



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

From 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon



The Legion's mission

The Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to Service people, past and present, and their families. Service people agree to sacrifice certain civil liberties to follow orders and to place themselves in harm's way in the defence of others. In return, our nation promises to help and support them and their families when they need it most – when this doesn't happen, the Legion steps in.

The Legion campaigns to improve legislation, public policies and statutory services. We have a nationwide network of staff and volunteers to help those in need. We provide funds for those living in poverty and help for others to live independently. We provide residential care for vulnerable, older people and offer services to improve the quality of life for isolated or excluded people and their families. We also help others to develop vocational skills to find jobs.

We are the guardian of Remembrance and have campaigned at length for a national observance of a Two Minute Silence at 11am on 11 November each year. We inform people of all ages about the importance of remembering those from the British Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who fought and are fighting still for the freedom we enjoy.

In a typical year, the Legion:

Cares for 470 people in 7 Royal British Legion Care Homes

Provides short-term breaks for 4,500 people

Represents 3,500 pensioners at tribunals

Helps nearly 3,000 people into employment

Produces and distributes over 36 million poppies

Co-ordinates 200,000 visits to serving and ex-Service people in hospital and at home

Campaigns on issues such as Gulf War Syndrome

Families and children

The Legion offers a range of support services specifically aimed at serving and ex-Service families. This support usually takes the form of practical and immediate help – emergency grants, support for educational purposes, funding for families in difficult financial circumstances, help for families with disabled or disadvantaged children and emotional support for those who have lost Serving or ex-Service family members.

