Trafford Veterans CIC

Happy New Year 2022

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

We hope you had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

New Year's Eve deliveries

VETERANS into LOGISTICS

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On New Years Eve, we answered a call for help from Veterans into Logistics and Foundation 92 to deliver food parcels to **3** veterans families and a single veteran in Salford. At short notice we were able to throw together some tinned goods, cereal, long life milk and biscuits to see them through the new year bank holiday closures. We sent **2** of our volunteers and our transit van to Eccles, Pendleton and Little Hulton.

Visit to Bury!

On Sunday 9th January, two of our volunteers visited the Borough of Bury Veterans Association (BOBVA) for their monthly meeting. These are held at the Liberal Club in Fishpool. A huge THANKS to the team over there for their hospitality. We look forward to working with you or visiting a breakfast event in the near future!

Model and craft group

We hold a weekly model making and craft group which is held at St Matthew's Hall in Stretford on Mondays 7 -9pm. It's kindly supported by Models for Heroes. Two years ago, we were donated a large model ship by a local model enthusiast. He thought that the model club may be able to work on it as a group project together. The guys have just completed the project and it looks fantastic! It's a model of Royal Navy Ship HMS Snowberry which was commissioned on 26th November 1940 and then saw service on loan to the Canadian Navy during the Battle of the Atlantic. The camaraderie and banter flows as well as the cups of tea and coffee! Why not join us Mondays. Below is a link to the Facebook page……

www.facebook.com/traffordveteransmodelmakingandcraft

Winter packs

Thanks to some funding from Trafford council to run a winter resilience project, we purchased some winter bags. These contained a fleece blanket, thermal hat, socks and gloves, hot water bottle, thermal mug and a shopping bag. At our model making and craft group on the 24th, we gave out 20 bags to our veterans and family members. We will issue more out at the February breakfast.

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Veterans Raffle

We started out as a small community group and have now grown into a community interest company. Funding comes from donations, sponsorships, applying for grants and fundraising events. The Veterans Raffle is a great way of helping us to raise funds each month whilst also having the chance to win a prize too! Please take a look at their website to find out further details. They do some great work to help small groups like ours.

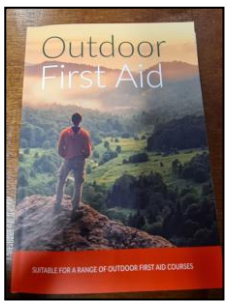
www.veteransraffle.uk

As well as run the fundraising raffle, the Veterans raffle have also supported us by paying for and sponsoring the design of our new website, helping us to buy a brand new events gazebo with two banner flags and a display table and sponsoring two breakfast events with a donation of £500.

A helping hand!

This month we have supported **2** local veterans. The first we bought some children's bedding, pyjamas and a onesie for a former soldier who has just got overnight visits granted with his son. The second, we have done an Iceland food shop. Sometimes it's the small things that take away a little stress or just make things brighter.

Outdoor First Aid Course



On the 20th and 21st January, 2 of our volunteers attended a two day outdoor first aid course at the Army Reserve Centre in Stockport. It's with a huge THANKS to Rusty Carroll from training organisation Am Turas for the opportunity. It was an interesting course with the volunteers learning how to build shelters and summon rescue helicopters in an emergency whilst out in the hills!

An Turas (an-turas.co.uk)

Mental Health awareness

Meanwhile another of our volunteers has been working with Trafford College and has completed a Level 2 mental health awareness course. Well done!

The number of emergency food parcels issued this month

4

The number of veterans referred to us this month for support from other services

5

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Allotment project

Down at the allotment project, we have held a few winter warmer events with some hot mugs of soup to keep our volunteers warm!

This month we welcomed the support of Rachel and her husband Anthony from Don't Crop me now! They visited our allotment and taught some of our volunteers how to prune the apple and pear trees. It was great to meet you and a bug THANK YOU for your support. Meanwhile you can find some great allotment advice on their Facebook page and You tube films.

www.youtube.com/c/DontCropMeNow

Minibus trips

The minibus was used during the lockdowns to deliver food, so it was nice this month to do a couple of small trips to give it a run out! On Saturday 22nd January we took 8 veterans to the Fireground in Rochdale. It was an enjoyable morning and we would recommend a visit if you like the old fire engines and history!

www.fireground.org.uk

Ye Olde Number 3

On Sunday 23rd we took the bus down to Ye Olde Number 3 on the border of Altrincham and Lymm. Every Sunday they hold a petrol heads event and start serving breakfast from 1030 with Sunday lunches being served from Noon. You can find them on Facebook

www.facebook.com/oldeno3lymm

Glenn Harrop Motors Ltd

The minibus is a huge asset and a lifeline to our group, to keep it on the road is important. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Glenn Harrop Motor Services Ltd in Sale who have kindly helped us by sponsoring the MOT and service for it. This is a huge help to a small organisation like ours. Please check them out! They have just moved into a new garage in Sale just off Washway Road near the Trafford Housing Trust offices.

www.glennharropmotors.com

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Breakfast

Our breakfast event this month took place on Saturday 15th January and one of volunteers turned 18 on this day too. Tom has helped us in the kitchen over the years and we would like to say THANK YOU to all who brought him cards, gifts and wished him well on the day. After the breakfast we went into the cricket club lounge where we bough him his first “official” pint!

We had **68** people sign in and visitors came from Atherton, Oldham and Bury. Our next breakfast is **Saturday 19th February** where we will be joined by Andrew from Energy works.

Altrincham FC drop in

Once a month we hold a veterans information, advice and support drop in at the Vice Presidents Lounge at Altrincham FC. We would like to say THANK YOU to the club for supporting is with this. They have just had the room refurbished by Armstrong Projects and it just looks amazing! Watch this space for the next drop in date, there will be chip butties from the chippy over the road from the ground!

Our Trafford Veterans CIC Facebook page reached 56000 followers!

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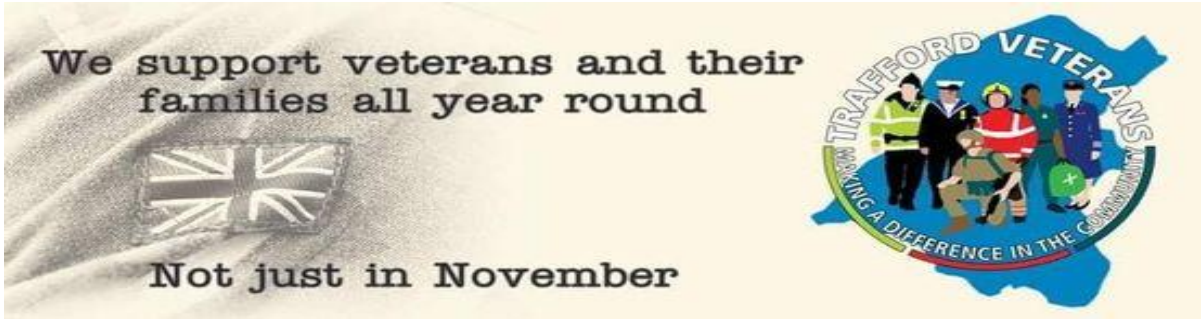
Theo our Mascot bear

Trafford Veterans was some time ago kindly donated a Deans bear called Theo by a fab business lady from Altrincham. We adopted him as our mascot bear! This week we have just placed an order with Frenzy creative for a full size mascot bear costume. We will keep you updated as we go through the design process. He should be with us in May for our planned VE Day



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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

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customer@mytht.co.uk

www.traffordhousingtrust.co.uk

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