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Newsletters!

We started to write our newsletters in November 2016 and since then there has been one issued at the end of each month. There have been some special reports written too so along with these, this is newsletter number 97! You can find them all on our website

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Brian Dale

We were sad to hear of the passing of Lancashire Fusiliers Veteran and Bandsman Brian Dale, who was a great friend to one of our volunteers. Brian lived over in Warrington. We send our condolences to the family.

Stand Down Soldier your duty is done, may you Rest in Peace.



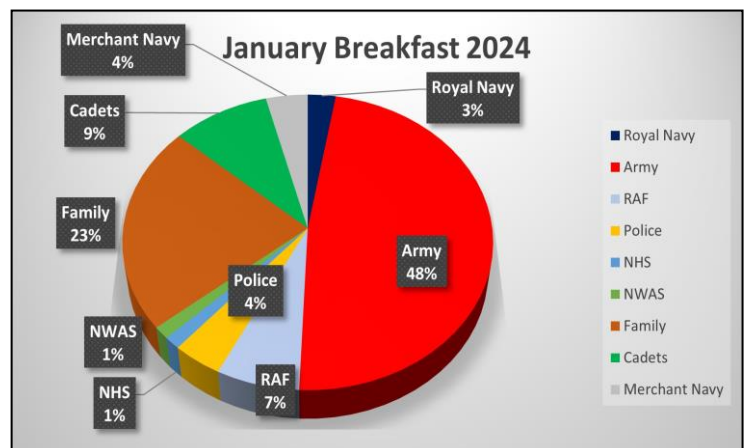
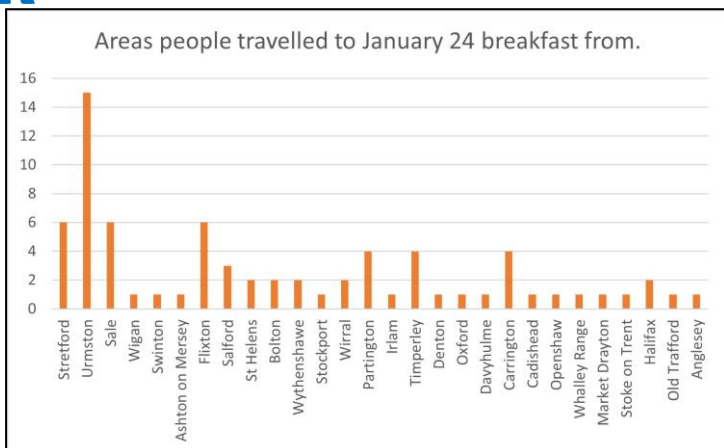
Breakfast!



Our first breakfast of 2024, and what an occasion it was! We had **75** people in attendance.

We were joined by Mary from Cadent Gas who had an information table. Entertainment was provided by the North West Veterans Corps of Drums who put on a fabulous display. They also brought with them the new Lee Rigby memorial side drum. The person who visited from the furthest place had come from Oxford! As well as our own volunteers we had 6 cadets from 182 RAF Air Cadets and the Royal Navy CCF unit at Wellacre school, who were doing their volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards. Thank you to all who joined us and to those who make these events possible.

Below is a breakdown of those who attended the January breakfast event:





Trafford Veterans CIC 2024

Donations

A huge Thank you to Flo and her sister Sheila, who instead of sending Christmas cards, made donations to local charities and organisations. They made a generous donation of **£40** to us at the January breakfast.



A huge THANK YOU to the hub at Sale West who donated **£250** to help towards the warm hubs we run on Fridays over at Crossford Bridge.



Sale Community Support Hub

Calling all Female armed forces veterans! If you know any please let them know about this

We're looking for...



women who've previously served in the Armed Forces.

We're holding focus groups in Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside to hear your experiences of mental health support and improve services in the North West.

If you've experienced mental health difficulties, didn't know where to get help, have accessed support or need support now, get in touch.

Contact Ellie at the.mvs@nhs.net or call 0300 323 0707



Military Veterans' Service



FIRSTLIGHT TRUST
SUPPORTING VETERANS LOCALLY

Outreach

This month we have had enquiries come in to help local veterans from the First Light Trust and Op Fortitude via the NAAFI Break in Handforth. One of these veterans were in Middleton so we made a call to the case worker for Veterans in



Communities who covers this area. We also called upon the support from our local SSAFA representative and from the Darren Dedy Foundation to see if they could help with a donation of furniture. We made 2 referrals into Age UK Trafford to help with benefits and other advice.





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Territorial Medal

Thanks to James at Manchester Medals who refurbished and cleaned a medal for us for local Veteran Doreen. She served over 25 years in the Women's Royal Army Corps as part of the Territorial Army and she rose to the rank of Corporal! It was presented back to her as a surprise at the St Clements Coffee morning.



www.manchestermedals.co.uk

Military History drop in

On Wednesdays, we visit St Clements Church in Urmston between 1100 and 1230. As well as speak to people about their family military history, this month as well as the medal mentioned above, we have helped to send for 2 Veteran's Army records, helped a National Serviceman apply for his veteran's badge and been shown a passing put photograph from the 1908's! Why not call in and see us for a cup of tea / coffee?



MILITARY HISTORY DROP IN!



ST CLEMENTS CHURCH, M41 9JZ
WEDNESDAYS 11 -1230PM

Trafford Uniformed Services Day 2024

A date for your diary! Working in partnership with the Bluelight Owners, Preserved and Classic Vehicle events and Sale United FC we will be bringing the Uniformed Services Day back to Crossford Bridge on Sunday 28th July.

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PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

We're Back!

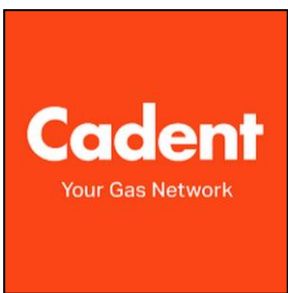
On Sunday 28th July 2024
at
Sale United FC, Crossford Bridge Pavilion,
Danefield Road, Sale, Manchester, M33 7WR



Winter Warmer event

On Saturday 27th January, working in partnership with Cadent Gas, we had a stall at St Clements Winter warmer event. We were handing out room thermometers, leaflets on what to do in a Gas emergency, cold caller stickers and winter warmer packs to those who signed up to the priority services register (PSR). The winter warmer packs contain a blanket, hat, gloves, and thermal socks. The PSR is a completely free service, designed to make it easier for those

who need a little extra help. Each energy supplier and electricity network operator maintain their own register, meaning that you can register with us and receive essential benefits that will make the management of your energy supply easier. Catharine the community Champion from ASDA Trafford Park also joined us. We signed up 11 people to the register. We will be talking about this at our other events too should you want to



know more information.

Flixton Group Practice

Thanks to the work by NHS England with GP surgeries, we are helping to promote Veteran Friendly Accredited GP surgeries. We met with the team to discuss how we can work together and promote our peer support activities amongst their members.



Fundraising Auction

On the evening of the 15th March, we are holding an auction event at Flixton Cricket Club. Funds raised will be shared between Trafford Veterans and the club to help towards the build of a new disabled toilet facility. The club have been fantastic in providing us with a new home after we left our previous venue which what was supposed to be an ex-servicemen's club! If you work for a company that could donate an item or would like to help, then please get in contact with us. Some great lots have come in so far thanks to Manchester Giants Basketball team for donating 4 match tickets and Robinsons Brewery who have donated a tour for 2 people!



FUNDRAISING AUCTION

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

**Do you work for a business?
or have anything you could donate for an auction?
Funds raised will go towards the building of a disabled toilet at Flixton Cricket Club where we hold our Veterans Breakfast.**

Please contact us - info@traffordveterans.org

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETERANS



Trafford Veterans CIC SUPPORT

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 peer support activities and support vehicles.

Veterans Raffle Help Support our Armed Forces and Emergency Services Veterans
WIN UP TO £25,000 **ENTER RAFFLE**

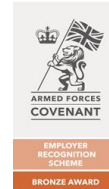
We are one of the veterans' hubs you can support by joining [Veterans Raffle](#) and choosing us as your good cause. This is a fantastic way of making a regular £10 per calendar month donation to Trafford Veterans, whilst also giving you the chance to win up to £25,000 each month. Click [here](#) to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

If you have an idea for a fundraising event or would like to run something to help us, then it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are a local business and would consider sponsoring one of our peer support activities in return for some great PR then please get in touch

info@traffordveterans.org

Let's get fundraising!



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