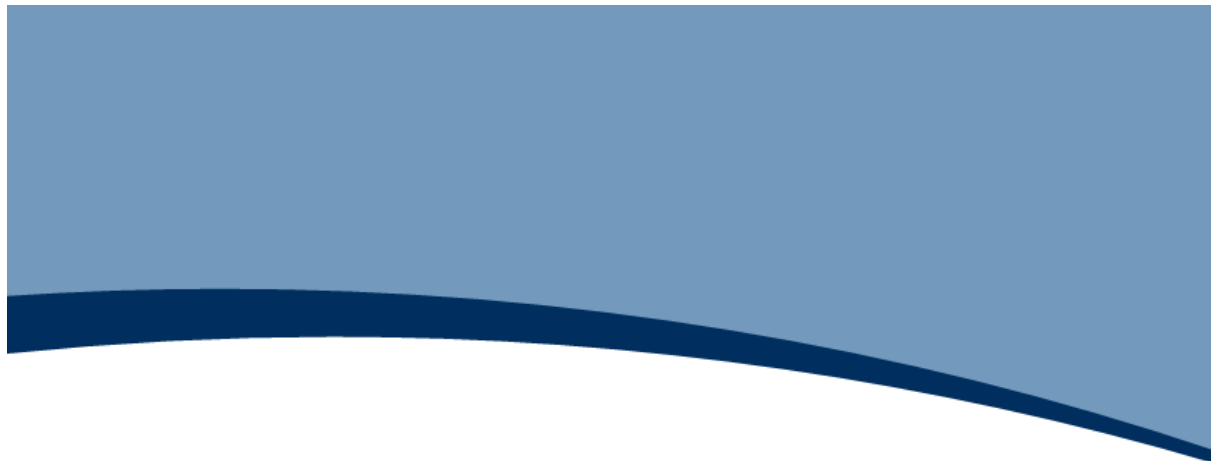


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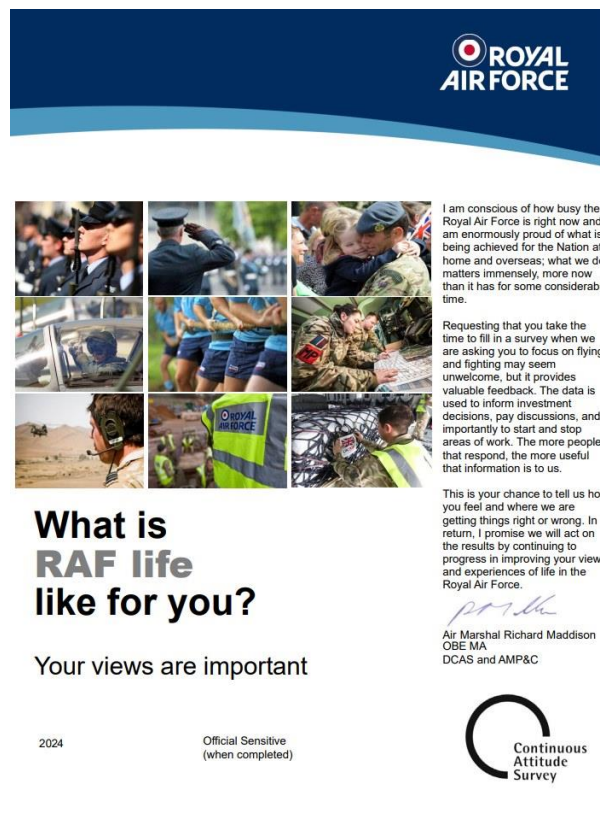
## News Updates

### Armed Forces Week 2026: Share your messages of support!



Armed Forces Week 2026 This Armed Forces Week, we're looking for messages of thanks from friends and family of our Armed Forces. Email your message to [MODComms-DDC@mod.gov.uk](mailto:MODComms-DDC@mod.gov.uk)

### Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2026 Published



The 2026 Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) results are published 28 May. You can read the Tri-Service full report on the Government website [here](#). If you have access

to MODNET, the RAF report can be viewed on HQ Air Occupational Psychology [sharepoint site](#).(internal link)

AFCAS measures how military personnel feel about life in the Armed Forces. It offers vital insight for policy makers in Defence, including those responsible for things like the Armed Forces' Covenant.

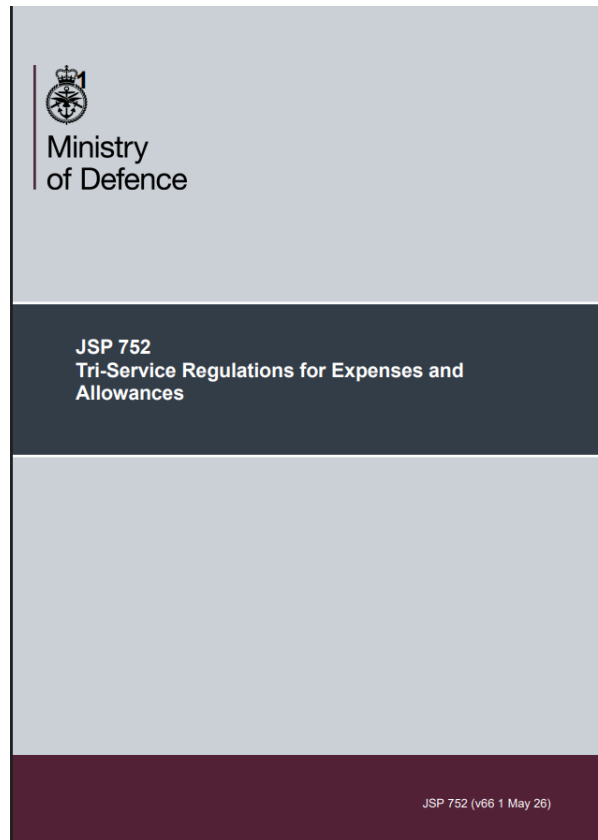
7618 responses were received in 2026, representing a Tri-Service response rate of 24%. The RAF response rate was 31%.

Speaking about the RAF's results, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Paul Lloyd said:

*"I would like to thank everyone who completed the survey this year. The AFCAS serves a vital role in providing your views and experiences to support identification and delivery of actions aimed at improving Service life. I am pleased to see that changes compared to last year are generally positive and that people engagement has significantly increased, I acknowledge however there remain areas of dissatisfaction. Aligning with CASs People Directive, we are combining insights from AFCAS and multiple sources of evidence to understand where improvement is needed and how we can meet these needs."*

If you would like further information about AFCAS, you can email the Occupational Psychology Team at [Air-People-PS-PsychGrpMbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Air-People-PS-PsychGrpMbox@mod.gov.uk)

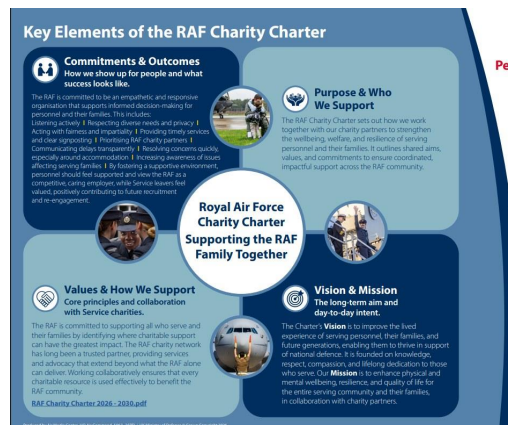
# JSP 752 - Tri-Service Regulations for Expenses and Allowances - Updated



JSP 752 is the policy document for expenses and allowances for Regular and Reserve UK Armed Forces personnel.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-752-tri-service-regulations-for-expenses-and-allowances>

## Key Elements From the RAF Charity Charter



To view the full document SharePoint Link (internal) -

<https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/teams/24542/RAFComSptDocLib/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fteams%2F24542%2FRAFComSptDocLib%2FCharities%2FRAF%20Charity%20Charter%202026%20%2D%202030%2Epdf&parent=%2Fteams%2F24542%2FRAFComSptDocLib%2FCharities>

## Serve and Protect Credit Union - Free Financial Webinars - June

### **Green Living: Simple Eco-Friendly Tips to Lower Your Bills**

Date: Wednesday 3rd June Time: 12:00-12:45

What to Expect: Tips for living a greener life to save money and protect the planet!

### **Saving Made Simple: Practical Tips to Boost Your Savings**

Date: Wednesday 17th June Time: 12:00-12:45

What to Expect: Explore 10 practical savings methods that anyone can apply to build a healthy savings cushion.

### **Budgeting 101: Take Control of Your Money**

Date: Thursday 18th June Time: 12:00-12:45

What to Expect: Create a budget that meets your short and long-term financial goals, plus tips to cut your spending.

### **Financial Resilience: Ready When it Matters**

Date: Friday 19th June Time: 12:00-13:00

What to Expect: Understand why financial resilience matters and hear some simple, practical tips to help you improve it.

### **Credit Score 101: Tips to Boost Your Score**

Date: Thursday 25th June Time: 12:00-12:45

What to Expect: Understand the importance of looking after your credit score, plus actionable tips to improve yours.

### **Borrow Smarter: Tips to Strengthen Your Loan Application**

Date: Friday 26th June Time: 12:00-12:45

What to Expect: Understand what happens throughout the journey of a loan application, some of the key factors lenders evaluate, and what to do before you apply.

 **Register for free here:** <https://sandpcu.co.uk/hs-webinars>



## Station and Local Events

### RAF Benson Guard Room Important Information - NEW PASSPOINT

Do you currently have a 28 day pass authorised for a special reason? The this information below will apply to you!

As the current software on the computers in the Guardroom will no longer be used as of the 3rd June, we will need to ask you to reapply for this 28 day pass via the link below please, so we can upload this again onto the new system (pass point)

Please reapply via the link here: [New Application for 28 day passes](#)

**Please note - These details can only be applied once your guest has been and registered for a new profile on the Computer in the Guardroom.**

### Station Church Friday Bacon Butty's

**Stn Church Bacon Butty Friday - 26th June from 1000 onwards. Everyone welcome!**

**A small donation towards the food and drinks would be appreciated.**



## Upcoming Station Events - Save the date....

# Benson / RAF Benson Play & Activity Day

Saturday 6th June 2026—11am-3pm



**Sunnyside,  
Benson, OX10 6LZ**



Smoothie Bike \* DIY Face Painting \* Fire Play \* Brick Builders \* Art Avalanche \* Go Kart Party \* Body Zorbing \* Fabric Upcycling \* Ride on Time \* Community Albums \* Bright Sparks Science \* Oxford Uni Chemistry Outreach Team \* SODC Active Communities Team and more...



**Free Entrance & Free Activities for Families,  
Children and Young People of all ages**

**Bringing Armed Forces Families  
and Local Communities Together**

No Childcare Is Provided—This Event will be Photographed  
For Further Information Please Contact the Oxfordshire Play Association:  
T = 07436 270267 / W = [www.oxonplay.org.uk](http://www.oxonplay.org.uk) /  
E = [martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk](mailto:martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk)



Treat yourself!

Every slice helps!

# CAKE SALE!

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>

10AM - 1PM

AT THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

RAISING MONEY FOR  
*Nicki, Kayleigh and Paul's*  
MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE  
AROUND THE COTSWOLDS

Thank you!

In aid of  
**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

Let's make a difference together!

**SHARLAND HALL**  
★ PRESENTS ★

**PRE FAMILIES DAY**

A GREAT EVENING OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
★ 5PM - 10PM ★

**MUSIC**  
**LOCAL BEERS/CIDERS**  
**BEER GARDEN**  
**CHILDREN'S ENCLOSED PLAY AREA**

★ GOOD TIMES. GREAT PEOPLE. LASTING MEMORIES. ★  
Everyone Welcome!

Sharland Hall Presents

**SUMMER Party**

**SATURDAY 4TH JULY**

GUEST DJ

FREE ENTRY - FREE BBQ. - BOUNCY CASTLES. - COCKTAILS  
SPECIAL CIDER/BEERS. - SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

OPEN AT 2PM - 10PM  
\*Small businesses 2pm-4pm  
\*Free BBQ 3pm-5pm \*Bouncy Castles 2pm-6pm



# HERB



# PLANTING WORKSHOP

6<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2026 SESSIONS AT: 1030 - 1130

Let's get a seed and start planting!  
All equipment will be provided to help you start growing herbs and even better you can take it home.



Only 30 spaces available  
Everyone is welcome to participate.



Community Centre, RAF Benson  
Email to book your space:  
Janine.Ansty-bridges263@mod.gov.uk



# PRE & POST natal CLASSES



ALL PRE & POST NATAL

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
STARTING FROM 27TH MAY

1000 AM  
(1000 - 1100)

**ARENA GYM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



**RAFA RIDES 2026**

A global cycling event connecting riders across the world.

**Benson**

**18 June**

Kidz - bring your bikes, scooters and helmets to the nursery for 'Race Day'

**Bake Sale**

Our RAFAKidz nurseries will be collectively cycling 1,315 miles - the total distance between all our nurseries across the UK! All money raised will be spent on essential learning resources for our children.

OR register for a RAFA Rides event, for more information scan the code (Includes cycling jersey and finishers medal)

Sign up now  
[rides.rafa.org.uk/signup](https://rides.rafa.org.uk/signup)

Supported by  
**LOCKHEED MARTIN**

Member of the  
**FR** FINANCIAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**ROYAL AIR FORCES Association** | **RAFA Kidz**

## WOSM Information & Events

### EV Chargers

Recently installed EV chargers located at the WOSM are available for personal vehicles, please email the address below to request an account: [BEN-AB-EVCP-AccountSetup@mod.gov.uk](mailto:BEN-AB-EVCP-AccountSetup@mod.gov.uk)

### WOSM Summer X Drinks - 11th June 2026

The WOSM Invites all Officers Mess Members to the first Annual Summer X Drinks in the WOSM on Thu 11 June 26! From 1900 Until Midnight.

FREE ENTRY No Ticket Costs!

WOSM Bar Open @ 1800 for WOSM Mess Members Officers Mess Members invited in from 1900 Food Served @ 1900 on the Inner Patio (Burgers, Hot Dogs & Salads) Drinks will be flowing. Please sign up using the Microsoft form to allow us to anticipate expected numbers for food and staffing. WOSM Uppers Summer X Drinks 11 June 2026 – Fill out form: [WOSM Uppers Summer X Drinks 11 June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

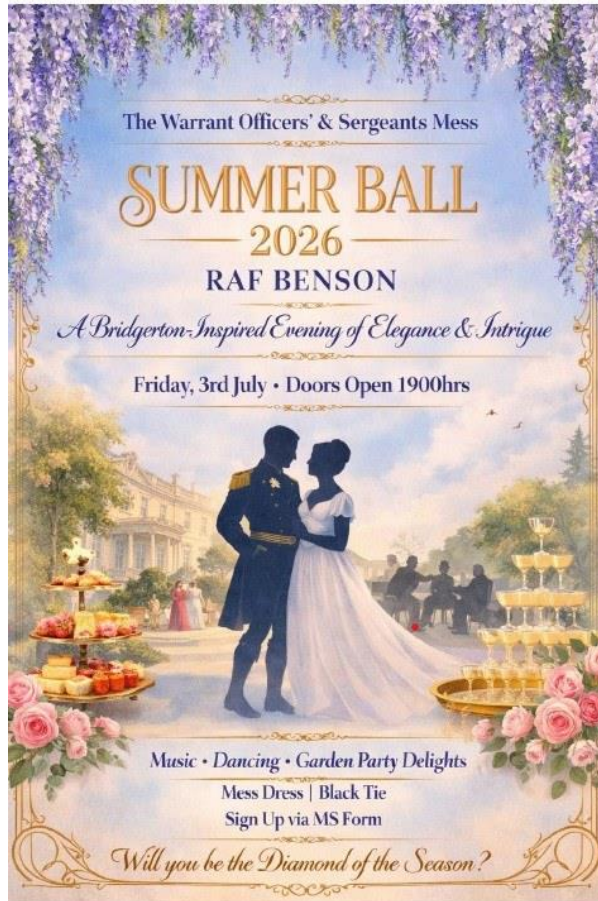


## WOSM Summer Ball - 3rd July 2026.

Dear Mess Members,

You are invited to an elegant evening of frivolity at the WOSM Summer Ball 2026!

Book now open, [WOSM Summer Ball - 03 July 2026 – Fill in form](#)



## Creative & vocational taster and short courses - fully funded

Thanks to a generous grant from The Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund we will be offering adult education classes on site from September please complete the form below to express interest and add suggestions for short/taster courses.

[The Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund & Abingdon & Witney College - adult education – Fill in form](#)

All courses are funded for Serving Personnel and their families.



## FREE Children's Summer Activity Sessions

During the Summer school holidays the RAF Benson HIVE Information Officer and Youth Inclusion Worker will be running 11 x 1 hour FREE children's craft sessions. Sign up is essential as spaces are limited. Click onto the link below to secure which sessions you would like your child to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/r/t0YvwZ843W?origin=lprLink>

**Please note, children under 8 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult throughout the session.**

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

## JULY ACTIVITIES

- Wed 22 July - Seaside Crafts & Cap Decorating
- Fri 24 July - Mandala Coasters & Bunting
- Mon 27 July - Light Bottles & Mosaic Jars
- Wed 29 July - Door Signs & Rock Painting

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- Mon 3 Aug - Plant Pots & Cake Decorating
- Wed 5 Aug - Keyrings & Wind Chimes
- Mon 10 Aug - Sewing Kits & Bookmarks
- Wed 12 Aug - Tie Dye Bags & Cases
- Tue 18 Aug - Treasure Boxes & Pirate Swords
- Wed 19 Aug - Dinosaur Craft Day
- Thu 20 Aug - Fossil Casting (Oxford Museum)

**HIVE**  
Information  
Supporting the Service Community

To book:  
Janine.Ansty-Bridges263@mod.gov.uk

# HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY

TAKE TIME FOR YOU

**16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

- AIRFIELD 5K RUN IN THE MORNING**
- BE A GOOD DAY TO SEE WHAT'S AVAILABLE ON CAMP**
- CHARITY BAKE SALE**
- GET TO KNOW PEOPLE ON CAMP**
- STATION GYM**  
RAF BENSON  
TIME | 1000 - 1400

YOUR HEALTH. | YOUR WELLBEING. | YOUR DAY.

## Station Mother & Toddler Groups

### LITTLE CHERUBS' PLAYGROUP



HELD EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY  
MORNING FROM 0930 – 1100  
IN THE SOFT PLAY AREA AT THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
£1.00 ENTRY PER CHILD WHICH  
INCLUDES SNACKS & JUICE  
AND HOT BEVERAGE FOR PARENTS.

*(All fees go towards purchasing weekly snacks, craft materials & new toys)*

For any enquiries regarding the group, please  
email: [BEN-BSW-HIO@mod.gov.uk](mailto:BEN-BSW-HIO@mod.gov.uk)

### RAF BENSON BABY & EXPECTANT MUM'S GROUP

IN THE STATION CHURCH  
EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON  
FROM 1330 – 1430



**Are you a new parent or expectant  
mum?**

Please come and join us for a cuppa  
and chat and get to make new friends.

Open to all families on station.  
£1.00 per family.

## Local Area Events

### Blenheim Palace Flower Show – 19th – 21st June

The 2026 Flower Show promises even more breathtaking displays, inspiring horticultural exhibits and delightful experiences for all ages.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener, a nature lover, or simply looking for a beautiful day out with friends and family, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Wander through vibrant, fragrance-filled displays, discover innovative garden designs and rare plant varieties, meet expert growers and floral artists. Enjoy workshops, shopping, food stalls and family activities. Click here for more info:

<https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/flower-show/>



### Milletts Farm - Big Farm Vehicles Weekend – Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June

Join them for a weekend celebrating farm vehicles, a big bale mountain, face painter, Milletts BBQ, refreshments and much more.

Click here for more info: <https://www.millettsfarmcentre.com/big-farm-vehicle-weekend/>



## National Trust in Oxfordshire

Family fun days for everyone, so why not find out about the top places to visit in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. Click here for more info:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire>

## Support

Registered Charity Number: 1153154

# ROYAL AIR FORCE Advocacy Service

Worldwide Specialist Support for those experiencing Domestic Abuse,  
Sexual Violence and/or Stalking.

### Who do we support?

- ✓ THE VICTIM IS A SERVING MEMBER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
- ✓ THE VICTIM'S ALLEGED PERPETRATOR(S) IS A SERVING MEMBER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

### What do we offer?

- ✓ SPECIALIST, INDEPENDENT AND PRO-ACTIVE SUPPORT.
- ✓ CONSIDERS THE SPECIFIC ISSUES & BARRIERS ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES MAY FACE.
- ✓ A FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SPECIALIST SERVICE.
- ✓ EFFECTIVE RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT INCLUDING SAFEGUARDING, SAFETY PLANNING AND WELLBEING
- ✓ ADVICE, GUIDANCE, INFORMATION AND TRAINING.
- ✓ LEGAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT AT COURT MARTIAL/CROWN COURT.
- ✓ DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY GROUPS BY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS.

**Contact Us**

02392479254  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

armedforces@aurorand.org.uk  
armedforces.advocate@aurorand.cjsm.net  
(secure email for referrals)

The team delivers independent support from chain of command but maintains a focus on working closely and collaboratively with relevant personnel to support victims and keep them, their families and their children safe.



THE ARMED FORCES  
GOVERNMENT FUND TRUST

GIVE US TIME

WELFARE UPDATE  
SUMMER 2026



GIVE US TIME  
Time Together for our Forces Families

Last few June breaks!



Seaview  
St Osyth, Essex  
sleeps 6  
1 - 5 June



Glendale  
Cumbria  
sleeps 6  
22 - 26 June



Braidhaugh  
SE Scotland  
sleeps 6  
8 - 12 June



Billing Aquadrome  
Northampton  
sleeps 8  
29 June - 3 July



Sauchope  
SE Scotland  
Sleeps 6  
8 - 12 June



We have **weekend camping breaks in July** available at Stowford Farm Meadows in North Devon. Grass with electric pitches (tourers, trailer tents, and tents) and hardstanding pitches (motorhomes and tourers) plus shop and pool on site



**Glamping Pod breaks**  
2 night breaks sleeping up to 4 people double bed/twin bunkbed - best for children!  
Electricity and heating in pod  
16 - 18 June - Golden Sands - Devon  
7 - 9 July - Seaview - Essex

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAKS**

PLEASE NOTE, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY BREAKS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CURRENTLY - ANY OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Give Us Time - WorkLife - 33 Foley Street - London - W1W 7TL  
Reg. Charity 1152978 www.giveustime.org.uk enquiries@giveustime.org.uk

GIVE US TIME

WELFARE UPDATE  
SUMMER 2026



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September/October

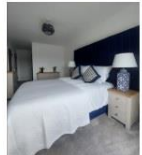
Our Autumn breaks are live on the website now!

We have the usual amazing locations from Devon and Cornwall up to the Scottish Highlands!

**NEW DONOR!**  
**Portrush, Northern Ireland**

Beautiful ground floor seafront apartment with private terrace.  
Central location, fully kitted out, with luxury modern furnishings. Sleeps 4

Available 10 - 13 September



Our Give Us A Moment days out are also live on the website!

We have tickets to attractions in Bristol, Lincoln, Surrey and Norfolk!

Give Us Time - WorkLife - 33 Foley Street - London - W1W 7TL  
Reg. Charity 1152978 www.giveustime.org.uk enquiries@giveustime.org.uk

**Practical  
Support Through  
Separation and  
Divorce**

16th June 2026  
13:00 - 14:00  
Online (via MS Teams)

[raf-ff.org.uk/community-forum/](http://raf-ff.org.uk/community-forum/)

**ROYAL  
AIR FORCE  
Families  
Federation**  
Support | Investigate | Influence

## Accommodation

### RAF Benson Housing Clinic with Pinnacle & DIO

There will be a Housing Clinic for SFA residents on Wednesday 10th June 26 from 1000 - 1200 hrs in the TDF. If you have any concerns about your SFA or just a general enquiry, please come and speak to DIO or Pinnacle to discuss your issues.

**RAF Benson Housing Enhanced Drop In**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 26**

**TDF**  
(near the school, opposite Block)

**1000 - 1200 hrs**





### HomeHub Reaches 2,000 Families

HomeHub – the new online platform designed to support Service families in reporting and tracking housing repairs – has now reached over 2,000 registrations. To register for HomeHub, families will first need to register for a One Login account. They can do this on the Government’s [One Login Website](#). Every member of the household will need to register for a

One Login account and HomeHub account using their own personal details. For further information visit [www.pinnacleservicefamilies.co.uk/homehub](http://www.pinnacleservicefamilies.co.uk/homehub)



## Pinnacle Summer Tips

Pinnacle's 2026 Summer Tips, offering timely, practical advice to support Service families as we head into the warmer months. Running throughout May and June, the campaign helps families prepare their homes, stay safe in hot weather and avoid common seasonal issues. The posts cover a wide range of summer themes - from keeping homes safe and well-maintained to managing outdoor spaces and preventing warm-weather risks inside and outside the property. Each message reinforces our 24/7 helpdesk number so families know exactly where to turn if they need support. All of this year's tips can be viewed on the [PSF website here](#).



### Our next virtual outreach day

We are inviting all Service Family Accommodation (SFA) residents to join our next Virtual Outreach Day on Wednesday 10th June 2026. This online event is a valuable opportunity for families to connect directly with our support teams via Microsoft Teams, from the comfort of their own homes. Whether families are dealing with a tricky repair, have questions about allocations, or simply want to better understand the services available to them, the outreach day is designed to provide tailored assistance and guidance. These sessions are part of Pinnacle's broader initiative to ensure military families have multiple, accessible ways to get the support they need. Booking is now open and can be done easily [here](#).

**Virtual Outreach Day**

Do you live in Service Family Accommodation?  
Are you facing issues at home?

Microsoft Teams  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
08:00 to 20:00

QR code

Partners Group  
Service Infrastructure Organisation

## Families First Newsletter

The latest issue of the Families First newsletter, featuring the latest Defence housing news and updates, is now available on the [Defence Homes website](#).

Issue 38 - Date: May 29, 2026

# Families First

## Foreword from Tom Silvey, Business Director for Defence at Amey

As the warmer months arrive, I know many of you will be looking forward to spending more time enjoying your homes, whether that's in your gardens, exploring your local area, or simply making the most of longer days with family and friends. Your homes are at the heart of family life, and making sure they are ready for summer is a priority for our Amey team.

I recognise that service life often means moving regularly, sometimes at short notice, and settling into new communities. Being able to rely on good quality accommodation plays a vital role in making those transitions smoother and less stressful for you and your families.

In recent weeks, we've been focusing on preparing Service Family Accommodation for the season ahead, with increased attention on seasonal maintenance and resolving issues efficiently. Alongside this, our modernisation work continues at pace. Through the Raising Minimum Standards programme last year, and the wide range of works continuing this year, we've worked across 29 SFA estates, delivering improvements to almost 1,000 homes. This includes full refurbishments, solar photovoltaics, heating upgrades, doors and windows, and fencing, helping to create safer, more modern environments for you and your families.

Supporting the Armed Forces community is something I am personally passionate about. Earlier this year, I took part in the Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE) Great Tommy Sleep Out alongside colleagues, which reinforced how vital a safe, secure home is. I also look forward to joining DIO and industry partners again this year on their charity cycle rides across historic battlefields in France and Belgium in support of the UK Veterans' Foundation. Closer to home, my son serves in the Royal Navy as a Submariner Marine Engineering Technician, giving me a personal understanding of service life and the importance of supporting families and veterans alike.

Thank you for your continued commitment and resilience, for sharing your experiences with us, and for everything you and your families do.

## Services Cotswold Centre - Short Term Accommodation

The Services Cotswold Centre (SCC) is a tri-Service facility, managed by Headquarters Army Welfare Service (AWS) and funded by Headquarters Regional Command on behalf of the MOD.

It provides short-term transit accommodation for Service Personnel (SP), family members and MOD civil servants. The key role of SCC is to accommodate varying numbers of vulnerable Service families, often with diverse and complex welfare needs.

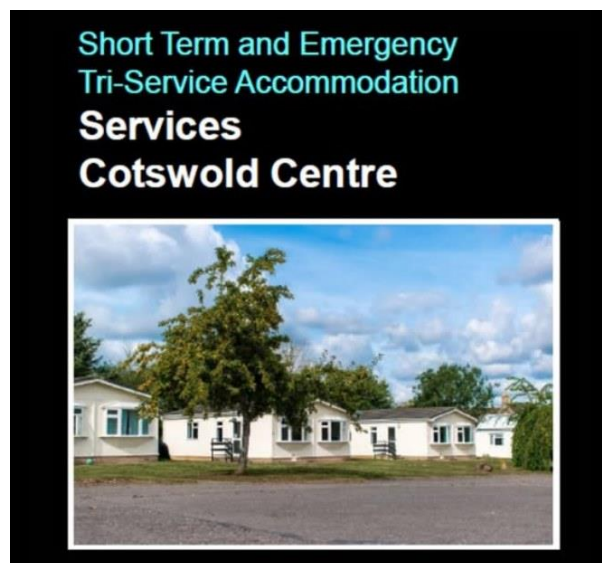
The SCC accommodation consists of 60 self-contained chalet style homes and a 37 bed residential unit and is located in Neston, near Corsham Wiltshire.

The SCC is used for:

- Emergency accommodation for military families, spouses and civil partners who have been evacuated from assignments
- Meeting a welfare need such as supporting injured personnel, their carers and/or immediate family members
- Responding to family disruption such as marital breakdown
- Provision of accommodation between assignments – both before taking up a post or repatriation back to the UK
- Accommodation for discharging married personnel
- Short Breaks
- Contact Housing
- Transit accommodation – both duty and welfare

The centre has recently changed its telephone number to TEL: 0331 1432730

FIND OUT MORE: [Services Cotswold Centre - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/services/cotswold-centre) EMAIL: [RC-AWS-SCC-Bookings@mod.gov.uk](mailto:RC-AWS-SCC-Bookings@mod.gov.uk)



## Families News

### Empowering You is back! - 9-11 June

Whether you're exploring a new career, returning to work, or looking for fresh inspiration, Empowering You is here to help you take that next step.

Hybrid experience – join online + in person (London, Glasgow or Knutsford)

Designed for military family members, this supportive series brings together:

Inspiring real-life career stories

Forces-friendly employers

Practical insights to boost your confidence

A network of people who truly understand military life

Flexible, engaging, and full of opportunity—spaces are filling fast.

Register now to secure your place: <https://www.forcesemployment.org.uk/.../empowering-you.../>



# Recruit for Spouses: Free Support for Military Spouses & Partners



## FREE support for military spouses, partners & veterans

Guidance and programmes designed to remove barriers to employment and wellbeing for the military community

**Support we offer:**

**Workshops:** Gain industry insights and tailored employability support to help boost your career prospects.

**Coaching & Mentoring:** Receive personalised guidance to navigate your professional journey and achieve your career goals.

**Foreign & Commonwealth Support:** Access financial assistance to help transfer international qualifications to UK equivalents, enabling smoother entry into the UK job market.

**Upskilling & Professional Development:** Benefit from courses in digital marketing, tech, and more - with a 40% bursary for professional qualifications through the Online Business School.

**Employment Support:** Connect directly with recruiters, explore job opportunities, and receive support in CV writing, interview preparation, and job search strategies.

[Learn More](#)



MAY-JUNE 2026



Small team

# BIG

Impact

### The RFS Annual Impact Report

If you are fairly new to RFS, or perhaps you are interested in what we **actually** do to help the military community, then you might be interested to read our latest impact report, which details everything we have achieved over the past 12 months, to support spouses, partners and veterans.

We are enormously proud of the work our team, and our community partners have delivered over the last year.

Download the full impact report [here](#).

### The RFS x QinetiQ 'Careers in Defence' series kicks off 4<sup>th</sup> June

If you have ever considered a role in the Defence industry, but have stopped yourself from applying because you're confused, or perhaps you believe that Defence sector roles are only for people who have served in the military, then this is the series for you.

Across June and July, we are running multiple sessions which will help to demystify Defence roles and help you with your LinkedIn job search, and we are also running mock interviews to help you prepare. Register on the Portal.



### New RFS Wellbeing Programme cohort starts 8<sup>th</sup> June

3 sessions across 3 weeks, designed to bring together like-minded people from the military community and support your wellbeing. Register on the portal.



### RFS Foreign & Commonwealth Programme

This programme is designed to break down financial barriers for F&C spouses/partners, and help you transfer qualifications to UK equivalents. Register on the portal.



### Healthcare opportunities available

We are working with a major UK employer who is hiring for both clinical and non-clinical roles. Explore your options now, click [here](#) to upload your CV.

[Register to all events and opportunities on the RFS Portal](#)

New RFS opportunities for military spouses and partners Recruit for Spouses has released its latest upcoming events, career programmes and support available throughout May and June. If you're looking for employment, training, or support with your next step, there are a range of opportunities to explore. To register your interest, sign in to the RFS Portal: [https://portal.recruitforspouses.co.uk/users/sign\\_in](https://portal.recruitforspouses.co.uk/users/sign_in) Or email: [info@recruitforspouses.co.uk](mailto:info@recruitforspouses.co.uk)

## Little Troopers -Family Reconnection Weekend - July 2026



**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW**

**Family Reconnection Weekend**

Join us for a woodland weekend of adventure activities for military families

31<sup>st</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

Friday 1700hrs - Sunday 1400hrs

Potters Bar, Hertfordshire

- Woodland location
- Family Pods
- Pizza Palace & BBQ
- Outdoor Activities
- Reconnection as a unit
- Share Experiences

fully catered and funded for military families with children 9 years/Year 4+

[www.littletroopers.net](http://www.littletroopers.net)

Applications are now open! We're heading to Cuffley Activity Centre in Hertfordshire for a woodland weekend full of activities, connection and time together as a military family. Families will also have the chance to connect with others from the military community who truly understand military life. Register your interest now, open to families with children in Year 4 and above. We can't wait to welcome lots of you to our second Family Reconnection Weekend of 2026!

Application link -

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XH8RVPF?fbclid=IwY2xjawR67OilleHRuA2FlbQIxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEePH5To0W2gUPnKljOdFSQs3GTVaD-cUO7U4I9cEwIzWmo30KreU2wnEQEqlk\\_aem\\_ViofsL5ac0AcGK1Ahr0kfw](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XH8RVPF?fbclid=IwY2xjawR67OilleHRuA2FlbQIxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEePH5To0W2gUPnKljOdFSQs3GTVaD-cUO7U4I9cEwIzWmo30KreU2wnEQEqlk_aem_ViofsL5ac0AcGK1Ahr0kfw)

## RAF HIVE Service



### RAF HIVE Information Service

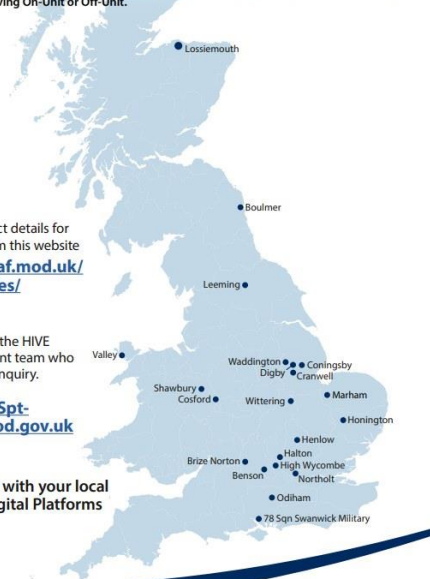
THE RAF HIVE Service: Your Gateway to Information and Welfare Support for All Service Personnel and Their Families, Living On-Unit or Off-Unit.

You can find contact details for your local HIVE from this website  
<https://www.raf.mod.uk/serving-families/hive-finder/>

Alternatively email the HIVE Service Management team who can support your enquiry.

**Air-People-PFSpt-  
HIVEMlbx@mod.gov.uk**

Connect Online with your local HIVE Service Digital Platforms



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**Book time with me:** [Book time to talk to me.](#)

**HIVE Information Centre Opening Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 0800 - 1600, Fri 0800 - 1500

**Connect Online** - [RAF Benson HIVE Facebook](#) RAF Benson HIVE X.com

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### How can we help?

Need someone to talk to? We'll provide a safe space for you to get anything off your chest.

**Chaplaincy Centre:** The Revd (Sqn Ldr) Michael McCormick & The Revd (Sqn Ldr) Rachel Cook

**Office Location:** Station Church

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### Station RAF People and Families Support Contacts



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