

BARRACKFIELD

A barracks was built on the east side of Worthing Road south-west of Horsham in 1796 (in Southwater parish). Of timber on brick foundations, it generally held between one and two thousand men, and during its existence it was occupied by soldiers of around seventy regiments. The presence of the soldiers boosted trade in Horsham, but there were many clashes between them and the townspeople. The last troops left in 1814 or 1815 and the buildings were demolished in the latter year. The field opposite the Boar's Head (formerly the Fox and Hounds) is still called Barrackfield.

'Horsham: General history of the town', 'A History of Horsham' by TP Hudson, A History of the County of Sussex: