information about local community groups and the areas they cover see pages 35 - 39 in EBCDA's A Connected Community booklet (pictured below).

We have included our A Connected Community booklet in your Welcome Pack.



Leisure Centres

East Belfast has several gyms and leisure centres:

Avoniel Leisure Centre

Facilities: Swimming pool, gym, fitness classes, sports halls, outdoor pitches.

Address: 12-24 Avoniel Road, Belfast, BT5 4SF

Contact: 028 9521 1048

Website: [Avoniel Leisure Centre](#)

Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre

Facilities: Swimming pool, gym, fitness classes, sports halls, squash courts.

Address: Montgomery Road, Belfast, BT6 9HS

Contact: [028 9693 0040](#)

Website: [Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre](#)

Templemore Baths

Facilities: Swimming Pool, gym, fitness classes, health suite/spa.

Address: 96, Templemore Avenue, Belfast, BT5 4FW

Contact: 028 9693 0040

Website: [Templemore Baths](#)

Better Gym Connswater

Facilities: Gym, fitness classes, health suite.

Address: Unit 11, Connswater Shopping Centre, Belfast, BT5 4AF

Contact: 028 9521 3722

Website: [Better Gym Connswater](#)

ESOL Classes

In this section, you'll find information on ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) provision available in East Belfast, including schedules, levels, and locations.

We have included a poster of ESOL classes in East Belfast in your Welcome Pack.

English Classes

BT5 - Refuge Language

Intermediate and above:

Monday 9.30 am – 12 pm

IELTS exam preparation

Level – Advanced B2/C1:

Tuesdays 4 – 6.30 pm

Beginners and pre-intermediate:

Friday 9.30 am – 12 pm

Contact: 07859931887 or email info@refugelanguage.com

Address: 22 Bloomfield Avenue, Belfast, BT5 5AD

BT6 – The Suitcase Project

Conversational English:

Mondays 10 am - 12 pm

Contact: Tim Burns (Outreach Leader) 07572 817429 or email tim@thesuitcaseproject.org.uk

Address: Emmanuel Hall 50 Roslyn St, Belfast BT6 8JJ

This section covers a range of resources and services available to provide you with guidance and assistance.

Libraries

Libraries offer book borrowing, free Wi-Fi and computer use, printing and photocopying facilities as well as family and social activities and training courses.

Ballyhackamore Library

Library Court, 1-3 Eastleigh Dr,
Belfast BT4 3DX
028 9050 9204

Tullycarnet Library

Kinross Avenue, Kings Road,
Belfast BT5 7GF
028 9048 5079

Hollywood Arches Library

4, 12 Hollywood Rd, Belfast
BT4 1NT
028 9050 9216

Woodstock Library

358 Woodstock Rd, Belfast
BT6 9DQ
028 9050 9239

We have included a leaflet of Libraries NI services in your Welcome Pack.

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)

EBCDA supports community organisations in East Belfast. Through our Health and Community Development teams we run free events, cafes and workshops for people living, working and volunteering in East Belfast. We also host regular events to welcome new residents to East Belfast. To find out more about the programmes, events and support we offer, visit our website and Facebook page.

Website: www.ebcda.org

Facebook: East Belfast Community Development Agency

Phone: 028 9045 1512

We have included a leaflet of EBCDA activities in your Welcome Pack.

East Belfast Independent Advice Centre

Provides advice and advocacy on a wide variety of issues, including welfare benefits, tax credits, employment, housing and debt.

Phone: 028 9073 5690

Debt Advice Foundation

Phone: 0800 043 40 50

Housing Rights (Housing Advice)

Phone: 028 9024 5640

Law Centre NI (Legal Advice)

Phone: 028 9024 4401

Advice NI (General Advice and Support)

Phone: 028 9064 5919

For more information about **Warm Spaces, Food Provisions** and **Employability & Advice**, see pages 40 - 45 in EBCDA's A Connected Community booklet (pictured above).

We have included our A Connected Community booklet in your Welcome Pack.

Refugee & Asylum Support

The British Red Cross

The British Red Cross is the UK's largest independent provider of services and support for refugees and people seeking asylum.

Website: www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-as-a-refugee

Northern Ireland Email: RSNorthernIreland@redcross.org.uk

Call: 02890 323055

WhatsApp: 07843 344601

Barnardo's

Barnardo's support families and individual children including foster services for children and young people who arrive here on their own. They help children get healthcare and schooling while they are in the UK and give parents practical support.

Website: [NI Refugee Support Service](#)

Tel: 028 9067 2366

Right to Remain Toolkit Right to Remain Toolkit – Right to Remain

This is a guide to the UK immigration and asylum system. Right to Remain is a registered charity which works with communities, groups and organisations across the UK. They provide information, resources, training and assistance to help people to establish their right to remain. They challenge injustice in the immigration and asylum system.

Website: www.righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit

Intercultural Information and Guidance For Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Bryson Intercultural provide an asylum advice service. Includes a link for Immigration Solicitors in Belfast who have experience in dealing with Asylum claims. Also includes information on health care and GP registration.

Website: www.brysonintercultural.org

Belfast City Council

Refugee Transition Guide – FREE Download | Law Centre Northern Ireland (lawcentreni.org). The Refugee Transition Guide is a FREE guide for people who have recently received refugee status, humanitarian protection or discretionary leave and those who support them.

Website: www.lawcentreni.org/refugee-transition-guide

Chinese Welfare Association Home - Chinese Welfare Association (cwa-ni.org). The Chinese Welfare Association aims to secure the future of the Chinese community in Northern Ireland within a framework of racial equality. It aims to enable all sections of the community to fully participate in both the development of the community and the wider society.

Website: www.cwa-ni.org

Step Ukraine STEP Ukraine | World Jewish Relief

STEP Ukraine is an intensive, virtual, 12-week English language and employment programme for Ukrainians in the UK.

Website: www.worldjewishrelief.org/stepukraine

The Detention Forum

A Network of over 50 independent organisations across the UK committed to working together to challenge the use of immigration detention. This website includes a useful list of organisations who are members.

Website: www.detentionforum.org.uk

Counselling All Nations Services (CANS)

CANS is a registered charity set up to respond to and provide culturally sensitive counselling (in English or a common minority ethnic language) to adult people living and working in Northern Ireland whose first language is not English.

Website: www.counsellingallnations.org

HELPinHAND App - supporting victims of hate crime (cwa-ni.org) This is an app to help you report hate crime and understand the process. The app uses multi-lingual AI avatars to help, guide and support users in their own language. Available in English, Chinese, Arabic, Polish and Romanian

Website: www.cwa-ni.org/helpinhand



Buses

East Belfast is served by Translink Metro and Glider services. Metro buses 3, 4, 5 & 6 operate between East Belfast and Belfast City Centre. Tickets for Metro services can be purchased on the bus or via the MLink app.

The Glider service G1 (towards Dundonald Park & Ride) operates between East and West Belfast through Belfast City Centre. Tickets for the Glider can be purchased at Glider stops and via the MLink app.

Trains

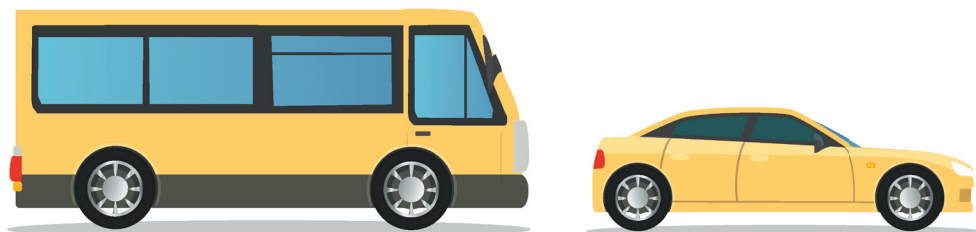
East Belfast has two Railway Stations: Titanic and Sydenham operating between Belfast City Centre and Bangor.

For travel nationwide and to the Republic of Ireland the closest station is Belfast Lanyon Place on East Bridge Street, BT1 3PB.

Planes

East Belfast is served by George Best (Belfast City) Airport which is accessible by public transport.

We have included a map of all Translink Metro, Glider and NIRailways services in your Welcome Pack.



Green Spaces

We have lots of green spaces in East Belfast.

The Connswater Community Greenway offers 16km of continuous cycle path and walkway through east Belfast, connecting places including Victoria Park, Orangefield Park, and C.S. Lewis Square and people through walking groups and family-friendly events.

Website: www.eastsidegreenways.com

connswatercommunitygreenway

The Comber Greenway is a 7 mile traffic free section of the National Cycle Network developed by Sustrans along the old Belfast to Comber railway line. The walking and cycling route provides local people with a traffic-free environment for leisure walking and cycling and offers commuting cyclists a direct and traffic-free route from Comber to Belfast city centre.

C.S. Lewis Square is a public space at the heart of the Connswater Community Greenway. It regularly hosts a range of events including concerts, street theatre and markets. To find out more about events taking place visit the C.S. Lewis Square Facebook page.

Stormont Estate is a public park with beautiful gardens, woodland walks, fitness trails and children's play park.

We have included maps of Connswater Community Greenway and your local area in your Welcome Pack.

Things To Do

Wherever you are in East Belfast there is lots to see and do.

Along **Newtownards Road**, **Cregagh Road**, **Belmont Road**, and in **Ballyhackamore** you will find lots of independent shops, cafes, businesses, taprooms, and restaurants.

Templemore Baths is the only Victorian bathhouse still functioning as a public swimming pool on the Island of Ireland. It has been lovingly restored. A team of expert local guides will help you dive deep into this building's fascinating story. You can also visit self-guided, 7 days a week between the hours of 9am - 5pm.

Website: www.visiteastside.com



Supermarkets

Addis Grocery (Halal)

276 Newtownards Road, BT4 1HE

Iceland

262-264 Newtownards Rd, BT4 1HD

Lidl

Connswater Link, BT5 5DL

Marks & Spencer (Simply Food)

248-266 Upper Newtownards Road, BT4 3EU

Oyingbo Belfast Foods

180 Ravenhill Rd, Belfast BT6 8EE

Rodina Belfast (Eastern European)

47-51 Hollywood Road BT4 3BA

Tesco

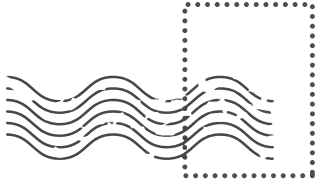
160-220 Castlereagh Road BT5 5FT



Your Feedback

We hope the Welcome Pack is useful and accessible to you. If you have any issues or would like to provide feedback on this resource, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone, email, or return the postcard in your Welcome Pack. You can find all our contact details on the following page.

POSTCARD



Happy New Home! _____



Contact Information:

Email: _____ admin@ebcda.org

Phone: _____ 028 9045 1512

Address: _____ East Belfast Network Centre

55, Templemore Avenue

Belfast BT5 4FG

