

TIME TO SCRAP TRIDENT INFORMATION SHEET ALDERMASTON 2013



Action at AWE Aldermaston - April 1st

This year on April Fools' Day (April 1st), we will highlight the on-going development of the government's Trident nuclear weapons programme at AWE Aldermaston. We will gather around the base in our thousands with music, colour, and speeches.

Why protest at Aldermaston? The Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) at Aldermaston is the bomb factory that designs and manufactures nuclear warheads. The warheads for the current Trident system were built at Aldermaston. Since 2002, the government has invested in building new facilities at AWE, and recruited new staff to test, design and build the next generation of nuclear weapons.

The British economy is sliding further into crisis and more and more people are losing their jobs, homes and public services whilst the Government spends £3 billion on Trident each year.

In three years' time the 2016 Main Gate decision on whether Trident should be replaced will be taken by Parliament – committing the UK to spend over £100 billion if it gives the go-ahead. It is vital that 2013 is a year of vibrant activity at AWE Aldermaston, so say No to Trident and its replacement.

CND demands an end to the production of nuclear warheads and the redeployment of staff and facilities to nuclear decommissioning. It's time to '*Stop fooling with nuclear weapons!*'

How to get involved? Book your seat on one of the coaches and come to the protest! Invite your friends, family and colleagues to come along as well. Bring banners, placards, knitting and other material with which to *decorate the fence*, using them to show AWE – and the Government - where we would rather spend our taxes. Bring pots, pans and musical instruments to help surround the site with sound.

How to get to AWE

By road the AWE base is 2 miles from Aldermaston, 7 miles from Bramley, 9 miles from Basingstoke and 11 miles from Reading. Maps downloadable from our website.

Coaches Groups across the UK are organising coaches to the protest, and the details are on the CND website. If there is no coach planned from your area how about organising one?

From London Region Departs from near Embankment Station at 9.15am. Pick up at Hammersmith Apollo at 9.45am. Booking in advance (by 25th March): £16 waged /£8 unwaged. After 25th March £20 waged/£10 unwaged. Send a cheque or postal order for the appropriate amount made out to "LRCND" to David Polden at LRCND, 162 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DQ. Contact David on 0207 607 2302 for more information.

From East Midlands Region Coach collection points planned to include Chesterfield, Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton. Contact East Midlands CND for details on 01246 235723.

Yorkshire Coach collection points planned to include Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield. Contact Yorkshire CND for details on 01274 730 795 or at info@yorkshirecnd.org

South & Mid Wales: brian.jones@phonecoop.coop
01792 830 330 **North East Wales:** 07774 268 371
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THERE WILL BE MORE COACHES ADDED TO THIS LIST – SEE www.cnduk.org FOR MORE INFORMATION

Train Nearest train stations are Aldermaston (4 miles) and Mortimer (6 miles). A shuttle bus will be at Aldermaston Station at 10:50am and Mortimer Station at 11.10am BUT THIS MUST BE BOOKED WITH THE OFFICE. Train times and live departure boards from www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Bicycle Bring your bike on the train. Bikes are useful for cycling around the base but be aware that there is busy traffic. Interested in organising a sponsored bike ride to AWE from your home town? Please let CND know.

Bus As far we are aware there are no bus services to the area on Easter Monday. We will check again nearer the time with the local bus companies.

Car As a last resort you can come by car although parking is limited. Please check whether there is collective transport organised from your region and consider organising some if not. If coming via the M4, exit at Junction 12, follow the A4 towards Newbury and look out for the left turning to AWE Aldermaston on the A340, off a small roundabout about 6 miles from the M4. Carry on through Aldermaston Wharf to Aldermaston Village and beyond the village you will find the base. Car parking information will be available nearer the time.

On the day AWE has seven gates; each of the gates will be covered by a CND group or region:

Main Gate: Yorkshire & Midlands

Falcon Gate: Scotland & North

Tadley Gate (labelled as West Gate): Christian CND & Faith Groups

Home Office Gate (labelled as West Gate): London Region CND

340/Construction Gate: Women's Gate

Boiler House Gate: East Anglia & South East

Reading Gate: Wales, South West & South

Maps downloadable from our website.

Timings

- 12pm protest begins
- 12.30-2pm speakers tour gates
- 2pm Base surround sound – surrounding the bomb factory with the sound of protest

Speakers Jeremy Corbyn MP; Paul Flynn MP; fashion designer Katharine Hamnett; Bruce Kent; Kate Hudson; Pat Arrowsmith; Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp speakers, international guests plus more to be confirmed.

Food A refreshments stall will be available at Tadley Gate (signed as West Gate) and at other points around the site. Aldermaston Village has shops and pubs, but these may be closed for the bank holiday. We absolutely recommend bringing water and a packed lunch.



Text Updates Please register your mobile phone number on our website so that we can send you text updates to coordinate actions on the day. To do this complete the text registration form on our website or phone the national office on 020 7700 2393.

Toilets Toilets (including disabled toilets) will be provided at various places around the site.

Mobilising Let as many people as possible know about Aldermaston 2013. For example: other local peace groups, Quakers and other faith communities, Green Party and other political organisations, trades unions and churches, other campaigning groups like Stop the War Coalition, Amnesty, CAAT and climate change groups. Leaflet appropriate events in your local area, hold a stall on your high street, submit letters and articles to your local press and organise a film showing or public meeting to highlight the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

What next? The Aldermaston event will also launch CND's national Scrap Trident tour. From April, CND Vice-president Bruce Kent will be touring the country, campaigning to Scrap Trident. See the CND website for details.

For further details of the protest or tour please contact the CND office.



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