



Central News – February 2026

Membership information, updates and engagement

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Upcoming Membership Townhall

Join us this Friday, 6 February 12.30pm – 2pm for the first Membership Townhall of the year! All members can join this two-way online event to connect with Lynda Atkins, National Chair, Nina Villa, Executive Director of Membership, and Phil Davies, Membership Council Chair.

We'll be joined by members of our Services Directorate for updates on RBL's services, grants and care homes, plus the latest from membership. Attendees will be able to ask questions live or via our [pre-submission form](#). The recording will be shared in next month's edition of Central News.

[Click here to join us Friday, 6 February 12.30pm – 2pm.](#)

Join us for Annual Conference 2026

Will we be seeing you in May? Registration to attend Annual Conference 2026 is open. All members can register to join us in person in Brighton or virtually from the comfort of their home. Whichever way you choose to attend, you can expect a weekend full of familiar features, as well as some new additions. Find out more or register via the [Annual Conference webpage](#). Registration to attend in person closes 12pm midday 23 March. Registration to attend online closes 12pm midday 6 April.

Attendance of Children at Annual Conference

In line with the Royal British Legion's commitment to safeguarding and current UK legislation, children under 18 years of age are only permitted to attend the Annual Conference under **exceptional circumstances**.

Written permission must be obtained from the **National Chair** prior to the deadline for Conference registrations. Permission should be requested via membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk.

Children who have been given permission to attend must be accompanied and supervised at all times by the parent or legal guardian, or a responsible adult nominated by the parent or legal guardian.

The Royal British Legion **does not accept responsibility** for the care, supervision, or welfare of children at any of its events. Wherever possible, we encourage children to attend online, rather than in person.

Please note that Youth Standard Bearers who are playing a specific role at Annual Conference, as designated by the National Parade Marshal, are permitted to attend. These young people attend in line with the Membership Youth Policy. Young people who attend with a third-party organisation which is supporting Annual Conference, e.g.: Cadets or RBL Youth Musicians, are also permitted to attend

and remain the responsibility of the third-party organisation throughout.

This reflects our duty to protect children from harm and ensure their safety and is designed to support a safe and secure environment for all attendees. Thank you for your understanding. Please see our [Safeguarding Children and Young People](#) and [Youth Policy](#) for further information and guidance.

New ways to connect

More ways for members to connect online are coming this year. The first, launched in November, is our new RBL online Gamers Group. The group serves as a hub for our gamer members to enjoy camaraderie and gaming online. Whether you're interested in e-sports, video games, board games, chess, cards or something else, this group is the place for you. [Visit our webpage](#) for more information on how to join.

Connecting members online can help bring like-minded people together as well as help to alleviate isolation and foster friendships across distance. Look out for more ways connect online in Central News later this year.

Thank you for reading! The next edition of Central News is due to be published Tuesday 3 March