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Celebrating our 100 year heritage

We remain dedicated to our mission of supporting the Armed Forces community



Celebrating our rich history and looking forward to the next 100 years



More photos of Branches' activities, marking RBL100



The Darlington Branch celebrating 100 years of support to the local community

Last month on 15 May a large number of Branches and Members held services at their local memorials to celebrate the Royal British Legion's centenary. Recreating the event that took place 100 years ago at the Cenotaph in London, Members laid wreaths remembering all those who came before us and shaped the RBL's legacy. Click the button below to view the photos.

The Branch was formed in 1921 and throughout the years Members managed to get over challenges including a drop in membership numbers to ensure the Branch survives. Today members continue to raise funds, hold services to remember those who served and visit local schools to give talks about the RBL's work while in 2019 the Branch was awarded the County Shield for efficiency.

View the photos



Festival of Remembrance 2021

This year's Festival of Remembrance will be held on 13 November 2021 with performances at 2pm and 7pm. Members will be able to book priority tickets for both the afternoon and the evening performances in September, with more information to come closer to the time of the event. Please be advised, the Royal British Legion might need to make adjustments to follow the Covid-19 rules at the time of the event.

Read the story



Register to attend our next townhall

Join one of our two virtual townhall events being run on 13 July 2021 to hear the latest information about the One Legion strategy and future plans. The events are at 2pm and 7pm. Each event will provide the same information, so you only need to register for one session. To register for the 2pm session click [here](#) and for the 7pm session click [here](#). Prior to the event you'll receive an email with instructions on how to join on the day.



Win an RBL100 cookbook

Enter the competition by 14 July for a chance to win one of the five 'Cooking with Heroes' books donated by our publishing partner St James's House. The books combine 100 military stories of 'Hometown Heroes & Heroines' with local recipes developed by celebrity and military chefs. The winners will be randomly selected after the closing date and will be contacted via email. If you are not one of the winners or want to buy your copy now, click [here](#). £5 from every sale is donated to the RBL.

[Enter the competition](#)



Tackling social isolation among carers in the Armed Forces community

Legion Links, is a new project funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and aims to create a network of social groups offering support to carers to help them feel less lonely. Each support group will be led by volunteers so we'd like to encourage everyone interested in participating as a volunteer or if you would like to join a group to [get in touch](#). We would



Thank you to all members and volunteers for everything you do

Earlier this month, it was volunteers' week, giving us the opportunity to thank all our members and volunteers for your work and dedication over the years. From young Poppy Appeal Collectors like [Jemima and Toby Castle](#) to currently serving personnel volunteering like Ben Poku, every member and volunteer has played a part in supporting

also love you to help us spread the word about this project in your communities.

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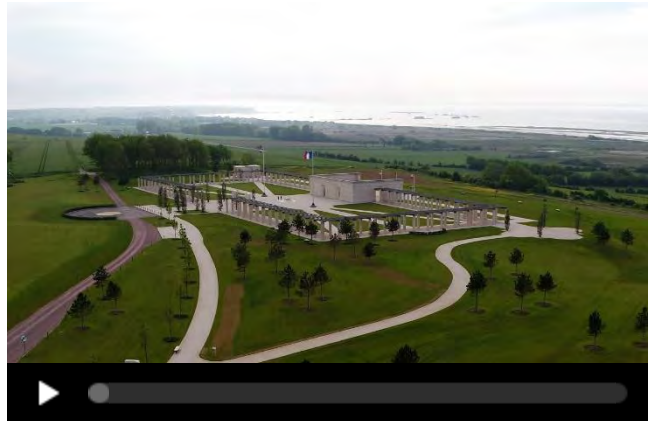
Stop the service charge consultation

Our Stop the Service Charge campaign calls for the Government to scrap fees for military personnel from the Commonwealth, and their families, who wish to stay in the UK after they leave Service. The Government have published a consultation, in which they outlined their proposals to address this issue and through the consultation they are asking for people's views on it before 7th July. To learn more visit our website.

[Find out more](#)

serving and ex-serving personnel and their families so thank you!

[Read Ben's story](#)

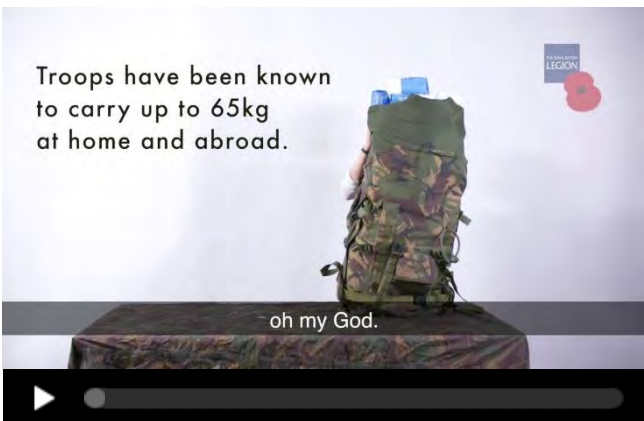


Veterans gather to mark D-Day 77

On Sunday 6 June, the British Normandy Memorial was officially opened and a ceremony attended by more than 100 Normandy veterans took place at the NMA in Staffordshire. In addition to the opening of the Memorial, the commemorations also included coverage of the RBL's Service of Remembrance in Bayeux, a Two Minute Silence and a formal presentation of their Legion d'Honneur to Normandy Veterans.

[Watch the recording](#)

Did you know that...



Armed Forces Day this year is on 26th June, and it's a chance for us to thank those who have served or are serving for all that they do. Although things might look a little different this year, there are ways to get involved; including this [family activity pack](#) put together by the team at the NMA. From code breaking to cookery there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Congratulations to our Members Professor Alexander Meikle DAVISON RD, Elaine Joy HOPKINS, Eric HORABIN and Michael JONES for being included in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2021. These members were recognised for their voluntary service to the Royal British Legion and for supporting the Armed Forces community.



Raise a toast to RBL100 with our centenary champagne

We are delighted that our range of centenary champagne has launched, created in partnership with Eminent Wines. The limited-edition collection is made up of three bespoke cuvées and a portion of every sale is donated to the RBL. Eminent Wines is pleased to offer RBL Members a 5% discount on purchases made from its website, using the code **RBL005** at checkout. What better way to join us in raising a toast to the RBL's centenary!

[Find out more](#)



Tribute Ink is back on tour starting at the York Army Museum

The exhibition created by the RBL and the NMA has been documenting tattoos across the Armed Forces; uncovering the meaning behind them. For many, tattoos have become central to Remembrance and commemoration in our Armed Forces community. To learn more about these military tattoos and uncover personal stories of Remembrance, that are as moving as they are visually beautiful, visit the exhibition on tour or explore online.

[Find out more](#)

[Going back in time](#)



Photo: Central Press.

THE LEGION DELEGATION OUTSIDE 10 DOWNING STREET, BEFORE INTERVIEWING THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE SUBJECT OF WAR PENSIONS. APRIL 23rd, 1929.

Reading from left to right : Colonel E. C. Heath, Colonel John Brown, Mr. T. F. Lister, Mr. H. Baggaley, Lord Jellicoe, Mr. A. G. Webb, Colonel G. R. Crosfield, Mr. J. R. Griffin, Mr. A. H. Francks, and Major J. B. Brunel Cohen (Centre).

From the Royal British Legion Magazine May 1929

The Legion delegation outside 10 Downing Street, before interviewing the Prime Minister on the subject of war pensions.

This month's poll

Are you planning to hold an event/activity during the summer to celebrate RBL100?

1. Yes, I am helping my Branch plan an activity or event
2. Yes, I am organising a personal activity including fundraising
3. No, the pandemic still prevents us from holding events

- 4. No, I don't have time or don't want to get involved for other reasons
- 5. Other

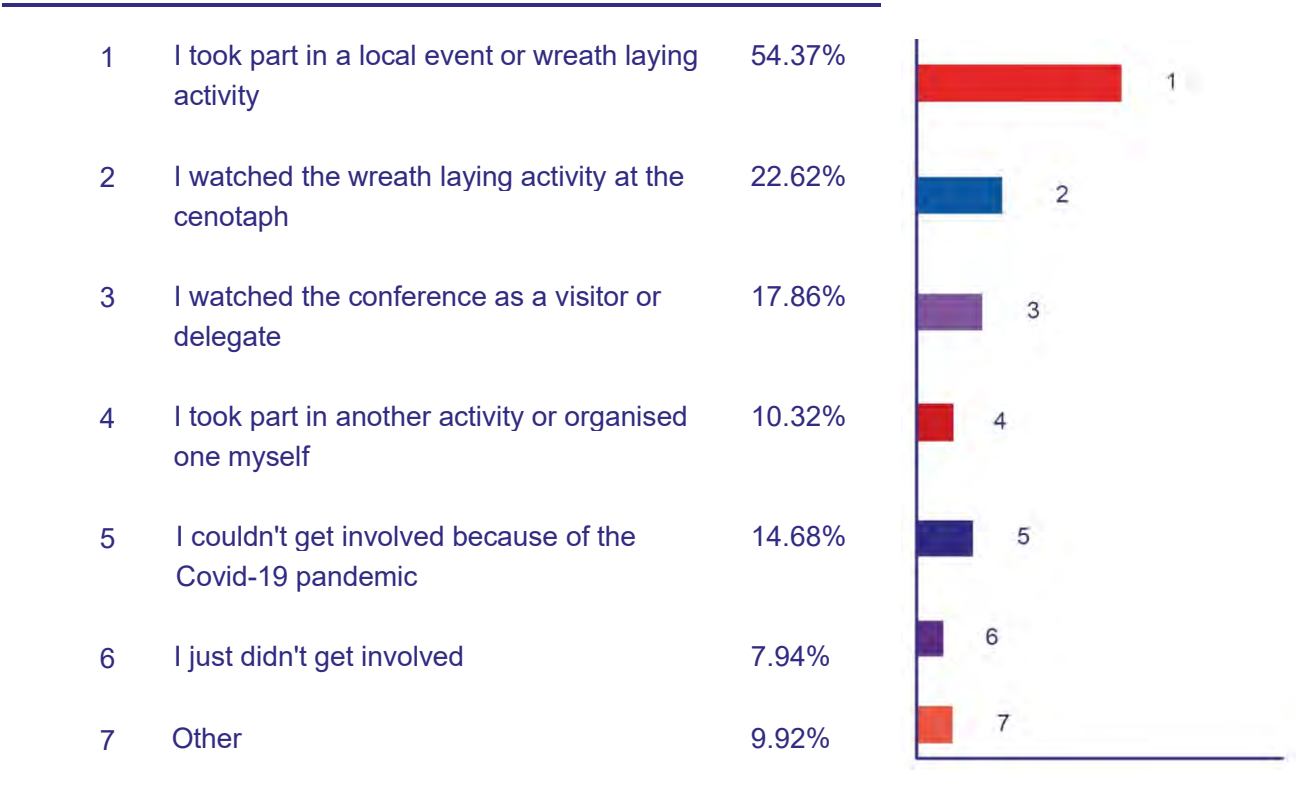
[Take part in the poll](#)

Last month's poll

How did you celebrate RBL100 on 15 May?

252 Participants

%



Encourage others to join

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

[Join now](#)

If you have any questions about the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

Best wishes,

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