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Your poppy shows you care

Help us continue
our vital work



The plastic free poppy is part of RBL's commitment to sustainability



Our 2023 Poppy Appeal has launched

Our volunteers are back in their communities, raising funds for our veterans, serving personnel and their families. Your support for the 2023 [Poppy Appeal](#) is as vital as ever, as we continue to make sure the unique contribution of our Armed Forces Community is never forgotten.

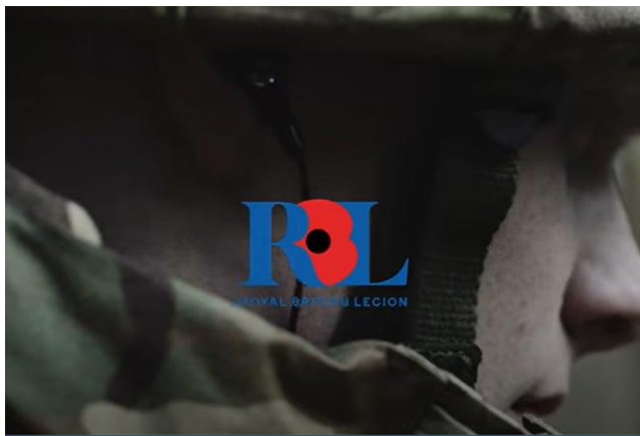
[Support the Poppy Appeal](#)



Our plastic-free poppy

We introduced you to our [plastic-free poppy](#) back in April, and it's now available for the 2023 Poppy Appeal. Reducing carbon emissions in production by 40% compared to the previous design, our new poppy is made from a blend of renewable fibres from responsible sources.

[Find out more](#)



What they won't tell you

This year's powerful campaign, '[What they won't tell you](#)', was created to showcase how the Armed Forces carry out their role with courage and humility, often playing down the sacrifice and bravery required.

[Watch the campaign](#)



Festival of Remembrance

This unforgettable event at the Royal Albert Hall on 11th November brings together performers and storytellers in a moving tribute to the Armed Forces. Tune in to BBC One to watch.

[Find out more](#)



Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

At 11am on **Saturday 11th November**, and on **Remembrance Sunday**, take time to pause, breathe and reflect on the service and sacrifices our Armed Forces make on our behalf. Let's remember the millions of men and women who served and sacrificed in defence of our democracy and way of life.

The annual March Past will take place on **Remembrance Sunday 12th November** after the National Service of Remembrance. Places for Cenotaph 2023 are closed, but you can watch from home on the BBC.

[Remembrance Sunday](#)



Saluting our Sisters: Commemorating our black women veterans

October is [Black History Month](#) and the RBL is supporting it for the third year. In keeping with this year's theme of celebrating black women's contributions, we interviewed two veterans to shine a light on their service and achievements. Corporal Valerie Wood served in the Women's Royal Air Force in the 1970s and 1980s; and Staff Sergeant Louise Banton served in the Royal Artillery from 2000 to 2022 with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

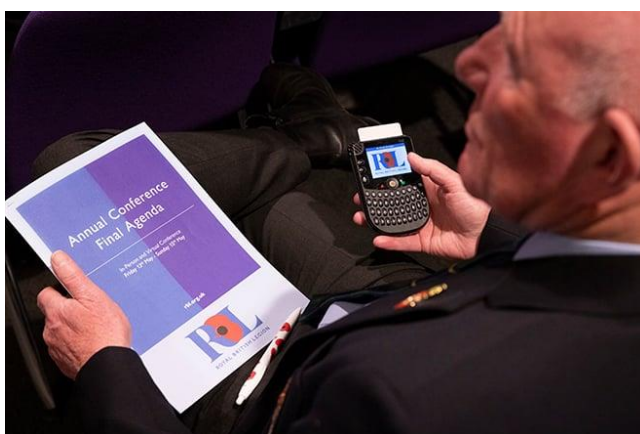
[Read their stories](#)



Women's Section Chair and Trustee elections 2023

Don't forget that the process to elect a Women's Section Chair and Trustee has now started. If you're curious to find out more, then visit our [Board of Trustees web page](#) and find out how you could help shape our charity. Learn more about the role and/or attend our [-'Life as a Trustee'- briefing day](#). To apply, please contact your branch officials directly. Nominations close on 3rd November 2023.

[Life as a Trustee](#)



Submitting Conference Motions - the deadlines

The debate and voting on Motions to Annual Conference is a major part of the Conference Programme. Key deadlines for this process are: the Branch AGM - the Motion must be debated and agreed at a full Branch Meeting before the end of November; the County/

Welcome to the

Membership Town Hall

17th October 2023

The event will begin shortly



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Membership Town Hall October 2023 - Watch the recording

Our Membership Town Hall took place on 17th October hosted by Antony Baines and Lynda Atkins. Executive Directors provided updates on the success of the Invictus Games with colleague and Gold Medal winner Peter

District Committee - the Motion must be submitted to your County/District Committee by the end of the last week in November or not less than eight weeks before your County/District Conference. Successful Motions must be submitted to Annual Conference Committee by 5pm on 2nd February 2024.

[Submit your Motion](#)



AVI Dambuster RBL watch

To commemorate the **80th anniversary** of Operation Chastise and the valiant 617 Squadron, known as the Dambusters, AVI-8 is proud to release the Dambuster 80th Anniversary Royal British Legion Meca-quartz. This limited-edition timepiece pays tribute to the daring and skilful operation undertaken by the Royal Air Force (RAF) during World War II. The timepiece launches on 3rd November, but RBL members can [sign up for early access here](#). £17 from every sale is given to RBL.

[Reserve your watch](#)

Saunders sharing his experience of the competition.

The session also included updates on the Etherton report, plans for Poppy Appeal and Remembrance, the future thinking of membership, strengthening our branches and developing branch community support, and concluding with evolving our ways of working and time for questions and answers.

[Watch the Membership Town Hall](#)



Britvic supports RBL

For each bottle of Robinsons 1L double strength Orange or Blackcurrant squash sold at Sainsbury's, 15p will go to RBL. Grab a bottle in stores or online from 1st November to 21st November to support our Armed Forces community!



Share your Remembrance stories
with us

Legion magazine would like to share your Remembrance stories in the January edition. Are you collecting for the Poppy Appeal or organising a fundraising event? Is your branch holding a memorial or do you have something different planned this year? Please email membersmag@britishlegion.org.uk by Monday 20th November and include a photo if you have one. We look forward to hearing how you marked the occasion.

[Send us your story](#)



Ready to take on 11,000 Steps a Day
in November?

Join us for a brand-new fitness challenge to support our Armed Forces community this Poppy Appeal. Complete your steps however you like. [Sign up today](#) to claim your FREE t-shirt.

[Find out more](#)



Remembrance weekend at the National
Memorial Arboretum

The Arboretum not only provides a quiet year-round space for reflection, but during November is home to public services of [Remembrance](#) to mark Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. The services are free to attend (parking charges apply), however the Arboretum encourages visitors to book in advance where possible. Due



RBL's new Chaplain General
Rev Scott Brown

The RBL has appointed a new National Chaplain, Rev Scott Brown CBE. Royal British Legion National President, Vice Admiral Sir Clive Johnstone KBE CB, said: "The Royal British Legion is delighted that Reverend Scott Brown has agreed to take up the position of Chaplain General. With over 20 years'

to the limited capacity on top of the Armed Forces Memorial, Armistice Day service tickets are now sold out, however visitors can still view the service from screens in Heroes' Square.

[Find out more](#)



Managing complaints

As part of our ambition to change our ways of working we want to encourage people to raise concerns and provide feedback. And we want to resolve any issues and concerns swiftly before they have cause to become a formal complaint. We know there will be differences of opinion, and, in many instances, an open and honest conversation is what's needed to talk through the situation. Our revised approach to managing and investigating complaints will be consistent, regardless of the individual circumstances. When someone does need to raise a formal complaint, our new processes are easier to understand.

[Complaints process](#)

experience as a chaplain in the Royal Navy, his appointment will provide the armed forces' community with a welcome boost as we enter the poignant Remembrance period."



Evolving our ways of working

We started our journey to evolve how we work together when we first published our One Legion strategy. We want the RBL to be the best it can be with a more inclusive, innovative, creative, and effective environment that allows us to thrive.

The Board of Trustees and Executive Board are committed to investing time and resources that will see us working together to define the ways of working we want to exist across the RBL, so that our organisation can go from strength to strength and can continue to deliver services to support the deserving armed forces community.

[Statement of commitment](#)

[Going back in time](#)



From the Royal British Legion Magazine October 1935

Brighton Branch inspired the first visit of a party of German ex-servicemen to England; and Brighton organised the first Legion RBL branch visit to Germany. The party of 50 Legionaries was given 'God Speed' by the Mayor of Brighton and received an enthusiastic welcome in Aachen and Cologne, from German town officers and ex-servicemen.

This month's poll

How are you planning to remember those who served and sacrificed?

1. I will wear a poppy
2. I will observe the Two Minute Silence
3. I will attend a local service or Remembrance event
4. I will watch or attend the Festival of Remembrance
5. I will attend a digital commemorative event eg social media
6. I will perform a personal act of Remembrance

Take the poll

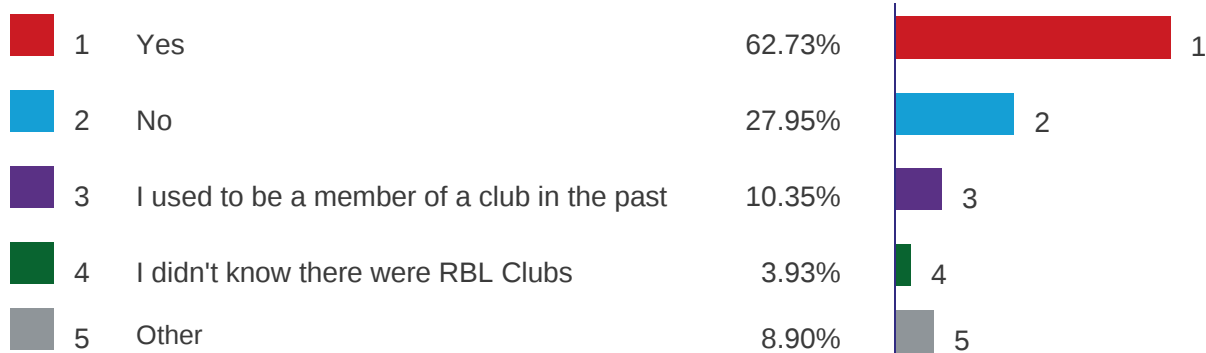
Last month's poll

Are you a member of an RBL Club?

483 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

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