

SERVICE FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

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Armed Forces
Covenant
Annual Report
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Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2024

The 2024 report, which gives an update on the support provided to the Armed Forces community in the last year has now been published.

AFF, with the RAF Families Federation and Naval Families Federation, had the opportunity to comment on the report and ensure that the voice of military families was heard. The AFF observations can be found on pages 8-13.

AFF Families Magazine - Autumn Edition

The magazine for Army families. Here's the autumn edition packed full of useful information and interesting articles.



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Updates...

NEW



Wraparound Childcare launches overseas

Regular and Full Time Reserve Service personnel can now register for Wraparound Childcare in overseas locations inside the European Economic Area & Switzerland (EEA&S) or where Defence Children Services (DCS) childcare is available.

The scheme offers working military families help with the cost of before and after school care during term time for children aged four to 11 (up to 16 if in receipt of a disability allowance) and includes those who are home educated.

Full eligibility details and how to apply can be found on the Defence Childcare page of defnet, Defence Connect and Discover my Benefits.



Scan this QR Code to find out more about WAC for Armed Forces families



Find out more here



Funding entitlements

Do you have toddlers or teens? You could get support from the Government for the cost of your childcare.

Click the links below to find out more.



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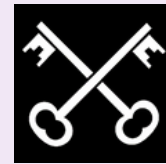
Government Childcare
Choices



Updates...



York Garrison Health Fair



Last month, the Garrison Health Fair was held at Imphal Barracks. There were various stands covering a wide range of health aspects that were really beneficial, offering information, advice and guidance.

Below are details of organisations that had a table at the event, click on the logos to find out more.



Care and Support for Life



healthwatch

Nominations
are now open!



Scan the QR code or click on the link in the email



Submissions required by 11th March 2025



VisitYork



NRM NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM



What's on?



**ARMY
WELFARE
SERVICE**



Scan QR
code to
register for
sessions



PLAY SESSIONS

For Service children aged 5 - 10 years

Strensall: Tuesdays 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Fulford: Thursdays 5.15pm - 6.45pm



Arts & crafts



Sports



Games



Baking



Messy play



Imaginative play

Fun activities

Make friends

Try new things

Supports well-being

Supports learning

YOUTH CLUB

For Service young people aged 11 - 16 years

Strensall: Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Fulford: Wednesdays 5.30pm - 7.00pm



Pool



Arts & crafts



Sports



Baking

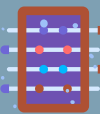


Table
football



Air hockey



Table
tennis



Trips

Somewhere to go Something to do Someone to talk to
Make friends Fun activities Supports well-being
Try new things Learn new skills

Young people can bring a non-Service friend with them.

Location:

- **Strensall:** Hurst Hall Community Centre, Border Road YO32 5SR
- **Fulford:** Low Moor Centre, Bray Road Y10 4JG

Sessions cost £1 and there is also a tuck shop selling sweets. Please contact Michael Bailey, AWS Community Development Worker, for more formation. Email: michael.bailey124@mod.gov.uk Tel: 07767 008982





COFFEE

EVERYONE IS
welcome here

TEA



**MORE THAN JUST A
COFFEE MORNING**

STAY CONNECTED, MEET PEOPLE, HAVE FUN!!



**EVERY THURSDAY
9.30 TO 11.00 AM**

LOW MOOR CENTRE,
BRAY ROAD, FULFORD



Come along for a brew, chat and
let the little ones play.

All military families & serving
personnel welcome

Join 21 MMR Welfare Team on Fridays at Hurst
Hall. £1 per family for refreshments

9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

Contact 01904 442989

Or e-mail

21MMR-RHQ-WELFARE-CLERK@MOD.GOV.UK

Useful contacts



Army Welfare Service
Serving the Service Community

For all Personal Support enquiries and referrals please contact the Intake and Assessment Team (the AWS welfare single point of contact) at:

RC-AWS-IAT-0Mailbox@mod.gov.uk or 01904 882053 (civ) / 94777 3053 (mil)



21 Multi-Role Medical Regiment

Welfare Officer: Capt Kyle Bruce

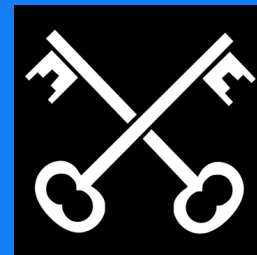
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(Out of hours welfare please call the guardroom on 01904 442864 and ask for the Duty Welfare Officer)

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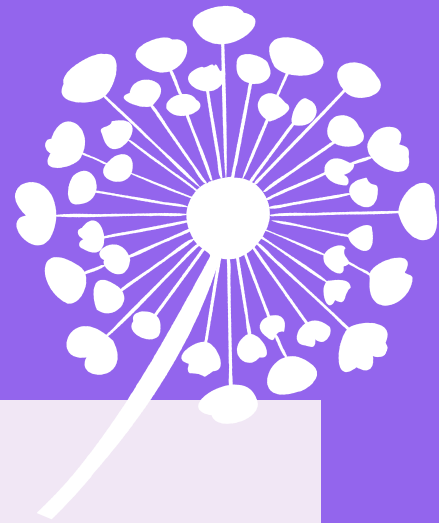


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SERVICE FAMILIES LIAISON OFFICER

A message from me...



Hello everyone!

I really enjoy when the time comes around again to produce this newsletter so that I'm able to share information with you, but I would also greatly appreciate hearing your voices and would welcome your input and that of your children. If you have information/stories you would like to share, please get in touch or send it though to me on my email.

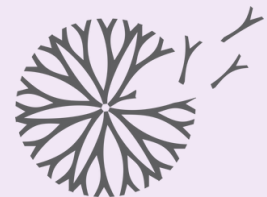
I'm acutely aware of the challenges that come with service life and the impact these may have on Service children, but I also recognise and champion the rich experiences and positive traits that Service children can bring to communities, schools and friends.

As well as supporting Service children, the wider military community, schools and Armed Forces welfare units locally, I continue to advocate on a national, policy and government level for Service children, to raise awareness of the challenges and barriers that have the potential to impact Service children. I work with many organisations championing the needs of Service children; working collaboratively our voices are strengthened in the hope that we can influence policy and drive change, whilst taking the opportunity to highlight and celebrate the rich diversity of service life and Service children.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this half term and wish you a wonderful half term break.

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