



Grants awarded under the Veterans' Community Centres Programme in 2019/2020 February 2020;

46 grants totalling £2,401,043

**ARMED FORCES  
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Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount	Project description
<b>BAND A AWARDS</b>			
<b>Northern Ireland</b>			
TRBL Ballymoney Branch	Building for the Future	£30,000	The group will carry out vital capital works, which will modernise the building, making it more functional, comfortable, energy efficient and safer.
TRBL Enniskillen Branch	Enniskillen Veterans' Initiative	£29,730	The group will refurbish the seating and windows at their venue, making it more comfortable for the veterans who use it.
TRBL Rathfriland Branch	The Veterans' Comfort Zone	£30,000	The group plan to improve the energy efficiency of the building - reducing their running costs.
<b>Scotland</b>			
RAFA Shetland Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Shetland	£26,875	The group will replace its old heating system, flat roof, an old single-pane window and its plumbing, to create a warmer and healthier environment for local veterans.
TRBL Scotland Forfar Branch	Legion Toilets and Cloakroom Refurbishment	£22,122	The group will improve their toilet facilities making the building more comfortable and welcoming. They also plan to create an enclosed storage area in the men's cloakroom.
TRBL Scotland Montrose Branch	Equality for All	£14,074	The group will create a disabled toilet, and refurbish the existing gents' toilet area, so that our older members and those with disabilities can continue to enjoy the facilities and events held on the premises.

<b>Wales</b>			
RAFA Knighton and District Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Knighton	£15,504	The group will undertake works to improve the safety of the building including replacing carpets, reupholstering seating, replacing the bar and repairing the cellar, to ensure it is a welcoming and safe environment for veterans.
RAFA Llandaff and Ely Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Llandaff and Ely	£20,375	The group will create a more veteran-friendly lounge and install a working kitchen to enable the branch to set up breakfast and lunch clubs and other evening functions, to increase social opportunities for veterans in the local area.
RAFA Porthcawl and Kenfig Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Porthcawl	£13,365	The group will undertake works to repair the external render and the timber joists within the building. Repairs will not only make the building more welcoming, but also ensure it is safe for veterans.
TRBL Burry Port and Pembrey Branch	Helping the Heroes	£30,000	The group will install disabled toilets and a lift so everyone can use their function room, creating a better social space for everybody.
<b>East of England</b>			
RAFA Castelford Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Castleford	£13,140	The group will undertake works to repair the building's roof, install a new boiler and bring its kitchen and toilets up to modern day standards to enhance the offer available to veterans and ensure the Branch is a more welcoming and safer environment.
<b>North East England</b>			
RAFA Blackhall Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Blackhall	£15,630	The group will undertake electrical works, to bring the building up to British fire safety standards, including: a full re-wire and installing emergency lighting and a fire alarm system to ensure that RAF veterans are able to socialise safely within the building.
RAFA Yeadon Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Yeadon	£26,568	The group will undertake a full electrical re-wire of the building and install a fire alarm and emergency lighting systems, to enhance the safety of the building and open the upper floors to enable veterans to make more use of the building for social purposes.
<b>North West England</b>			

RAFA Birkenhead Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Birkenhead	£30,000	The group will undertake several internal refurbishments to the building to improve its safety and improve veterans' experience of the branch and its social activities, to encourage more veterans to become members and receive support.
RAFA Huyton with Roby and Liverpool Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Huyton, Roby, Liverpool	£21,434	The group will replace the carpets and vinyl flooring and repair its fixed bench seating to make the branch a more welcoming place for members of the RAF family, to enable them to socialise in a building that meets their needs.
Veterans in Communities	Repair, Remain, Return	£29,377	Funding will be used to make the VIC centre more welcoming, safer, warmer and more energy efficient. Improvements to the building will also create additional space for projects to be carried out, as well as giving veterans a welcoming space to attend that contributes to wellbeing.
<b>South East England</b>			
TRBL Lambourn Branch	Branch Car Park Resurfacing Project	£24,000	The group will resurface the car park. This will greatly improve accessibility for veterans who have sustained injuries as a result of their service or through the ravages of time.
TRBL Winnersh and District Branch	Accessible Toilet	£7,550	The group will remove existing toilets and replace with accessible facilities, including a baby change area allowing more veterans access to the premises.
Ousebank House CIC	Save and Restore Our Club	£30,000	The group will provide a more inviting and pleasant environment for veterans and the community with refurbishment of rooms and a new kitchen.
TRBL Aldwick Branch	Roof Appeal	£15,000	Funding will be used for a new roof to allow the branch to stay open and keep helping ex-Forces and community together.
TRBL Minster and Monkton Branch	Royal British Legion Property Refurbishment	£23,954	The group will refurbish the existing property for the benefit of veterans and their families. The property is an important hub in the local area and provides support for veterans by way of a community centre and social hub.
<b>South West England</b>			

RAFA City of Bristol Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans at the City of Bristol Branch	£29,950	The group will undertake works to its entrance and toilets, to ensure that those with disabilities are able to easily access the building and the branch's facilities.
RAFA Weston-Super-Mare Branch	Supporting RAF veterans in Weston-Super-Mare	£17,828	The group will undertake works to the exterior and interior of the building, to update the lighting; create an inviting and safe outdoor space and make sure the building meets fire safety standards to ensure the branch can continue to welcome veterans for many years to come.
TRBL Plymouth Crownhill Branch	Car Park Safety Project	£29,999	The group will improve car parking facilities at the branch to ensure the health and safety of their visitors.
TRBL West Hill Branch	Kitchen Extension RBL West Hill	£29,694	The group will extend the kitchen and add in catering facilities, enabling them to host many more events for their membership.
TRBL Poole Branch	Future Outlook Project	£18,985	Funding will be used to provide a comfortable environment for the veterans, who may have some additional requirements to enable them to participate in club activities and include them with the other members.
TRBL Tideford and St Germans Branch	RBL Tideford Clubhouse Roof	£30,000	Funding will be used to replace the roof at the branch; which is well used by local veterans
<b>West Midlands</b>			
RAFA Coventry Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Coventry	£8,360	The group will replace its existing boiler with a more energy efficient one to keep the building warmer during winter and it will also replace its cellar refrigeration system to ensure the branch can continue to provide a place where veterans can meet and socialise.
RAFA Sheldon and District Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Sheldon, Birmingham	£6,500	The group will replace its flat roofs, to protect the branch's future for many years to come and enable the branch to continue welcoming members of the RAF family.
<b>Total Band A</b>			<b>£640,014</b>
<b>BAND B AWARDS</b>			

<b>Northern Ireland</b>			
TRBL Cookstown Branch	Rejuvenate Veterans	£150,000	The group will undertake external works to enhance the visual appearance of the building and make it more inviting, accessible and safe while the interior will become a more comfortable, user-friendly space, especially for those with emotional, physical/mental issues.
<b>Scotland</b>			
The Comrades Community and Veterans' Social Club CIC	Comrades in the Community	£55,000	The group will make the building readily accessible for people with mobility issues, with the provision of stair/chair lift and disabled toilets. For environmental and cost reasons, the organisation will upgrade heating and lighting systems with eco-friendly systems reducing their carbon footprint.
<b>Wales</b>			
RAFA Cwmbran Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Cwmbran	£64,935	The group will replace its roof and undertake various electrical works, to improve the health and safety aspects of the building and ensure the branch can continue to welcome and support RAF veterans for years to come.
<b>East of England</b>			
RAFA Batley and Birstall Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Batley and Birstall	£150,000	The group will replace its roof, to prevent further damp and leaks to ensure that the branch can continue to welcome RAF veterans for years to come.
RAFA Bedford Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Bedford	£49,122	The group will modernise its kitchen facilities to meet health and safety standards, improve the quality of food they serve and increase the number of functions they host throughout the year, to provide more opportunities for veterans to socialise.
RAFA Melton Mowbray Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Melton Mowbray	£56,476	The group will reconfigure the layout of the ground floor to create a larger kitchen, to enable the branch to cater to more veterans and host more events. The branch will also increase its toilet facilities and improve access to disabled toilets.

RAFA Thurrock Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Thurrock	£47,168	The group will create a two-storey extension to install a disabled access toilet on the ground floor and increase the capacity of the ladies' toilets on the first floor, to ensure equality and ease of access to basic facilities for all members of the RAF family.
<b>London</b>			
TRBL Dulwich Branch	Here's to 3021	£150,000	The group will provide a disability friendly environment for all enabling more people to participate in social events that the branch provides.
RAFA Harrow and District Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Harrow	£114,384	The group will replace its pitched and flat roof to ensure the building is watertight; upgrade its toilet facilities; rewire the building and install a new boiler to ensure the building can continue to welcome veterans in an environment that meets their needs.
<b>North East England</b>			
RAFA Crook and District Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Crook	£127,270	The group will replace its roof to ensure the building is watertight, and modernise inside the building, including repairs to water damaged areas, redecoration and refurbishing toilet facilities to ensure the branch meets the needs of and welcomes more local veterans for years to come.
Royal Naval Association Wear Branch	Sunderland RNA Dry Dock Refit	£150,000	The group will renovate/refurbish and adapt the club, allowing access/use by all veterans and community by installing a platform lift, removing asbestos ceiling tiles and replacing with new suspended ceilings and LED lighting, replacing old heating systems, providing a new meeting room, renovating the galley, adapting the toilets for disabled use, and replacing emergency exit /security doors.
<b>South East England</b>			
RAFA Wimborne Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Wimborne	£81,406	The group will replace its asbestos roof to make the building warmer and dryer; and undertake works to widen the front entrance and to modernise the kitchen and toilet facilities.

TRBL Liss Branch	Project Invicta	£90,000	The organisation will carry out an extensive refurbishment to the premises including re-wiring the electrical systems and upgrading them to enable greater use of the social areas. They will install a new boiler, upgrade the kitchen and associated equipment, replace all the windows and doors to provide a secure and safe environment.
RAFA Bexhill-on-Sea Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Bexhill-on-Sea	£150,000	The group will undertake extensive works to repair and refurbish much of the building, both externally and internally, including redecoration, re-wiring, installing new toilets and a disabled access toilet to ensure the building is fit for purpose for years to come.
RAFA Bognor Regis Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Bognor	£119,432	The group will undertake a variety of works, externally and internally, to improve veterans' experiences by making the branch more appealing and pleasant as a place to socialise, and to encourage more veterans to make use of the branch.
<b>West Midlands</b>			
RAFA Wolverhampton and District Branch	Supporting RAF Veterans in Wolverhampton	£55,836	The group will install a new heating system and resurface its driveway and car parks to create a safer, more welcoming and warmer building, to improve veterans' experiences of the branch and encourage more veterans to visit.
<b>South West England</b>			
TRBL Madron and Heamoor Branch	Club Refurbishment	£150,000	The grant will allow the group to provide a safe environment for veterans/the local community by refurbishing their building to allow them to re-introduce breakfast clubs, community talks and the mobile Post Office within this remote community.
<b>Total Band B</b>		<b>£1,761,029</b>	