

Canterbury County Court



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This building is shared with the Crown Court. District Registry

Getting to the Court

By Car From the M25 at J2 merge onto the A2 towards Canterbury. The A2 becomes the M2, follow this towards Canterbury until J7, when it ends. Turn onto the A2 again towards Canterbury. At the roundabout turn right (4th exit), staying on the A2 towards Dover. After five miles take the exit towards Canterbury and the A2050. At the 2nd roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the A290/Rheims Way. At Wincheap roundabout take the 2nd exit onto A28/Pinhill, which, after two roundabouts, bears right and becomes Military Rd. At the mini roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Military Rd, becoming Chaucer Rd. The court is on the right. *Free car parking at court*



By train/bus

Trains leave from Victoria Station for Canterbury East every 30 minutes (1hr 30min to 2hrs); some require a change at Faversham. We would advise taking a taxi to the court but if you do wish to walk: from the station exit go straight ahead, over the bridge onto the city walls. Turn right and follow the wall for as far as you can. Carry on straight ahead, along Lower Bridge St, which bends left and becomes Broad St. Bear right onto Military Road, and follow it until the mini roundabout. Turn right into Chaucer Rd and the court is up ahead on the right.

South Eastern Trains

Taxi rank: City Cars 01227 454445; Lynx Taxis 01227 464232

No cashpoint at station

30-min walk

Not very trolley friendly

Understanding the Court

Days open: Mon–Fri.

Opening/Sitting times: Building 08.00–18.00, Court office 09.00–17.00. Court usually sits from 10.00.

Listings Hearings are usually listed by estimated hearing length,

but multiple listing does occur. Telephone hearings possible.

Using the Court

Arriving Security gate on entry with court reception. For the County Court rooms turn left after the security gate and go upstairs. Sign in with the usher.

Waiting There is a large advocates and solicitors' room with lockers and a w/c at the far end of the building, past the Crown Court rooms. There is a Court café upstairs near the County Court rooms which is open 09.00–14.00. It has a separate advocates' dining area.

Preparing The Court office is on the right, past the security gate. The Court lists are displayed on the wall near the Court office entrance. Photocopying/faxes cost £5 for the first 10 pages & 50p per page after that. There are 24 interview rooms throughout the building. Wireless internet is available in the court building.

Performing The County Court consists of two DJs rooms and two courtrooms for CJs.

Escaping the Court

Eating

No time? Realistically the only option is the Court café.

More time? Canterbury town centre has a number of good restaurants. Café des Amis [du Mexique] is a recommended Mexican restaurant on Westgate Grove decorated with contemporary graphic art: 01227 464390; www.cafedez.com. While Michael Caine's at the Abode hotel has a well-priced lunch menu, and is on the High St: 01227 766266; www.michaelcaines.com.

Gourmet option The Sportsman is a Michelin-starred restaurant approximately 8 miles outside Canterbury, on the coast at Seasalter. It has an à la carte menu that changes daily and a tasting menu that must be pre-booked. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday, 12.00–15.00 and 18.00–23.00. It can only be reached by car: 01227 273370; www.thesportsmanseasalter.co.uk. Of course, local Whitstable oysters are a UK "food legend". Wheeler's Oyster Bar on Whitstable High Street is highly recommended, but advance booking (3 months!) is essential: 01227 273311.

Shopping

The main shopping centre/High St can be accessed where the city wall begins/ends at Lower Bridge St. The nearest cashpoints to the court are here (10 min walk).

Attractions

Canterbury Cathedral is a world heritage and pilgrimage site. The Canterbury Tales visitor attraction recreates medieval life. Many Kent coastal towns/villages are worth visiting, for example Whitstable.

Accommodation

The Four Seasons is a B&B geared towards business guests near the court: 01227 787 078, www.fourseasonsbookings.co.uk. The Cathedral Gate hotel overlooks the Cathedral: 01227 464381; www.cathgate.co.uk.