



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Central News – August 2026

Membership information, updates and engagement

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Important dates

4 September 2026	Membership fee increases from £22 to £24
15 September 2026	Fireside Chat: Episode three

Membership fee increase

As a reminder, the £2 membership fee increase for 2026 comes into effect on Friday 4 September 2026.

New members and those renewing from that date will pay £24. The change will take place automatically at renewal. Please note: our payment provider is *Charles Novacraft* and this may appear on your statement.

The fee increase follows the Motion passed at Annual Conference 2024. This will help us provide the best service to our valued members and ensure that membership remains at the very heart of our charity. If you or local members would like to know more about the fee increase, please visit rbl.org.uk/membershipfees.

Fireside Chat – Episode Three

The Story Behind Scotty's Little Soldiers – Tuesday 15 September 12.00 – 13.00

Join us to hear Nikki Scott, Founder of Scotty's Little Soldiers, in conversation with RBL's Jon Summerson. In this deeply moving and inspiring episode, Nikki reflects on the devastating moment when she received the news of the death of her husband, Corporal Lee Scott, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009, and on the challenge of explaining his loss to their young children, and the lasting impact military bereavement had on her family.

Determined to ensure that other bereaved military children never felt alone, Nikki transformed her grief into purpose by founding Scotty's Little Soldiers, now a nationally recognised charity that provides practical, emotional and social support to thousands of bereaved military children and young people across the UK.

This is a conversation about love, loss, resilience and the extraordinary impact one person can have when they turn personal tragedy into a force for good.

[Join using this link](#) at 12pm, 15 September. Can't make it? Look out for the recording in October's edition of Central News. Catch up on [episode one](#) and [episode two](#) on demand.

Membership Townhalls

Thank you to all who attended our July Membership Townhall, where we were joined by RBL's new Interim Director of Music, Thomas Wood, and Nina Villa, Executive Director of Membership, Armed Forces and Communities.

Attendees heard updates on the role of RBL bands in supporting communities and remembrance

activity, safeguarding and future youth engagement, and how we are working with local and regional authorities to champion the Armed Forces community. We also celebrated a strong 2025 Poppy Appeal, discussed plans for continued growth in 2026, and shared examples of successful branch recruitment and development from across the membership network.

For more details on these discussions, including questions raised by members, read the full [Townhall summary on MAP](#). Our next Townhall will take place in October – stay tuned for more information soon!

Membership Training on Discover

Discover gives you access to a range of learning and training opportunities to develop your skills and succeed in your current role, or progress further. You can set up an account via the [Discover website](#). If you have issues registering, please contact your Membership Engagement Officer or County Training Officer.

Your Discover profile will follow your individual training journey – **which ever role you hold**. When registering, you should use a personal email address and provide your membership number. If you've already registered with an rbl.community email address, your account access, courses and training record may be at risk if you change your branch or county role. To avoid losing your access or records, the L&D team will contact you about changing your registration email.

For any questions about courses or difficulties accessing the system, you can now use the new dedicated email address – membershiptraining@britishlegion.org.uk – to get support.

Reporting scam or phishing emails

We were recently made aware that a branch officer received a scam email from a gmail account posing as the National President trying to get the recipient to buy gift cards. Please be aware that staff and county / branch officers are issued with official RBL accounts (rbl.community or britishlegion.org.uk).

If you receive any emails asking for suspicious, unexpected or time-sensitive purchases, please do not click on any links. Follow standard phishing / scam email guidelines by **right clicking on the email and reporting as Phishing**. The more this is done the more the Microsoft system will flag it up in the future. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our data, members and our charity money secure.

Useful information

[Suggestions / ideas submission form.](#)

[Templates for branch to new member welcome emails.](#)

[Link to join the RBL Gamers' Group](#)

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Thank you for reading! The next edition of Central News is due to be published Tuesday 1 September.