

Veteran Support Services



Local organisations	Brief summary of support offered
Thorney Island Aldershot HIVE Connaught Community Centre Alanbrooke Road Aldershot Hants GU11 2NX	<p>The HIVE operates from a central location, covering Aldershot, Marchwood, Thorney and surrounding areas but any service personnel can contact this service for help and support and will be referred if necessary. Gosport, Fareham and Portsmouth areas are covered by the Royal Navy Welfare Team.</p> <p>The HIVE information service manages Blogs for service leavers and veterans and includes information about employment opportunities, accommodation (military and civilian options), resettlement courses and housing briefings.</p> <p>For further information please visit - aldershothive@armymail.mod.uk</p>
NHS	<p>Armed Forces health, for further information about how the NHS can help if you're in military service or a Veteran visit www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/military-healthcare</p>
The Veterans Outreach Service (based at the Maritime Club, Portsmouth)	<p>A combination of public, private and charity sectors offering one-stop assistance pro bono to Armed Forces veterans, merchant navy in hostilities and their families needing help following military service. This includes legal, housing, financial, employment help and mental health support from psychiatrists, psychologists and counsellors. Agencies include The Royal British Legion (TRBL), SSAFA, Combat Stress and a mix of locally based charities.</p> <p>For further information please visit Website - http://www.vosuk.org/about-us/</p>
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	<p>A two-year MOD Armed Forces Covenant Funded Programme aimed at making it easier for servicemen and women and their families, as well as reservists and veterans, to access public sector services including healthcare, housing, schools, financial advice and support to find jobs.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/armedforces/forcesconnect-se</p>
Forces Connect South East	<p>A two-year MOD Armed Forces Covenant Funded Programme aimed at making it easier for servicemen and women and their families, as well as reservists and veterans, to access public sector services including healthcare, housing, schools, financial advice and support to find jobs.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/armedforces/forcesconnect-se</p>

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Careers Transition Partnership (CTP)	<p>Career Transition Partnership (CTP) is the main service providing support for those transitioning regarding employment and training, they also operate as an intermediary service for employers wishing to hire service leavers. The local resettlement centre is based at HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. Eligibility for categories of services provided depend on length of service and include career advice together with various training courses and workshops.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.ctp.org.uk/</p>
Naval Families Federation	<p>Naval Families Federation works with and supports serving sailors, marines and their families with schooling, housing, finances, a posting overseas, relationships, health and future plans.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://nff.org.uk/</p>
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust	<p>RNBT offers support to serving and former Royal Naval ratings and Royal Marines other ranks, which includes Reservists, partners and children.</p> <p>For further information please visit http://www.rnbt.org.uk/</p>
Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity	<p>The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity support sailors, marines and their families for life.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.rnrmc.org.uk/</p>
Ripple Pond	<p>Ripple Pond is a UK wide self-help support network for the adult family members of physically or emotionally injured Service Personnel and Veterans.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.theripplepond.org/</p>

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Veterans Gateway	<p>The first point of contact for Veterans seeking support, this organisation puts Veterans and families in touch with the organisations best placed to help with the information, advice and support they need – from healthcare and housing to employability, finances, personal relationships and more</p> <p>For further information please visit - www.veteransgateway.org.uk</p>
Help For Heroes	<p>Help and support for veterans of the Armed Forces or currently serving, their families and loved ones, whatever the illness or injury. Help for Heroes assist with empowerment to regain purpose and have a positive impact on society. Support covers injury, illness, mental health and wellbeing, recovery programme courses, welfare and financial support and career recovery and support. The nearest Recovery Centre is based in Tedworth House, Tidworth.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/</p>
SORTED!	<p>SORTED! comprises of seven well established charities who are already providing a wide range of employment related services and help for individuals to find and retain work. This service will ensure you get the right information, advice and guidance to support your employment journey.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.sorted.org.uk/</p>
SSAFA	<p>SSAFA support the transition from the Forces to Civvy Street including housing, finances, signposting, mental wellbeing, and disability support.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.ssafa.org.uk/</p>
Army Personnel Recovery Units	<p>The Defence Recovery Capability is a Ministry of Defence lead initiative managed in partnership with Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion. It is designed to ensure wounded, injured and sick service personnel receive co-ordinated support such as medical care, welfare, housing, education, reskilling, work placements, employment issues and opportunities.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defence-recovery-and-personnel-recovery-centres</p>

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Army Families Federation	<p>The Army Families Federation (AFF) is the independent voice of army families and works hard to improve the quality of life for army families around the world – on any aspect that is affected by the army lifestyle.</p> <p>AFF is independent of the army and offers confidential advice.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://aff.org.uk/</p>
Royal Navy	<p>A list of partnership Veteran support organisations is available at https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/community-and-support/veterans.</p>
Veterans Transition Review	<p>The Career Transition Partnership (CTP) delivers free resettlement services to all eligible ranks of the Armed Forces with the aim of making the transition from military to civilian life as smooth and successful as possible.</p> <p>For further information please visit http://www.veteranstransition.co.uk</p>
Veterans Welfare Service	<p>This service enhances the quality of life for veterans and beneficiaries of Veterans UK and includes pensions, compensation schemes, and all their dependents. They enable the seamless transition from service to civilian life, assist bereaved families or respond to life events that present welfare needs.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/veterans-welfare-service</p>
RAFBF (Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund)	<p>The RAF Benevolent Fund is the RAF's leading welfare charity. They support all serving and former members of the RAF as well as their partners and dependent children. They also support reservists, those who completed National Service, widows and widowers and former members of the Royal Observer Corps.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.rafbf.org/</p>
RAF Families Federation	<p>RAF Families Federation supports individuals and their families transitioning from HM Armed Forces with advice and support in all areas, including support to gain financial assistance from relevant organisations - housing advice, advice on welfare, money and debt management, addiction and mental health issues.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/</p>

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FS (Forces Support)	<p>A national bereavement and Veteran support charity which ensures parents, widows and children of families bereaved through a military death can access practical support throughout the UK.</p> <p>For further information please visit http://www.forcessupport.org.uk/</p>
RBL (Royal British Legion) Local branch in Havant	<p>This service provides financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces, past and present, and their families. The Legion supports service leavers to find employment and can also provide advice and guidance to partners and dependants of serving personnel.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/</p>
RBLI – (Royal British Legion Industries)	<p>RBLI run LifeWorks, a fully funded support service to help veterans looking to either move into sustainable employment, training or education, housing support is also offered.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.rbli.co.uk/about</p>
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RFEA (Royal Forces Employment Charity)	<p>The RFEA provides support Veterans with employment and training opportunities, housing, healthcare irrespective of circumstances, rank, length of service, or reason for leaving. Advice and guidance is also available for spouses and partners of serving and ex-service personnel.</p> <p>For further information please visit http://www.rfea.org.uk</p>

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ABF (The Soldiers Charity)	<p>ABF offers a lifetime of support to soldiers and former soldiers from the British Army and their immediate families including housing, education, training and employment . Support is offered to very young serving families to cope with a sudden bereavement or traumatic loss and providing wide-ranging support to wounded soldiers. The charity also supports older veterans and their widows or widowers when they find themselves lonely or isolated.</p> <p>For further information please visit http://www.soldierscharity.org/</p>
Army Benevolent Fund	<p>The Army Benevolent Fund provides a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when needed.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://soldierscharity.org/</p>
Blesma	<p>Blesma, The Limbless charity aims to support limbless veterans to lead independent and fulfilling lives.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://blesma.org/</p>
Blind Veterans	<p>Blind Veterans offers a range of support to blind ex-service men and women helping them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.</p> <p>For further information please visit https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/</p>