A message from me...

SERVICE FAMILIES
LIAISON OFFICER

I am proud to be part of the military community. As a veteran military family, I look back with immense and unwavering pride at my husband's service and our family life in the Royal Air Force.

At this time of Remembrance, it is important that we take a moment to reflect and acknowledge the courage, sacrifice, and service of all members of the Armed Forces — past and present — who have served to protect our freedoms and keep our country safe.

It is also a time to honour and thank all Service children and Young people, and their families. Your strength, resilience, and unwavering support are a vital part of the shared story of Remembrance. Whether through separation, relocation, or the daily challenges of military life, your contributions do not go unnoticed. Thank you for all the ways you support and serve too.

We wear our poppies with pride to remember the people who gave their lives in the past, those who continue to serve today, and the families who stand beside them.

We remember them. We thank them.

Lest we forget.

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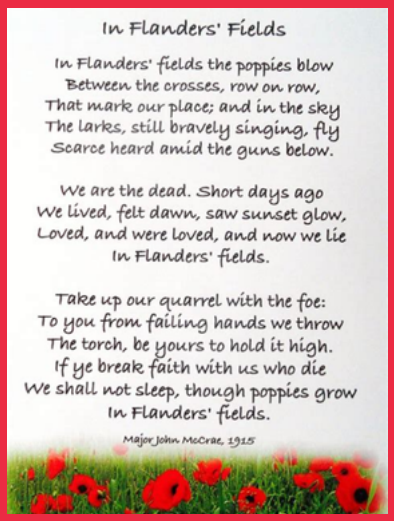
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Service Families' Newsletter

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What does the poppy mean to you?







Remembrance Resources

Royal British Legion & Forces Children's Education

The RBL's Remembrance Learning Programme offers a diverse range of free resources and free events for school children and their teachers, youth groups and families.

A great resource for schools. Bring Remembrance to life for your Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 classes.

What do RBL offer?:

- Free downloadable learning resources, which are available on our website all year round
- Free in-person and online events which include educational workshops and assemblies
- Learning activities linked to the National Curriculum

For more information click the links to resources below or visit: https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance

Key Stage 1 Resources

Key Stage 2 Reouurces

Key Stage 3 Resources





Remembrance Guide for Children

What's on?

FULFORD
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Local events held at Low Moor Community Centre, Fulford.

YOUTH CLUB EVENTS

Weekly sessions held at the community centre run by AWS & volunteers. Entry £1 and optional 50p for tuck shop.

Juniors
Mon 9th November
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 6 to 11.)

Seniors
Mon 16th November
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 11 to 16.)

Juniors
Mon 23rd November
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 6 to 11.)

Seniors
Mon 30th November
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 11 to 16.)

Juniors
Mon 7th December
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 6 to 11.)

Seniors
Mon 14th December
5:30pm – 7:00pm
(Ages from 11 to 16.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events for families and adults.

Bonfire Night
Thursday 5th November
5:30pm – 8:30pm
The centre will be open serving food and drinks.
£5 per family contribution.



Wreath Making
Friday 11th December
TBC
Limited places.



Low Moor Community Centre, Fulford

Discover Something New

PREM Awareness

Supporting schools and early years settings to help children born prematurely

Starting nursery or school can bring both excitement and concerns for families following neonatal care. While being born prematurely does not mean a child will have special educational needs (SEN), research shows they may be more likely to experience learning difficulties, including challenges with attention, memory, processing speed and maths.

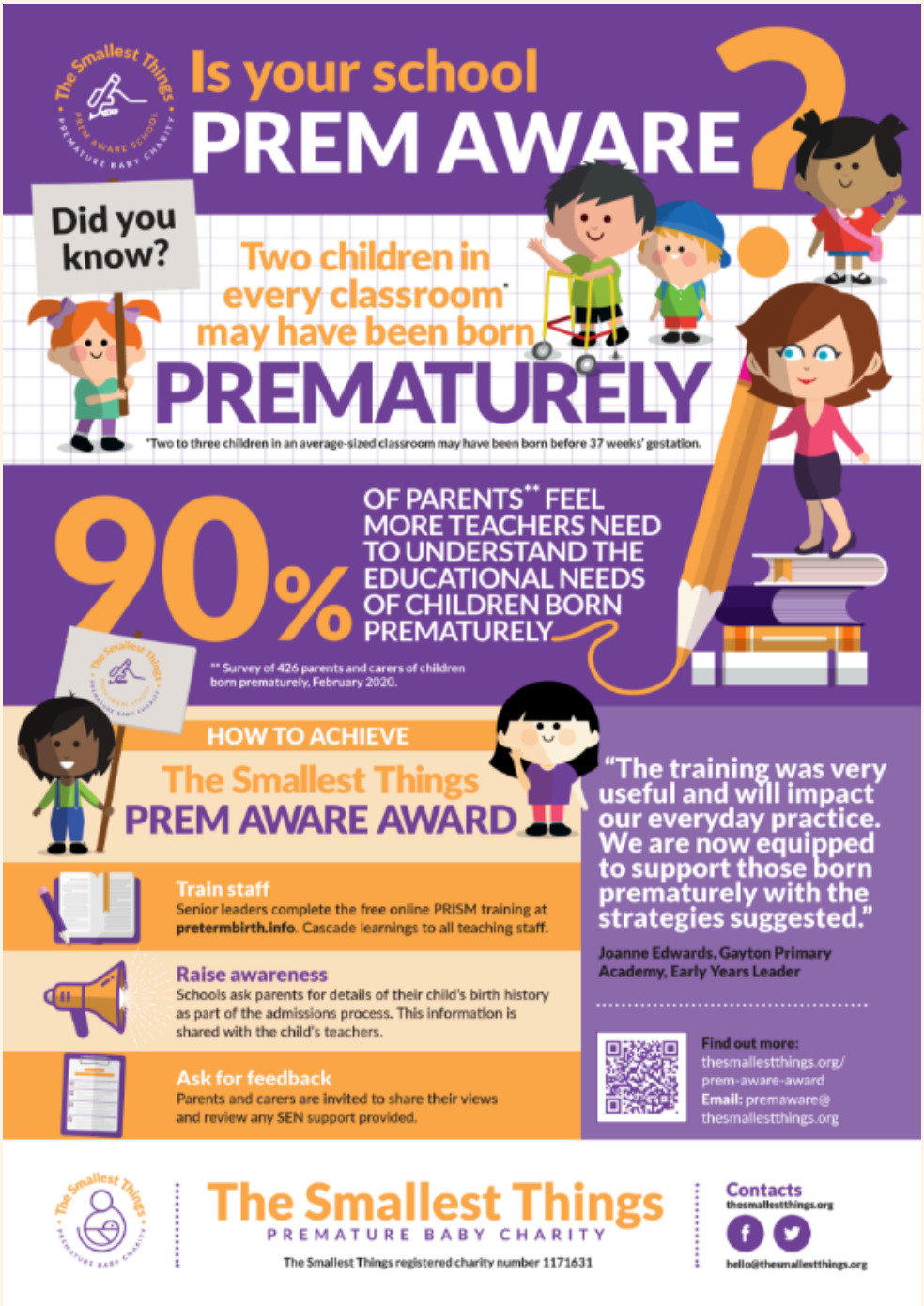
With around two to three children in every classroom born prematurely, The Smallest Things Premature Baby Charity highlights the important role teachers and early years staff play in recognising individual needs and providing the right support to help every child thrive.

Becoming Prem Aware

The Smallest Things Prem Aware Award scheme raises awareness of the impact of prematurity on development and learning, supports parents and carers, and helps schools to recognise and meet the specific learning needs of children born prematurely.

Find out more by clicking the link below.





"As a mother of a 23-week preterm child, I feel a huge sense of relief that there is finally a resource that will help educators understand the social, emotional and academic needs of my school-age child. This resource is long overdue and rightly focuses on the lifelong needs of those who experience daily the challenges that preterm birth may bring. "
— Gill, a parent and teacher

Useful Information

IN THE NEWS

HIVE – Information and Support for the Military Community

On behalf of the Chain of Command, Army HIVE provides free, worldwide information and support for Service personnel, families, veterans and MOD civilians.

HIVE offers guidance on a wide range of topics, including relocation, housing, health and wellbeing, childcare, education, employment, finance, deployment and resettlement. Staff can research information on your behalf and confidentially signpost you to further support.

iHIVE provides location-specific information for those considering or undertaking overseas postings.

HIVE also supports schools by connecting them with Unit Welfare Officers, helping interpret military communications and supporting events and assemblies.

Contact us:
✉️ RC-Pers-HIVE-Northhub-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk
☎ 07483 427921

Army Welfare Service

The Army Welfare Service provides professional welfare support to serving Army personnel and their families in the UK and overseas.

Working alongside unit welfare teams, schools and local services, AWS helps families navigate the challenges of military life, including deployment, separation, relocation and housing.

Support includes personal welfare, family and youth programmes, educational liaison for Service children, and advice to promote wellbeing and resilience.

AWS aims to strengthen family wellbeing, helping Army personnel and their families access the support they need to thrive.





MOD Family Hub Information Portal

The MOD Families Hub is a digital one-stop shop providing information and signposting for Regular and Reserve Armed Forces personnel and their families, from joining the military through to transition into civilian life.

It brings together guidance, policies and support services covering education, childcare, health and wellbeing, housing, finance, employment, additional needs, safeguarding, overseas living and welfare.

The Hub helps Service families find the right information and support to navigate military life and make informed decisions.

Ministry of Defence

Information Portal Click Here

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‘Support Is Always Available’

The Army’s Support Is Always Available guide brings together confidential support services for Service personnel and their families, covering mental health, bereavement, domestic abuse, relationships, finances, addictions, safeguarding and general welfare.

For schools, the guide is a valuable resource when supporting Service children and families experiencing deployment, separation, bereavement or other challenges. It helps staff, including Designated Safeguarding Leads, pastoral teams and Service Children’s Champions, signpost families to appropriate professional support.

Schools are encouraged to share the guide with relevant staff and families to help ensure military communities know where to access trusted support when they need it.

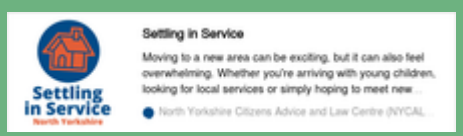


Are you new to North Yorkshire?

The North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre (NYCALC) provides dedicated support, advice, and community services for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and military families across the region. Ciick the link above or below to find out more.

Key Services for Military Families

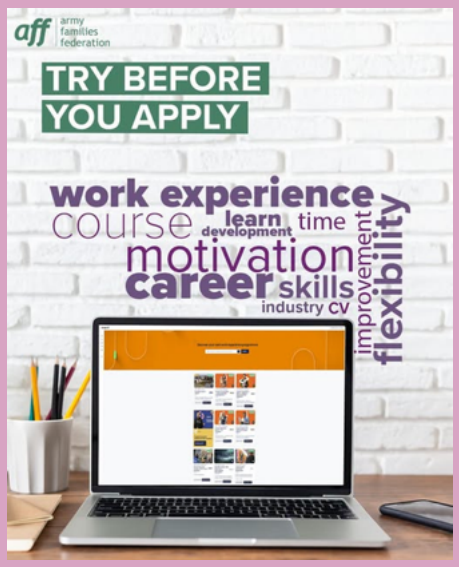
- Settling in Service: Offers free, personalized settling-in sessions via telephone or home visits to help newly relocated military families find local healthcare, schools, community groups, and practical support.
  - Phone: 01423 224451
  - Email: settlinginservice@northyorkslca.org.uk





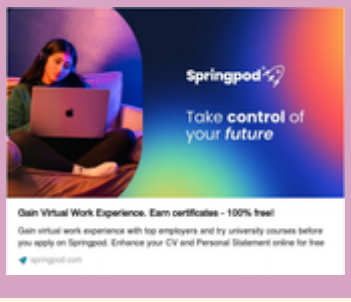
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News & Updates



Studying but not sure about what direction you'd like your future to take?
Springpod, a free, work-based learning platform, offers young people the chance to try out a career or higher education course before making an application.
It offers work experience programmes, including virtual versions, in different industries, including science and engineering, health, fashion, TV and film.
Or you can sample university courses in a series of Subject Spotlight episodes delivered by lecturers in everything from marine sciences to music performance. It could give your personal statement some extra weight when it comes to your application.
Access to the programme is from Year 9.

FIND OUT MORE. CLICK ON THE IMAGE BELOW



Army Families Federation

What is AFF? What do we do? How can we help you? Find out more about who we are, who we're here for and how you can get in touch for support.



Your experiences help shape our work.
In recent months, AFF has submitted evidence to consultations on Carer's Allowance and Education Other Than at School (EOTAS), ensuring the needs of Army families are represented at policy level.
We continue to speak up on your behalf, helping decision-makers understand the realities of Army family life and the impact policy changes can have on serving personnel and their families.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW AFF REPRESENTS ARMY FAMILIES AND INFLUENCES CHANGE ON OUR WEBSITE





Celebrate with Reading Force!

To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026, Reading Force is launching a new monthly family book feature. Each month, we'll share a family's thoughts on a book they've read together and how reading as a family connects them. And we would love you to get involved!

Across the year, we would especially love to include a few families who are experiencing deployment or another form of separation, and who might find shared reading particularly meaningful at this time, as well as hearing from any interested Reading Force families. Books will be chosen specially to align with the ages in each featured family.

If you and your family would be interested in taking part, we have a couple of spots available- please get in touch at info@readingforce.org.uk

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READING FORCE

LGBT Veterans affected by the pre-2000 Armed Forces ban - restorative measures applications close on 12 December 2026.

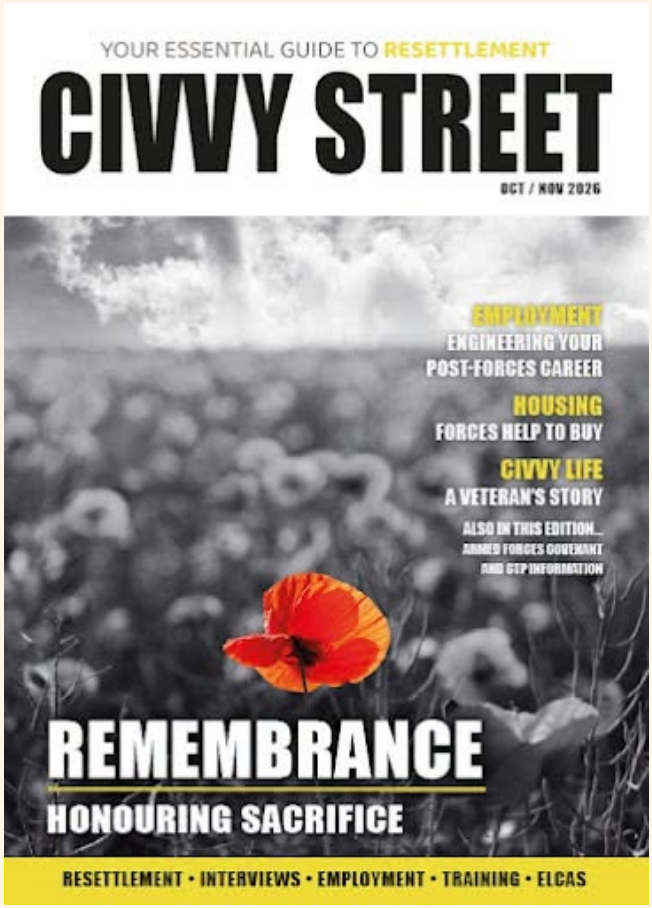




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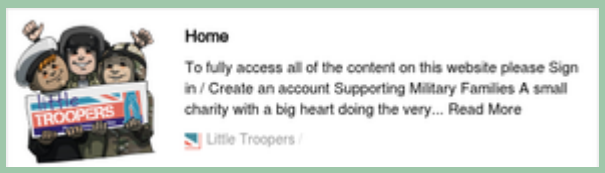


Free Sessions with Little Troopers

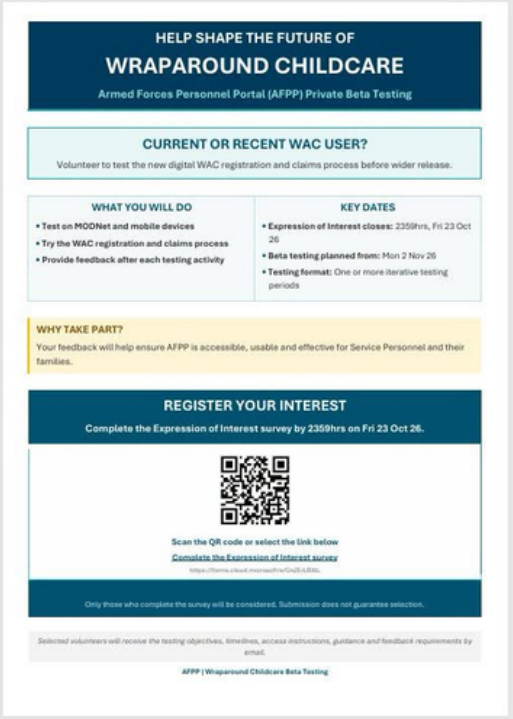
All Together sessions run frequently until April 2027.
Sessions are free, but places are limited. Please only book if you are confident you can attend so that as many families as possible can take part.
About All Together Online

All Together is a club that brings military children together. As part of this, All Together Online offers a series of exciting, live, online events especially for military children under 11 years old.
Everyone from the serving military community is warmly welcome to join us.

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Wraparound Childcare (WAC) - Armed Forces Personnel Portal Beta Testing.

As part of the continued development of the Armed Forces Personnel Portal (AFPP), Defence are preparing to commence the next phase of Beta testing for the Wraparound Childcare (WAC) service. They are seeking current or recent WAC users who may be interested in supporting this important activity. User participation is essential to ensuring the service meets the needs of Service Personnel and their families and has been tested by representative users prior to wider release.

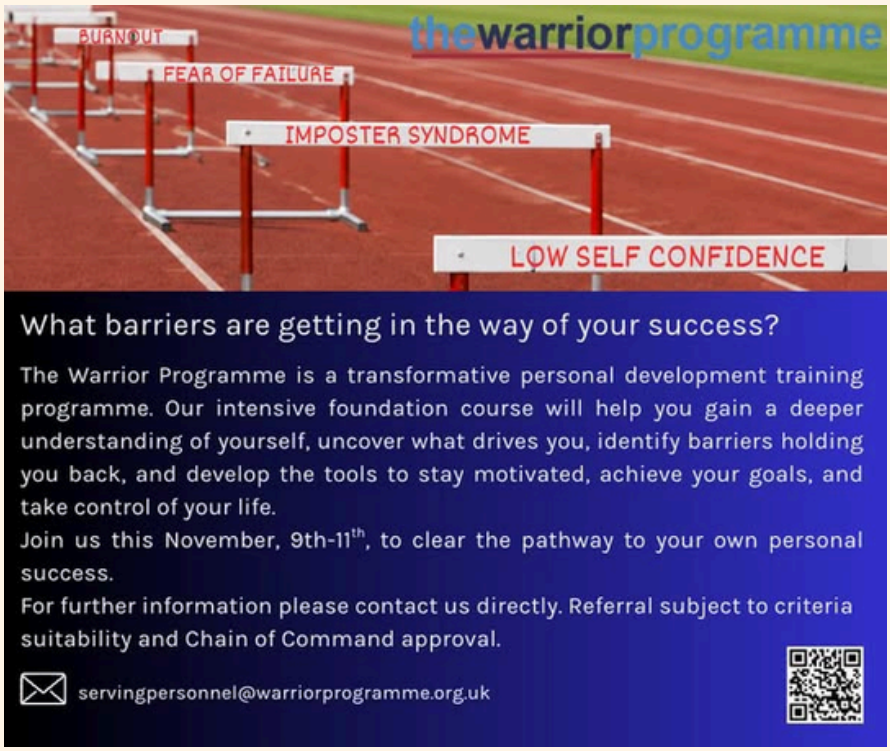
Expression of Interest Required

Any Service personnel who would like to be considered for participation in the Beta testing programme, please complete the Expression of Interest survey using the link opposite.

The Warrior Programme

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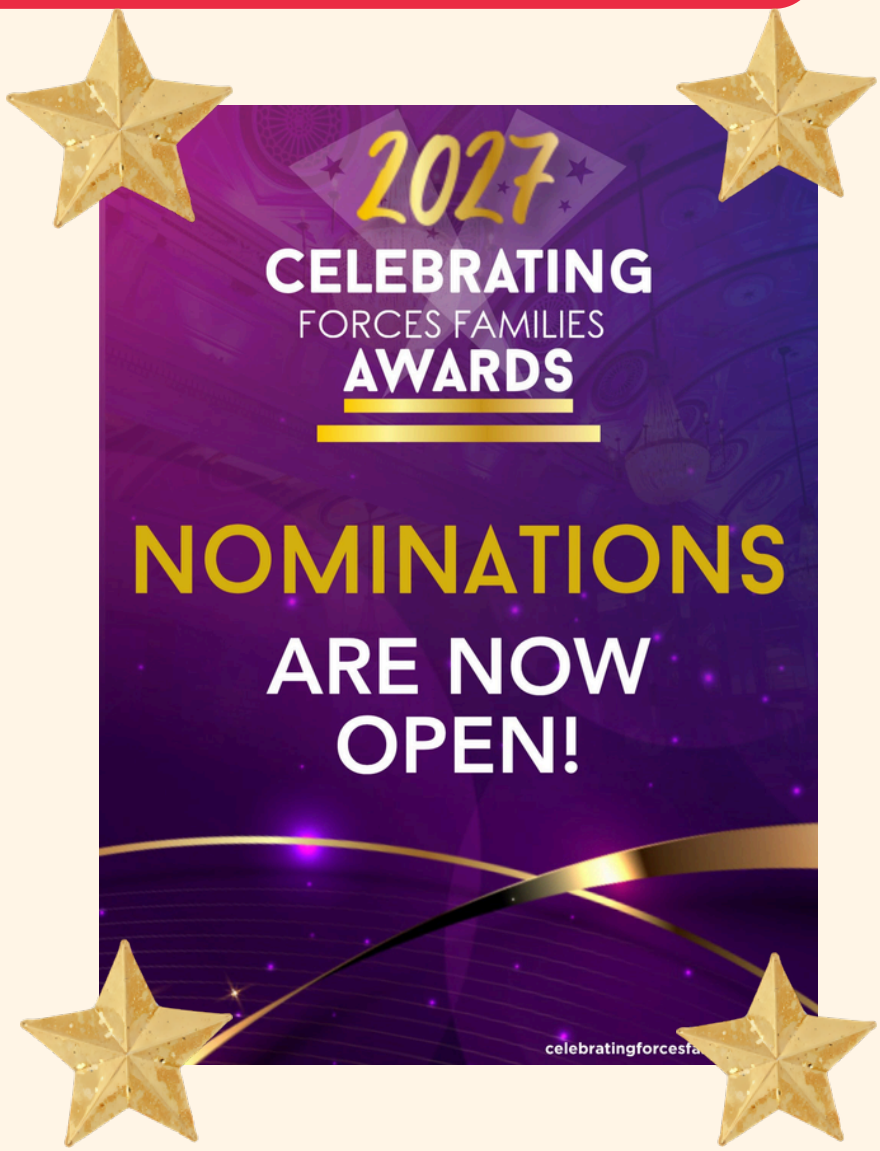
Recruit for Spouses

Upcoming events, programmes and upskilling opportunities for military families.

To view the update in full, please click access the link ny clicking on the image.

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Armed forces families play a crucial, often unseen role in supporting Service members and the broader forces community. Their sacrifices are significant: frequent relocations, long periods of separation, and the constant challenge of adapting to the uncertainties and stresses of military life.

These families demonstrate resilience and strength whilst maintaining stability at home while their loved ones are away. The Celebrating Forces Families Awards acknowledges their dedication, the emotional and practical hardships they endure, and their contribution to our community.

We also aim to gain a greater public understanding and appreciation of the military's human dimension beyond uniformed personnel. Recognising these families promotes a sense of belonging and support within the community, reinforcing the important role they play.

Nominate here

CELEBRATING OUR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

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Useful contacts

Connecting you

Here are some helpful local and community contacts, all in one place. Whether you're looking for advice, support, or simply someone to talk to, I hope you find them useful — and please feel free to share them with others in our community.

Army Welfare Service

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: Christine Hawkins

Email: 21MMR-RHQ-WELFARE-0MAILBOX@MOD.GOV.UK
Tel: 01904 442989

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

Unit Welfare Clerk
Mrs Susan Wilson
Email: 34Hosp-rhq-welfare-clerk@mod.gov.uk

2 Signals Regiment

UWO:Capt Mark Davies
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LEST WE FORGET

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

