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# The Invictus Games Dusseldorf 2023

Inspiring recovery and rehabilitation  
in our Armed Forces Community



## Recognising the courage and determination of our injured veterans



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Remembrancetide volunteering

We are honoured to have supported the 59 veterans and serving personnel, at the Invictus Games 2023, in partnership with the Ministry of Defence. The determination, strength, personal achievement and team spirit of every Team UK member was inspiring to see. The Invictus Games is about overcoming adversity, and making friendships that last a lifetime. Team UK won 29 Gold, 18 Silver and 21 Bronze medals. Take a look at their [inspirational journey](#) and moving support [from their families and friends](#).

[Find out more](#)

Volunteering during Remembrancetide is a great way to show your passion for RBL! Do you have a couple of hours to share as a Poppy Appeal collector in your community or at a City Poppy Day in Manchester or London? Would you enjoy cheering on participants in a Poppy Walk? Or maybe you would be excited to use your skills in a leadership role? There are lots of opportunities to suit your interests and our volunteers make an incredible difference! To apply or find out more about how to help, read our [volunteering page](#).

[Volunteer for RBL](#)



## Annual Conference 2024 Newport Wales

Our 2024 Annual Conference will take place in Newport, Wales from **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May**. This is one week earlier than previous years. It's a hybrid event, allowing delegates and visitors to attend in person at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Wales, or virtually. Delegates will have the opportunity to vote on motions. Members who are not delegates may also attend to hear from the National Chair, Director General and other senior RBL staff.

[Find out more](#)



## Pets with Poppies are the talk of the town

Make your dog the talk of the town with the latest poppy products from Pets at Home, whose six-year partnership with the RBL has raised more than a million pounds so far.



## Membership Townhall 17th October 6.30pm

Join us live for our Membership Townhall, taking place on **17th October at 6.30pm**, hosted by Jason Coward on Microsoft Teams. Open to all Members, Executive Directors will be updating us on the Etherton report, Remembrancetide 2023, Korea 70, and the importance of recovery through sport in the Invictus Games. A recording will be available on MAP.

Please download MS Teams before joining using the link below.

[Join the Townhall here](#)



Westminster ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## The Westminster Collection: 2023 Poppy £5 Coin Range

Our long-term partnership with The Westminster Collection has now raised over £1.25million for the Royal British Legion, an incredible milestone. This year's Poppy Coins



Choose from a poppy bandana (£3), bowtie (£3), poppy collar and charm set (£4–£6) or collar poppy (£1.50). All profits will be donated to the RBL, so give your dog a stylish treat in time for this November's Poppy Appeal. The collection will be on sale until the end of the Appeal in stores and online at [Pets at Home](#).

### Poppy products



### Epic RBL Cycles in 2024 - Pedal to Paris

Join us for the iconic [Pedal to Paris](#) in its 28th year in 2024. Over the last three decades the event has brought in over £8million to support the Armed Forces community. In this event you'll cycle through beautiful French countryside before arriving for a lap of honour at the Arc de Triomphe – which only closes for Pedal to Paris and the Tour de France. Find out more about our training plans to get you ready for cycling in France.

### Sign up today

feature the Cenotaph and a Remembrance wreath alongside the two-petal poppy. The limited-edition 2023 Masterpiece Coin has been designed in tribute to the Dambusters 80 anniversary and includes a piece of real WWII Lancaster Bomber aircraft. 10% of every sale is given to RBL. You can see the full range at [The Westminster Collection](#).

### The Westminster Collection



### Illuminated Arboretum Tickets - On Sale Now

Tickets are now on sale for [Illuminated Arboretum](#), the National Memorial Arboretum's spectacular and hugely popular winter light trail with a difference! On your illuminated journey you'll experience breathtaking lights, mesmerising sound, and fun hands-on elements to try exploring the route around the Arboretum's gardens. The brand-new route will feature some fantastic new installations and will run from the **7th - 23rd December**.

### Book your tickets



## Combatting Poppy Appeal infringing products

This Poppy Appeal, RBL is targeting brand-infringing products. Every year, counterfeit products are sold under the guise of supporting Poppy Appeal and Scottish Poppy Appeal. In 2022, listings worth over £200k were removed from sites including Amazon, Etsy and eBay. Members are reminded only to sell RBL Poppy Shop products, and no products bearing the RBL brand or images are to be produced without authorisation.

To report a listing please send the link to [membership services](#).

[Report a listing](#)



## Last chance for branch wills champion

Please don't forget to sign up and join us for the next [Gift in Wills webinar](#). These sessions have been developed just for branches to share information on RBL's Gifts in Wills offer with their members during Poppy Appeal and beyond. So far, we have held two seminars where groups chatted and shared opinions on this amazing way of giving to RBL. Don't miss out on this opportunity to chat to RBL's Gift in Wills team as they would love to meet you. Reserve your place below.

[Reserve your place](#)



## Baldock Branch supporting veterans

Baldock Branch is launching a new veteran's support group for the district. Veterans of any age and their families will be able to contact Baldock Branch for support. The group is being led by veteran and Committee member Jacqui Lemon, and it had a successful launch with eight veterans, some new to the RBL, turning up to enquire about the group and how they could get involved. If you would like to find out more about the support group contact [Baldock Branch](#).

[Find out more](#)

## Did you know that...



Alsager RBL Branch have been delivering a digital project which helps isolated veterans stay in touch with the Armed Forces Community. The Branching Out Digitally project uses an easy-to-use set top box allowing users to make video calls to friends, family and RBL members using Facebook, WhatsApp and Zoom. The branch secured funding from the Armed Forces Covenant and help from the Cheshire East Armed Forces Lead to allow 10 portals to be installed in members' homes. With dedicated IT support to take the stress out of installation it's enabling members to attend branch meetings again using the screen on the set top box .



The RBL membership awards scheme recognises members, branches and counties for outstanding achievements in recruitment, retention and fundraising. It recognises the hard work they put in to delivering the RBL's mission. We are pleased to announce that Mike Challinor has agreed to step up to Committee Chair to lead this important task. Look out for details on how you can nominate a member, branch or county in the Annual Conference October Circular.

## Going back in time





### From the Royal British Legion Magazine September 1950

Mr Albert Webb who lives near Lympe Kent, is one of the most active workers in the Legion, despite being paralysed in both legs as a result of 1914-18 war service in the trenches with the Queen's Own Royal West Kents'. He made a cardboard model of Lydd Parish Church (which lights up when a penny is placed in the slot) and has lent it to his local branch, Ashford, for exhibition and to help the branch's benevolent fund.

### This month's poll

Have you attended an RBL Club?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I used to be a member of a Club in the past
4. I didn't know there were RBL Clubs
5. Other

Take the poll

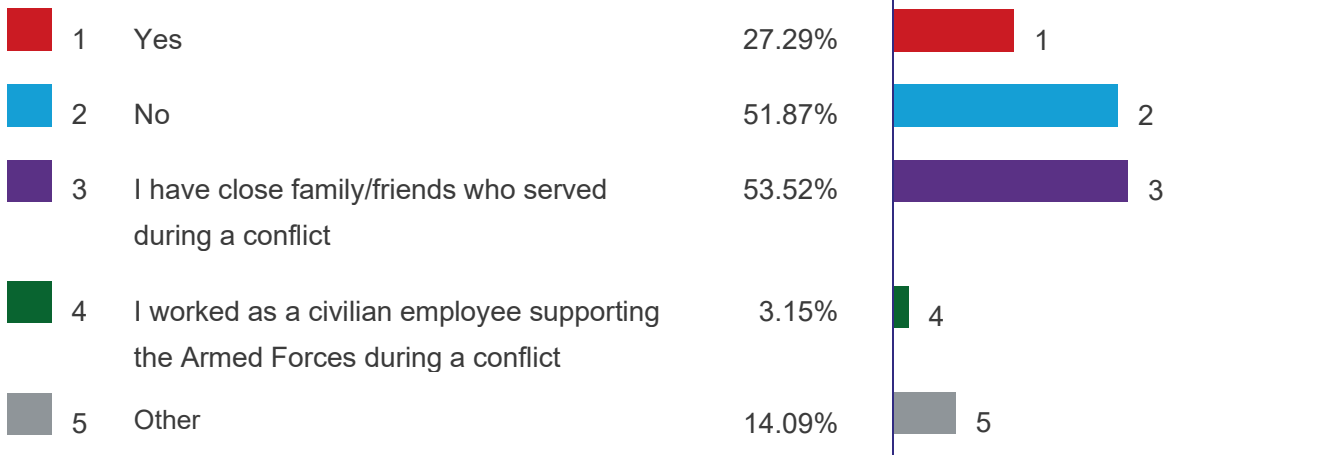
## Last month's poll

Did you serve during wartime?

667 Participants

%

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## 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 your membership or want to update your contact details, please email our Membership Services team [MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk)

Best wishes,

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