



Trafford Veterans CIC

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



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January

We started a New year in another lockdown, but this has not stopped us from being busy supporting our local veterans! We announced our first 2 group ambassadors, Colonel Neil Smith and Warrant Officer Lee Ward both former British Army. We helped with 2 referrals to other organisations for support, helped 3 families with home schooling books and educational puzzles and helped 2 veterans' wives get to medical appointments. We attended 2 funerals and we were also awarded a Points of Light Award by the Prime Minister.



February



Another busy month as we introduced our third group ambassador, David Sutcliffe retired Police Inspector from Greater Manchester Police. We made 3 referrals for veterans who needed support, made 160 food parcel delivered and welfare checks. We attended the first ever Trafford Community and Business Awards held on Facebook Live and were delighted to have been awarded Charity / community group of the year. This was announced by the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester.



March



in the van and made 2026 welfare

We welcomed a new Female ambassador Wendy Leggott a former Women's Royal Army Corps Sergeant. Five of our volunteers were interviewed for radio shows on Greater Manchester Rock Radio as part of their Community Power Hour and also BBC Radio 4 The World Tonight. We had 2 referrals this month into the Brain and Spinal Injury Centre for mental health and also the Armed Forces Bikers and Veterans Charity stepped in to help a local Army Veteran. We marked a year of making doorstep deliveries and welfare checks to our isolating veterans during the lock downs. We accumulated over 4000 miles checks and deliveries.

April



Our walking football sessions returned after the lockdown restrictions were eased, we started a new project at our Allotment with Groundwork called Grow, Cook, Eat. We sadly said a farewell to two World War 2 veterans as we provided guards of honour at their funerals. Funding this month came from a generous family donation of £200, £500 from the Friends 500 club and £1000 from the Arnold Clark Community fund, which will go towards helping our model and craft group once it is allowed to reopen.





May

A huge surprise and an honour this month as we were awarded the TSB Community Heroes award in the Pride of Manchester / Pride of Britain awards. We supported 4 veteran through outreach and also provided an electric cooker and an emergency food parcel for 3 more veterans who needed help. We celebrated being 6 years old as we started as a community group on May 8th 2016. We had some great donations for our allotment project of wire netting and a solar panel kit for the shed. The Grow cook eat project was successful with 16 veterans and family members signing up!



June



The Grow Cook Eat project continued on the allotment and went down a treat! We signed up in total **20** people to the growing part, hosted by Groundwork. Our veterans learned new skills and started to grow their own produce. The second part of the project also got underway with Cracking Good Food CIC. June 26th was Armed Forces Day and we celebrated with an outdoor market stall and a couple of military vehicles. On Facebook we reached 23,000 followers and a huge thanks to SHOCAL for sponsoring an online shop on their ap, where we can sell our military bricks and camping gear! After a long period of lockdowns, we are preparing for the return of our monthly breakfast event and the weekly model and craft group sessions.



July



Although we've been running for 6 years, we celebrate 1 year of being a Community Interest Company CIC. One of our local RAF Bomber command veterans Frank reached his Centenary! We helped him to celebrate with some lovely bespoke gifts. We dealt with 4 referrals for veterans to other services and we also purchased a new double bed, mattress and bedding set for an RAF Veteran in need of some support. We joined the Trafford Community Collective and also became an associate member of GMCVO and SE Folk. We helped our local grass roots under 18's football team by sponsoring their kit at Trafford F.C



August



This month we were sad to say farewell to Cpl Tommy Norfolk former SAS. We purchased mobility walker for a veteran's family, had 4 referrals for support and issued 3 emergency foodbank boxes. Funding came from the ASDA Foundation who kindly supported our allotment project. We met the guys from Veterans Hike, an organisation from Wigan and we donated them some small rucksacks. Our first ever order on the SHOCAL ap came through for some camping gear.





September

This month saw the long awaited return of our model and craft group and our monthly veterans breakfast events. We are delighted to be in a new venue at Flixton Cricket Club for the breakfast events. They have been fantastic in giving us a new home! We provided a cooker, a laptop and school uniform to 3 different veterans families. Our volunteers attended the Battle of Britain memorial service. Donations came in from the Garlic Farm with a starter kit for the allotment and £200 from the Asda green token fund. We started a new monthly drop in at St Clements Church in Urmston.



October

A sad month as we attended 4 funerals. We provided standards, buglers and guards of honour, hope we did them proud. We released a social value report which outlined the work we have done between July 2020 and the end of June 2021. We dealt with 6 new referrals for support, reached 29,000 followers on our main Facebook page. We were successful with 2 small grants from GMCVO and Trafford Council safer communities fund and had a generous business donation of £500.



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November



November is always a busy time in the armed forces community. This year we attended services at our local war memorials throughout Trafford to pay our respects. We helped celebrate a 99th birthday with Lewis and Albert turned 101 so two amazing people were given 2 amazing cakes! We led the team out at Trafford FC and we also attended Altrincham FC to hold a minutes silence. We were awarded £10,000 by the TSB bank as part of our prize from the Pride of Manchester awards. This month we had 5 referrals to support veterans from other partner agencies.



December



As usual we do not stop and are busy! We ordered yet another cake for Bob who turned 90. He served at RAF Duxford for his National service. Our Facebook main page reached new heights as we hit 48,000 followers. We got to meet the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and her husband and the Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police. We helped 4 families buy presents for their children and also a family do a Christmas food shop. We made new connections with the Blue Light vehicle owners and also the Trafford American Legion in the USA. Donations this month came from Sesame Bank hall group and Care UK to the total of £3,200. THANK YOU





Social media



Trafford Veterans CIC – 40,013 followers

@TraffordVetsUK – 1686 followers



Trafford Veterans CIC – 705 followers

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We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our veterans, volunteers, supporters, local businesses, grant makers, people who made donations and families who make it possible to do what we do. Here's wishing you all the best for new year. Here's to 2022. Let's keep making a difference.

ALL THE BEST!