



FORCES ONLINE CIO

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Charity Aim:

“The Relief of Former Armed Forces Service Personnel, who are in need by reason of age, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in particular but not exclusively by providing them with help and assistance and by offering them a sign posting service to expert support providers for their benefit.”

In short this means - supporting armed forces veterans, their families and dependents in any way we can across the United Kingdom.

Classifications of veterans, families, and dependents of who we help:

- Homelessness – No fixed place to live to.
- Hardship – Suffering from hardship issues because of service.
- Unemployed – No job due to the above.
- Breadline – On low income due to current circumstance.
- Average – Getting by.
- Secure – Has disposable income.

Note: Where we use the word Veterans, we also mean their families and dependents.

The classifications and criteria for helping is documented on our charitable aims document which can be seen in an arranged <https://www.virtualhub.uk> meeting with our Founder.

How Does the organisation help veterans?

We help veterans through our projects which are predominantly online.

<https://www.forcesonline.org.uk> Established in Sept 2013 and is our main charity website where you can find links to all the current projects.

<https://www.veteransdirectory.org.uk> First registered in February 2016 as the the original Forces Online directory concept which has now become our information website with links to any organisations that supports armed forces veterans.

<https://www.virtualhub.uk> Established in April 2020 the VirtualHub is an online meeting space open throughout the week for veterans to drop-in for general banter. See the website for opening times. Other uses of the hub are virtual offices, training and development, counselling, and welfare.

<https://www.welfaresupport.net> Established in January 2021 our Welfare services prides itself on the speed of engagement. We can assess veterans in 1 to 2 days and many veterans have been allocated counselling within a week.

We have four types of referrals which allow self, family, agency, and military colleagues to refer veterans. We can assist with referrals on the VirtualHub.

<https://www.veteranshardship.uk> Established 2019 The Tom Howat Memorial Hardship Fund is part of the Welfare Support welfare aid. It helps veterans with phones, sim cards, laptops, advice, and support through the VirtualHub.

<https://www.walkoflife.uk> Established in 2023 the Walk of Life project is a fundraising support website for Forces Online. Backed by the Dire Straits official Walk of Life audio it will soon be released on a nationwide basis to support veterans. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact our Founder.

<https://www.forcesonlinerecruitment.uk> One of our newest services. Working in conjunction with service recruitment agencies and any employer who would be happy to provide jobs to veterans.

<https://www.forcesonline.org.uk/vitn> Established by our Chairman Phil Ellaway. Working with local medical centres/surgeries the Veterans in the Neighbourhood project's pilot scheme has been established in Gloucester. We are looking to establish the service in other areas, and interested parties should visit our [Volunteer section](#)

All our website has LiveChat, and the operators will be able to direct you to the right department.

Our main social media links can be found in the Footer of all our websites which include:

[Facebook Group](#) [Facebook Official Page](#) [Twitter](#) [Linked In](#) [YouTube](#)

A thank you message from our Founder.

Forces Online started life as a social media group in 2013 as Forces United. The name was changed six months later due to naming complications. Since its start it has grown into a cross-border veterans charity helping people that have served the United Kingdom in many operational theatres, with some paying the ultimate sacrifice, whilst leaving others suffering from many physical and mental injuries. These are the people whose actions allow you to sleep peacefully in your beds at night. Whilst there are many service charities, we were one of the first fully online services for military veterans. See the reasons and how we started [HERE](#) Thank you for supporting our work.

A £100 donation would enable us to...

- Donate 5 x phones and sim cards to homeless veterans.
- Donate 1 x Laptop to a veteran trying to back on their feet following hardship.
- Donate 4 x Food Vouchers to veterans who are struggling to feed themselves.
- Help fund the upkeep of our direct welfare support services.
- Help fund our online services and contact systems.

A full list of benefits can be discussed with our CEO – Call 0300 300 228

More information from our Media Pack [HERE](#)