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A big thank you to all our volunteers and to you all for your continued support.

Radio Show

Since our last newsletter, we have started our own radio show on Salford City Radio. During the show we speak about topics that affect our Armed Forces Families and we take request from our listeners and try to play their favourite tunes. We sometimes have special guests on our show. In July we interviewed 96 year old Frank Tolley BEM, Frank told us about his time in the Lancasters as a Bomb Aimer and read out his fantastic poem. Tune in to 94.4FM every Tuesday from 11am-midday.

Fundraising

Throughout summer, we have held stalls at various community days including and Atherton Carnival on the 24th June and Warrington Carnival on the 14th July. We also attended Armed Forces Day in Llandudno on the 30th June. We are always overwhelmed with the support we receive from the public. We consistently raise over £150 when we set out our tombola and sell our merchandise.



Pizza Run

On the 12th May, Katie, Ethan and Aimee completed the Pizza Run in Manchester. The run covered a 5km course and through sponsorship they raised nearly £700. We are so grateful to these caring children for giving up their time and energy to support our veterans. Thankyou.



Rough Runner

It is always very touching when one of our veterans offers to fundraise for our charity. Vanessa completed the Rough Runner at Arley Hall and Gardens. This was a really tough challenge. Congratulations for completing the course Vanessa and thank you for raising



Fundraising

If you fancy a challenge and want to do some fundraising to give something back in 2018 please support our work. It really helps, it can cover the costs of a meal, removal and/or furniture costs and so much more. So if you have a great idea email us at info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk

Special Announcement

We are thrilled to deliver the news that we are expanding and opening a new community home for Armed Forces in Warrington. The charity will now work alongside Nora Street Ladies, who deliver community events for residents, including the Howley Carnival. We will also be working closely with Warrington Council to support our Armed Forces Families. This additional facility means that we will be able to support new clients as well as continuing to support those who visit us in Salford and at our office in Leigh. We will be advertising our activities shortly.



Birthday Party

The 9th of June signified a very important date to the charity as it was our first birthday. To celebrate, we organised a grand party at Culcheth Village Club which was enjoyed by all who attended.

At this event, we raised a staggering £600 which will go on to help more veterans in the following years. We are very proud of all we have achieved in only one year (completing 120 cases in the time) and are excited to progress and help more veterans. A special thank you to Nicky Butler for help in organizing this event and thanks to all the companies who donated raffle prizes. We are also grateful to all the entertainers on the night and to Sgt David Heyhoe who is a big supporter of our charity. David served in Afghanistan and his dog Treo received the Dickin Medal in recognition for his help uncovering a number of improvised explosive devices (IED) during his time in Helmand Province.



The Allotment

We continue to work every Sunday at 10am at the allotment. The allotment is providing much needed support to many Armed Forces Families. Thank you to our team who have kept the allotment going through the dry weather.

We have successfully grown , courgettes, radish and onions and our tomatoes are looking great.



We need more volunteers for our rota so please get involved and keep this fantastic project going.

We are hoping to organise an open day shortly.

Recycling Furniture for our Armed Forces Families

We were successful in receiving funding to continue our work supporting Armed Forces Families. We have been extremely busy collecting and delivering furniture to those who have been homeless and to families who just need some help, maybe they have moved home or hit on hard times. We are excited about buying a van and will be working with Hire and Hire to secure a suitable vehicle. Thank you all for your kind donations and to our volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum—Saturday 18th August 2018

Leigh Round Table have very kindly funded a trip for local veterans to the Arboretum. We will be setting off from Leigh Sports Village at 9am and leaving Stafford at 5pm. This is a FREE trip. If you are interested in joining us on this very memorable day please email us on

info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk

This will be a very special day. Thank you Leigh Round Table for your support.



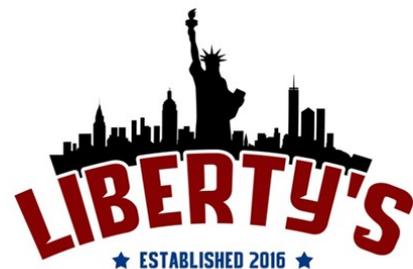
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Calendar

Last year, one of our veterans Graham Young produced a beautiful calendar filled with his amazing photography of wildlife and nature. This year, Graham has produced another and will be available to buy very soon. We are very grateful to

Graham for his support with this project but we are also looking for sponsors to sponsor a month in the calendar. This helps us to cover printing costs and gives people the opportunity to advertise their services in over 300 households. If you are interested in sponsoring a month please get in touch at info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk



We would like to thank our 2 new sponsors so far. These are Liberty's 25 Common Lane Culcheth WA3 4EW and Leigh Soroptimists. Thank you.

Izaak Walton Fisheries

We were successful in securing funding for our brilliant fishing trips to Staffordshire. The feedback from those who attend means that we will be continuing with these trips. It's a great day out.

We are now supporting veterans from the Greater Manchester area.

The next dates for the trip are 1st, 5th and 29th September 2018. With a potential night fishing trip on the 13th and 14th of October 2018. Everyone welcome.

