Trafford Veterans CIC

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Special Birthdays for Lewis and Albert!

At the start of this month, we had 2 very special birthdays! On the 3rd November, Lewis Banham turned **100**. He was a dispatch rider in Royal Signals during World War 2. He landed on Gold Beach, Arromanche, Normandy. Thanks to his family, we were invited to his party to help him celebrate. We took a minibus of ladies up to Bacup Cricket Club! There were some fabulous 1940's singers and pie and peas! What a fabulous day it was!

On November 6th we carried out a home visit to Albert who was **102**. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. We took him the latest copy of Soldier magazine, a special cake and a military veterans walking stick with his regimental logo on. He was delighted!

A huge HAPPY BIRTHDAY to them both!

Manchester Airport

On Thursday 10th November we took a minibus of veterans and family members to the annual Festival of Remembrance at Manchester Airport. It was a great service with cadets from all over Trafford and Greater Manchester taking part in a drum head service. Thanks to army veteran Paul who laid the wreath for us. This year's service was a tribute to the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands. The standards used for the altar were from the Parachute Regiment and HMS Antrim Association.

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Trafford American Legion

On November 11, 2022, members of the Trafford American Legion Post 331 shared a virtual toast with members of the Trafford Veterans CIC organization in Trafford, Greater Manchester, England. Trafford PA was named by George Westinghouse after Trafford, Manchester, England. As sister cities, sharing the same name, it was only fitting that veterans from both organizations raised a glass together on Veterans Day - Remembrance Day to honour all those who have served as well as those who have died in all wars. The two groups hope to foster the relationship between Trafford PA and Trafford UK, sharing common democratic ideals and values, with both groups advocating patriotism and continued devotion to their fellow veterans. Representing Trafford UK on Friday were Neil Smith (British Army Veteran) and Claire Wright (Royal Navy Veteran).

Local Football teams Remember

On Saturday 12th, our local veterans were invited to Trafford FC and Altrincham FC to lead out the teams and hold an act of Remembrance before each match. We would like to say THANK YOU to both clubs for paying their respects and inviting local veterans to do this.ur

Allotment

Our allotment over in Sale Moor is doing really well, thanks to the team who look after it. This month we received a donation of poppies which have been made out of the ends of plastic bottles. Our volunteers have been busy fixing these around the entrance archway. If you would like to visit sometime or take part in the project then please get in contact with us. **#LESTWEFORGET**

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Remembrance parades

On Sunday 13th November local veterans attended parades and services throughout the Borough. Here are some photos from the day. **#LEST WE FORGET**

Funding And donations

This month we received a helping hand by two local people as they made personal donations of **£100** each. A huge THANK YOU to them both. It's small things like this that help us to provide support to veterans who need help, or it could help us to buy a piece of equipment for an activity, a water boiler or some catering tea / coffee for example.

Some further great news is that we have been successful with a National Lottery grant for **£10,000** and the COOP community find with an extra **£3100**. Both grants will help us to strengthen our organisation and help us to be able to keep providing the activities we do. Also a **£1000** from Forever Manchester to buy flutes or drums for our collaboration with the North West Veterans Corps of Drums music lessons on Wednesday evenings at the Sale hub.

COMMUNITY FUND

Funding for local causes

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If anyone would like to help us and do a sponsored event or works for a business that may like to support the local veteran's group by becoming a sponsor, then we would love to hear from you. Please help us to continue what we do and help others!

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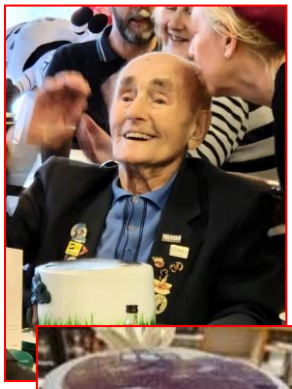
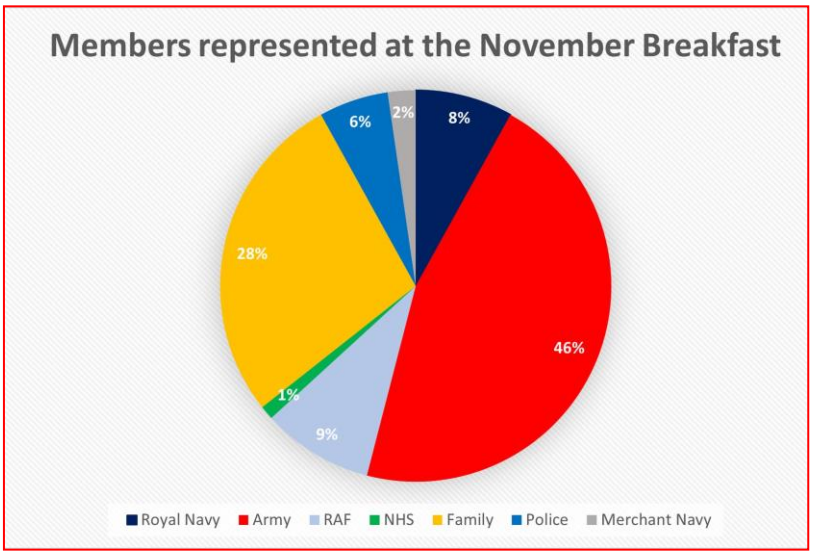
November Breakfast event



Saturday 19th November saw a very busy breakfast event. We had two very special veteran birthdays. Normandy World War 2 veteran Lewis Banham turned **100** a couple of weeks before, so we held a party for him. Also Donald turned **90**, so we commissioned a special RAF cake for him too! Entertainment on the day was provided by singer Jeep Johnson, who also brought his friends with him with their American Willys Jeeps 2 and a BSA motorbike, which when Lewis saw it said “it’s my old faithful!” The Spike commemorative legacy brought along their poppy car and we were also joined by some Royal British Legion bikers and Royal Signals bikers. We were also donated a new regimental flag for the Light Infantry and we met a new veteran from the Duke of Edinburgh’s Royal Regiment.



The number of people signed in at the November breakfast event….

The pie chart is a breakdown of the services represented at this months event.

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The number of packs we gave out containing an emergency foil blanket, torch, battery light, Battery pack for a phone, timer switch, faraday pouch, safe can and winter leaflet from Cadent.

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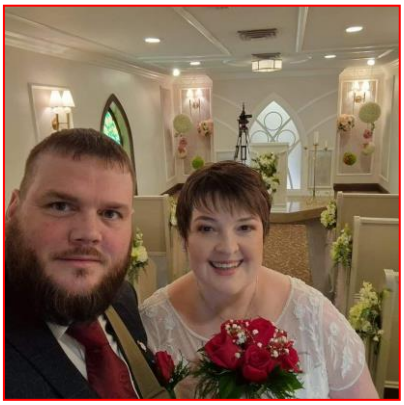
Warm Room

As part of the winter warm room provision, on Friday's between 12pm and 4pm we are over at the small pavilion at Crossford Bridge, Sale. People can call in for a hot drink or some soup, we have board games and the television is available. Why not call in and see us one day…

Since we started this towards the end of October we have had 62 visits.

This month we have referred 2 veterans to Op Courage and PTSD Resolution for mental health support

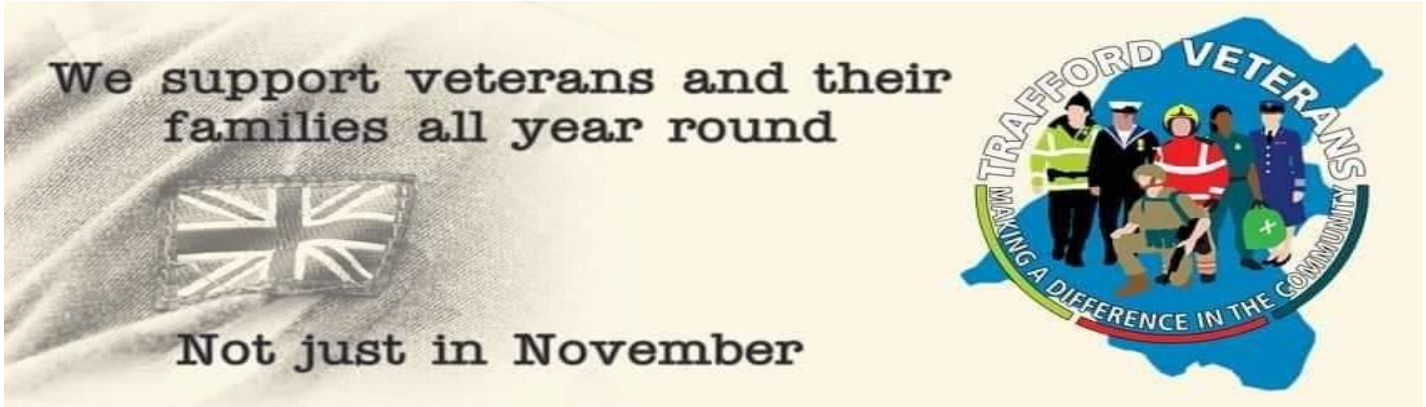
Wedding!



On Tuesday 29th November, group co founders Chris and Claire got married in Las Vegas at the Graceland Wedding Chapel by Elvis! It was an amazing day, full of fun with lunch at the Bellagio by the fountain and later in the evening the Aerosmith concert at the Park MGM. Thank you for all your cards and lovely messages of support. If you would like to join us at the next breakfast on the 17th, this is also the same day as our wedding reception at the cricket club. Hope to see you there, you are welcome to come and join us!

The number of veterans we have referred for employment support this month

We work hard and try our best to be there for the armed forces community in Trafford. We never know what's going to happen but we deal with things as they arise! The main thing is you are not on your own. If you need help or just need to talk, then don't be afraid to reach out to us.



Trafford Veterans CIC SUPPORT

How you can help us!

Like all social enterprises, we depend heavily on the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of benevolent organisations to support our service users. We also face the challenge of raising enough funds just to meet the monthly cost of running our hub, not to mention our additional services and support.

Corporate Sponsorship We have developed a package of sponsorship opportunities which help businesses engage with Trafford Veterans, from Main Corporate Partner to Primary Affiliates to Corporate Sponsors. Starting from £100 per month, these enable businesses to work towards meeting their obligations in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility but also simply to support a good cause that is doing great work in our community. Please contact us to find out more about these packages.

Personal Tribute Have you lost a member of your family in combat or simply know a veteran who deserves recognition for their service? Would you like to tell people their story, while at the same time supporting a good cause which helps their forces colleagues? In return for a £50 donation, we will publish their story on our website and share it on our social media pages so people can hear more about them. Contact us to find out more.

Veterans Raffle We are one of the veterans' hubs you can support by joining Veterans Raffle and choosing us as your good cause. This is a fantastic way of making a regular £10 per calendar month donation to Trafford Veterans, whilst also giving you the chance to win up to £25,000 each month [Trafford Veterans - How they Help Veterans | Join Veterans Raffle]

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