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Campaigning for veterans

Prioritising the needs of those who serve us



Improving the lives of our Armed Forces Community



Attending Annual Conference?

We're just over two weeks away from Annual Conference 2024. If you have registered as a delegate or visitor, you should have received the Delegate Pack and supplementary information by email. This contains the final agenda and information on attending Conference and, if you are a voting delegate, how to vote. If you have registered to attend in person or online but have not received your confirmation email or the Delegate Pack, please get in touch with Membership Services.

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Annual Conference 2024 Parade

On 12th May we will parade through the centre of Newport, west to east across Newport Bridge to the Cenotaph where a remembrance ceremony will take place. Participants should meet from 9am at the D-Day Memorial on Newport High Street for a step off time of 9.30am. Those intending to parade must [register in advance](#). Registered participants require a wristband – collect these at the venue from the exhibition's memorabilia/help stand. More information is available in the Annual Conference Delegate Pack.

[Register](#)



Kosovo: 25 years on

11th June will mark 25 years since the end of the Kosovo War. RBL is holding a service, followed by lunch, at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday 23th June. There will also be a photographic exhibition including stories from the people who served, plus the chance to reconnect with comrades, meet their families, and remember fallen friends. You can find out more and register to attend the event below.

[Register](#)



Exhibition display units available

2024 sees the 80th anniversaries of momentous turning points of WWII. To help you mark these in your communities we have produced free-standing exhibition units that display those important anniversaries. The first is D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, and the second references anniversaries of other 1944 battles, including Monte Casino, Kohima, Imphal, Operation Market Garden, and the Battle of the Scheldt. Branches can look out for more information about the displays and order process in Central News and on [MAP](#). You will need to pay our [approved supplier](#) direct who will ship the items to you.

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Join our Census webinar in May

Thanks to our [Count Them In](#) campaign, the 2021 Census in England & Wales, and the 2022 Scotland counterpart, included a question on Service in the Armed Forces for



Experience the thrill of a Poppy Ride!

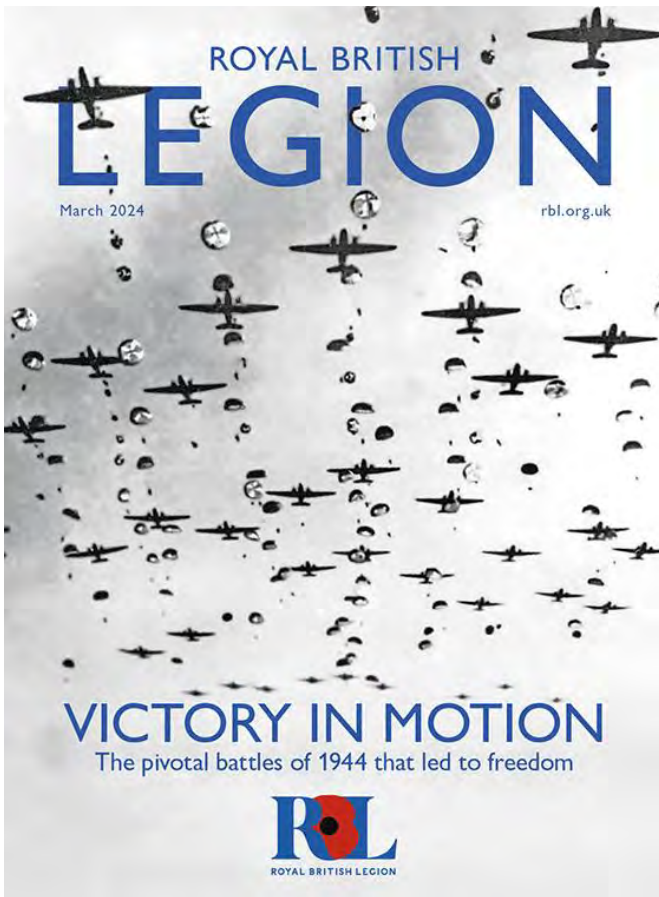
Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned pro, choose your event and distance so that you can enjoy cycling alongside veterans. Explore the Kent event, tracing the Battle of Britain, or

the first time! We are grateful to our members who helped make this campaign a success by writing to their MPs, signing petitions, and helping spread the word in their communities. RBL will run an online webinar to discuss the meaning of census data for RBL and the Armed Forces community in England and Wales, and answer your questions. To attend, click [here](#) at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th May. Please share this link with anyone you think may be interested. Visit [here](#) for more information or [get in contact](#).

[Join here](#)

discover the Shropshire event, offering a chance to see RBL's Battle Back Centre. Entry starts from £25. Join us for an unforgettable journey. [Learn more](#).

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Sign up for the Legion Magazine

As part of your membership, you can opt to receive a free copy of Legion, the official members' magazine. It's a great way to keep up to date on the latest RBL events, fundraising activities and new campaigns. Each edition offers a mix of news, interviews, beneficiary stories and military-themed articles that highlight important issues. If you are a member, but don't currently receive Legion magazine, you can [sign up](#) for your free copy.

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Manifesto - Keep the Covenant Promise in 2024

RBL and Poppyscotland's General Election Manifesto 2024 calls on the next UK Government to strengthen the Armed Forces Covenant Duty to include UK and devolved Governments and cover all policy matters. If this happens the Armed Forces community will be assured that all public services, throughout the UK, will fully embrace the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant. This will eliminate disadvantage and provide specialist care for those who deserve it the most.

[Read our Manifesto](#)

Government removes barrier for non-UK Armed Forces families

Our [2024 General Election manifesto](#) urged the Government to abolish the minimum income requirement for personnel to bring family members born outside of the UK to the country they serve. RBL and Poppyscotland believe that making it impossible for personnel to spend their evenings and weekends with their loved ones undermines their Service to the UK and contradicts the Armed Forces Covenant. We are delighted that the Government has responded to our campaign and will bring the income requirement for those who serve to the minimum Armed Forces salary, allowing family members to join serving personnel in the UK without barriers.

[Our full statement](#)



[Stay up to date with the revised Membership Handbook](#)

The revised Membership Handbook is available on the [RBL website](#), in [MAP](#), and from your Membership Engagement Officer (MEO). You can view a summary of changes [here](#). The Membership Handbook is revised twice a year, in March and September. Prior to each revision, feedback is collated from users and subject matter experts before being submitted to Membership Council. We really value your input – please share any revisions for September's update using [this form](#).

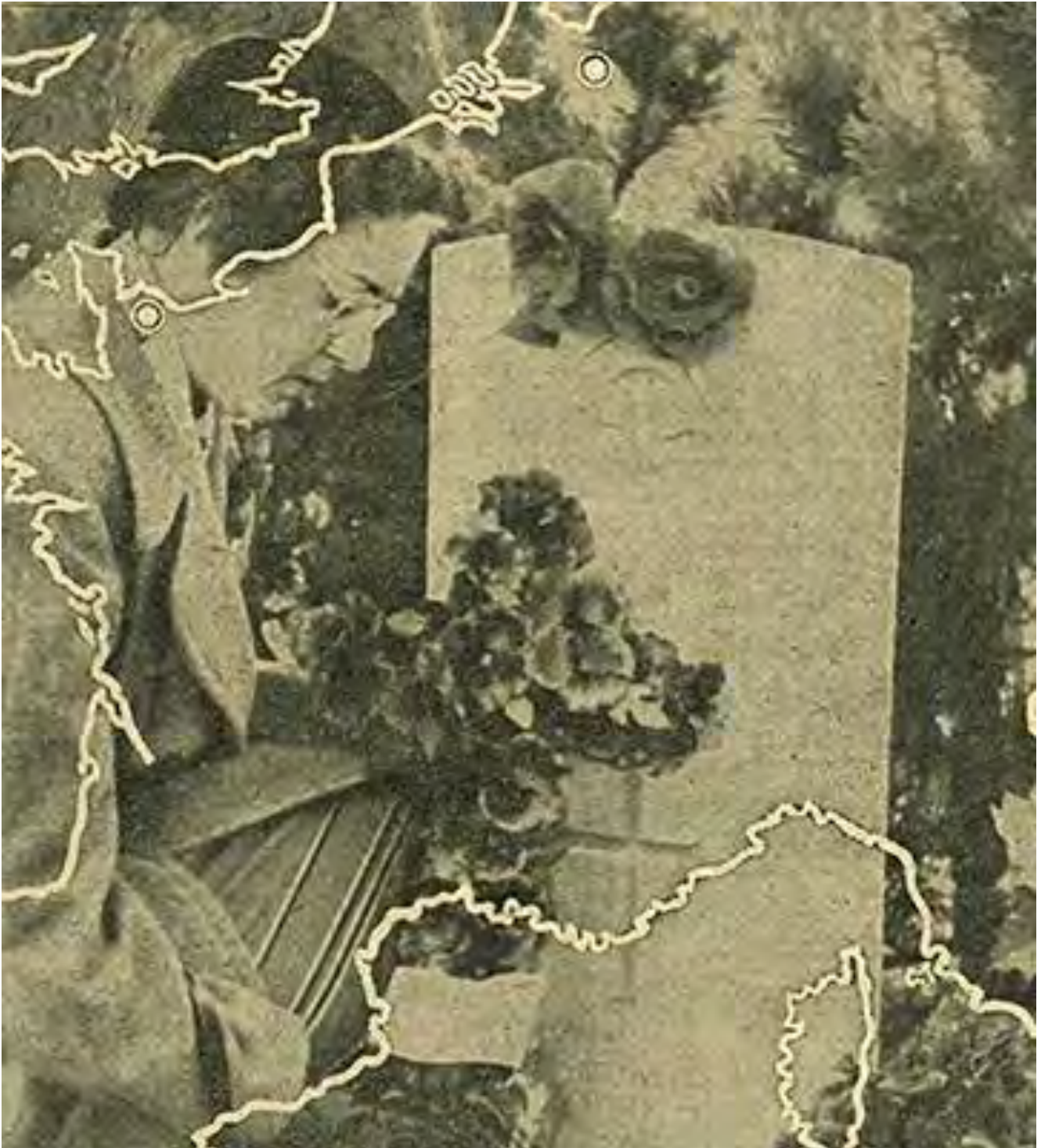


[Supporting Team RBL at the London Marathon](#)

As the runners in the London Marathon 2024 rest their weary blistered feet, we look back on an event that saw 92 Team RBL runners take part in raising a fantastic £200,000, supporting our vital work for the Armed Forces community. Watch our highlights of the day in the video.

[Watch the video](#)

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine April 1955

'That there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England'
from Rupert Brooke's poem 'The Soldier'.

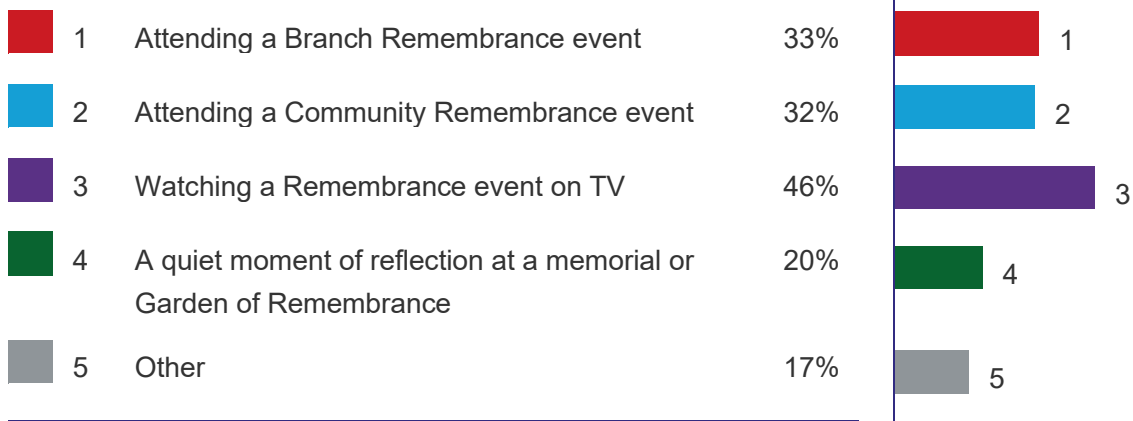
Last month's poll

How will you be commemorating D-Day 80?

342 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 want to update your contact details , email our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

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