

A range of practical help for serving and ex-Service men, women and their dependants



The Royal British Legion cares and campaigns for the Service and ex-Service community. Nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for our support and we receive thousands of calls for help every year. This leaflet gives you an overview of the services we offer to them.

“Many thanks for your generosity. Now that I’m back on my feet, I feel I’ve been able to regain my pride, self-respect and I can look to the future.”

The Royal British Legion is the UK’s leading charity providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and

their dependants. We fight nearly 36,000 ongoing War Disablement Pension cases for war veterans and make around 300,000 welfare and friendship visits every year.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, or are a dependant, you could be eligible for our assistance. So if you think that the Legion could help you with a particular problem, or you need advice please call 08457 725 725. We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Legionline: 08457 725 725

(10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday)

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If you served, we could serve you
POPPY SUPPORT

For Service people past and present and their families

POPPY FUNDS

grants • loans • scholarships



Urgent help for those who are in need

The Royal British Legion can provide support to serving and ex-Service people and their dependants who are suffering financially with our Immediate Needs Scheme. It's designed to help those who need assistance to get through a temporary crisis. Our Small Business Loans can give an ex-Service man or woman the start

they need to set up a business, while the Property Repair Loan Scheme ensures that homes can be maintained through essential repairs. We also give practical help to homeless ex-Service people who need temporary accommodation and can offer advice and support to those who are serving a prison sentence.

POPPY ADVICE

careers • rights • pensions



Helping you claim what's rightfully yours

Thousands of people in the UK are entitled to a War Pension, but many may not realise that they qualify. Every year the Legion's Pensions Department helps 5,500 ex-Service men and women with new War Pension claims and gives free representation at some 5,000 appeal cases. We also help

war widows fight for what is rightfully theirs, and advise on compensation cases. And www.civvystreet.org, our online careers information, helps men and women leaving the Forces to make the transition to a new life.

POPPY HOMES

nursing • residential • day care



It's people who make a home

A major part of our welfare work is to provide short and long-term care for ex-Service people and their dependants in our Poppy Homes around the country. Each of our seven Poppy Homes is a real home, somewhere that our residents can feel comfortable, for however long they stay. Poppy Homes are exclusive

to ex-Service people and their dependants, so there's a unique camaraderie because each resident has a Service connection. Each of these homes has a Statement of Purpose, which clearly states the services offered.

POPPY TRAVEL

remembrance travel • travel & learn



Bringing back memories of people and places

Remembrance Travel is the specialist for visits to war cemeteries, memorials and battlefields worldwide. Whether you choose a tour from our Pilgrimages to War Graves and Memorials or Tours to Battlefields Worldwide, each journey is designed to provide the visit of a lifetime.

Destinations range from Belgium to Burma,

France to The Falklands. Each programme has been arranged to be relaxing, informative and good value for money. The Government War Widows Grant-in-Aid Scheme enables war widows to visit their husband's grave or memorial overseas completely free.

POPPY BREAKS

rest • relaxation



Take the break you deserve

We have four Poppy Break Centres for those recovering from an illness or bereavement, located in some of the country's most popular, traditional seaside resorts. Every Centre is exclusively for serving and ex-Service people, their partners and dependants, which means

there's a unique atmosphere. Guests who need care are still welcome if accompanied by a carer and with prior agreement, as we are unable to provide nursing care or administer eye drops or medication. Poppy Centres are unable to provide respite care.

POPPY PEOPLE

volunteers • caseworkers • home visitors



Join our Poppy Team

Our volunteers are vital to our services and we always need more to join our team. The Legion's annual Poppy Appeal depends on volunteers to collect on the street and to organise collectors. Caseworkers work in the local community,

providing emotional support and practical assistance for serving and ex-Service people. Our Hospital and Housebound Visitors bring friendship and companionship to ex-Service people who often have no other contact with the rest of their community.

