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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

JULY NEWSLETTER

Frank reaches his Centenary!

This month we are delighted as one of our local veterans reached his centenary! Frank Tolley BEM served in the RAF during World War 2 in 625 Squadron on the Lancaster bombers as a bomb aimer.

A huge **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from us all!

Meanwhile we could not let this occasion go by without getting him a little something special! With thanks to two businesses, who really did a great job with bespoke gifts.

First let us introduce Military Chef, who created a special Belgian chocolate gift. This company was formed by a former soldier to make chocolates, you can read more about them on their website or on Facebook. Please check them out!

www.militarychef.co.uk

Based in Timperley, Love to Frame carry out all sorts of great projects including bespoke printing and framing. We commissioned them to create something special, a poem written by Frank himself and some military logos. We cannot recommend these companies highly enough, a huge THANKYOU to both of them. Why not check out them out too!

www.lovetoframe.com

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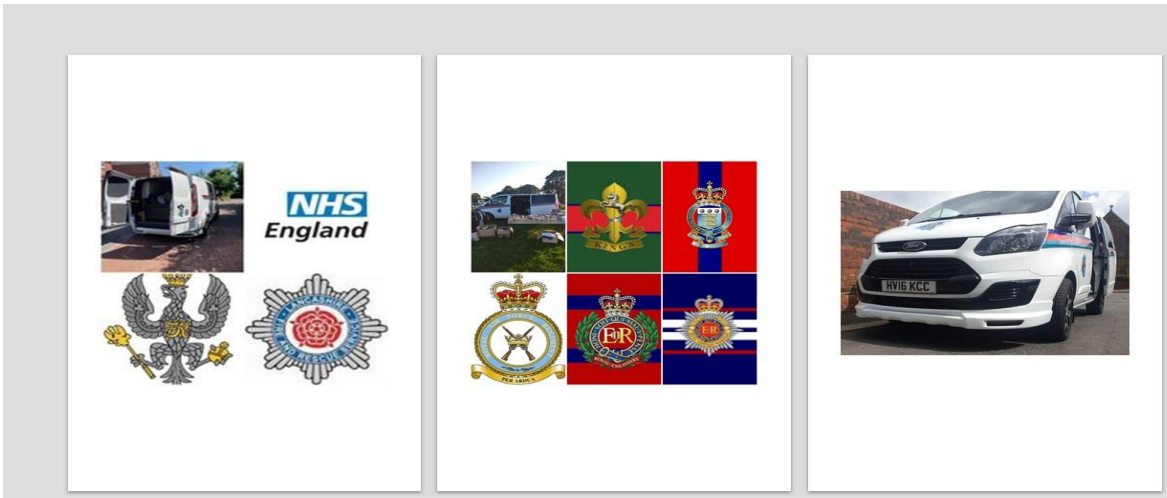
Trafford Football Club

As a small organisation, we sure know what it's like to try and gain support and funding. So, when we saw an advert looking for kit sponsors for our local grass roots football club, we jumped at the chance to support them. Not only that, it helps us to get our logo out there too. Thanks to the team at Trafford F.C for accepting us as kit sponsors for their under 18' s side. What do you think of the kit?

Please take a look at their website **www.traffordfc.co.uk**

Transit Van



Since we got the Transit van in 2020, it has been used non stop! From helping veterans move house, assisting the Royal British Legion to move their poppy stock between storage units on two occasions, delivering food parcels, books and welfare checks to our veterans during lockdown each week, transporting our stock and stall for markets and attending car boot sales to help us raise funds. It was out in July helping to move 2 NHS nurses, who happened to be the son of a Lancashire firefighter and also a daughter of a Kings Royal Hussars Gulf War veteran.

CIC for a year!

Although we've been running for 6 years, it was only on July 8th 2020 that we became a community interest company (CIC). We have now been registered as a CIC for a year! This allows us to have a business arm to sell goods to raise funds. Our accounts will also be available on the Companies House website.

The number of veterans we have helped with referrals to other organisations this month

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Donations

We've been really lucky this month with some great donations, so a lot of THANK YOU'S to make! First, a local Royal Marine veteran completed the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride and raised £150. Well done Steve and THANK YOU so much for helping us, the funds raised will be put to good use supporting local veterans or running an event.

207 Field Hospital donated a supply of Soldier Magazines, we give these out at our weekly market stalls and drop ins. If you would like a copy please nip and see us! THANK YOU 207!

We were donated a wonderwall starter kit, which is a great idea! It's a vertical planter which will help us to transform a space with greenery and plants. Watch this space as we will be using this on a future project soon. This is a link to their website

www.wonderwallpromo.co.uk

Thanks to contact from Models for Heroes, a local family donated some airfix model kits to our model and craft group. The guys will love making up these model kit, THANK YOU!

The allotment project has had some great donations to this month too, with thanks to ASDA Trafford Park with some bags of compost. The guys over at Veterans Growth sent us some seeds and a sticker which is in our allotment shed window!

www.veteransgrowth.org

Thanks to Gardening-naturally for donating some much needed insect and bird netting to help us protect our crops at our allotment. If you would like to visit please let us know, we have our own keys to access the site.

And finally, thanks to Phil one of our local REME veterans for making this Royal Marines drum planter to add another nod to military service at the veterans allotment!

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Manchester United tickets

Thanks to Manchester United Football Club, on Wednesday July 28th, **50** of our local armed forces veterans and family members got to visit Old Trafford for the pre season friendly vs Brentford. This was a great gesture and there were a lot of key workers and NHS also in the crowd. We hope to visit again sometime soon!

Associate memberships

Trafford Veterans have joined a couple of organisations as an associate member this month, GMCVO and Trafford Community Collective. Both organisations form a support network to community groups like ours. We look forward to working with them both.

Grow Cook Eat – End of Project

It has been a pleasure to work with Groundwork and Cracking Good Food over the past few months. Sadly this project came to an end on our allotment with the final cooking session making stir fry and Chinese lettuce wraps. We signed up **20** veterans to the growing part and a further **11** veterans to the cooking sessions. We look forward to working with both organisations in the not too distant future!

SE Folk

We joined the SE folk online platform this month. It helps social enterprises to network with other groups and encourages collaboration and growth. It's great to speak to other like minded people, share ideas and discuss how things are done. Meetings are weekly via zoom.

Help for an RAF Veteran

The group has purchased a new double bed with orthopaedic mattress and bedding set for a retired RAF veteran who needed a helping hand. As well as providing peer support activities, we try to help fellow veterans as and when we can. Funds raised from selling our military kit and camping gear help us to do things like this. Please take a look at our shop on SHOCAL or visit our Partington Market stall on Saturdays.

https://www.shocal.org/business/?sid=310

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

INFO@TRAFFORDVETERANS.ORG

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Useful Links

RFEA THE FORCES EMPLOYMENT CHARITY

0121 262 3058 or email info@rfea.org.uk

www.casort.org/information-and-advice

citizens advice

the trussell trust Stop UK Hunger

www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank
Streford, Partington and Trafford South all have foodbanks

TRAFFORD HOUSING TRUST

0300 777 7777

customer@myth.co.uk

www.traffordhousingtrust.co.uk

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