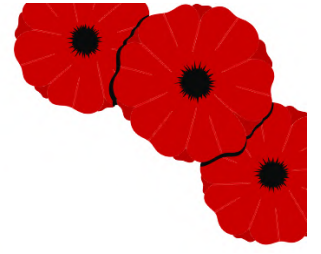




LAWLEY ARMED FORCES NETWORK



LAWLEY ARMED FORCES NETWORK BROCHURE

*A guide to support, events and activities for
Lawley residents and around the local area*



For more details contact lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk

Goals and Partnerships

LAWLEY ARMED FORCES NETWORK



Here is the group poster. Please feel free to share:

**LAWLEY
ARMED FORCES
NETWORK**

Are you part of the Armed Forces community, whether regular or reserve, serving or a veteran, or someone who supports any of these people and their families?

Join our Lawley Armed Forces Network now!

For more details contact
lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk

Armed Forces Covenant
Proudly supporting those who serve

Bournville
Village Trust



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ABOUT US!

Lawley Armed Forces Network is a group of local residents and organisations, working in partnership, to support and celebrate our Armed Forces personnel and their families.

We aim to:

- Provide a support network for local people to access services and activities.
- Signpost members to opportunities and charities with partner organisations.
- Celebrate our community with events and activities for the Armed Forces Community.
- Connect serving personnel and ex-service members to help with transitions.

Lawley Armed Forces Network is proudly supported by Bournville Village Trust in Lawley Village and The Armed Forces Covenant, plus many other charities.

Read on to find out about what is available in your area:

Activities & Opportunities

Goals and Partnerships

Community Groups

Support & Charities

Community News & Events



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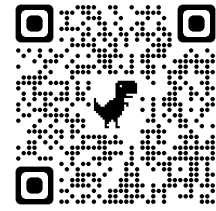
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Armed Forces Covenant

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To those who proudly protect our nation, who do so with honour, courage and commitment, the Armed Forces Covenant is the nation's commitment to you. It is a pledge, by the nation, that together we acknowledge and understand that those who Serve or who have Served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they Serve with their lives. The Covenant focusses on helping members of the Armed Forces Community to "have the same access to government and commercial services and products as any other citizen". Special consideration may also be appropriate for those who have sacrificed the most including the injured and bereaved.

Across the UK, over 11,000 businesses and organisations have pledged their support to our Armed Forces community by signing the Covenant and across Telford, this includes approximately, 120 organisations including Telford & Wrekin Council and the vast majority (26 out of 27) of our Town & Parish Councils.

Telford & Wrekin Council has a strong framework in place to deliver their commitments to the Armed Forces Covenant including dedicated [webpages](#) where our Armed Forces community can find further information and support and an:

- An Armed Forces Champion – Cllr Chris Turley – chris.turley@telford.gov.uk
- A Cabinet Member with Portfolio Responsibility for the Armed Forces Covenant – Cllr Raj Mehta – rajesh.mehta@telford.gov.uk

For further information, please contact the Armed Forces Covenant Co-ordinator at armedforcescovenant@telford.gov.uk



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*Support &
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The Armed Forces community is a strong part of our local demographic and Bournville Village Trust (BVT) in Lawley Village are working with local residents and the Armed Force Covenant to support service and ex-serving personnel.

To support community development in Lawley, BVT are helping facilitate the new Lawley Community Hub in Lawley Square. We hope to have an Armed Forces Covenant Outreach Worker based there at some point for drop-in sessions and also welcome network members to use the space free of charge for community meetings.

BVT will be supporting the Lawley Armed Forces Network by hosting their group webpage within our website. This will have armed forces information, links to local charities and events.

<https://bvtlawleyvillage.org.uk/>

*Check out
our new
website!*



For more details contact lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk

Would you like us to share details of



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Support & Charities

LAWLEY ARMED FORCES NETWORK



Organisation	Contact
Age UK Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin	Telephone: 01743 233123 (Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm) Email: enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/
Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs	https://www.afvbc.world/ Email: contactus@afvbc.world
Blind Veterans UK	https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/ Telephone: 0300 111 22 33
Citizens Advice	https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ Telephone: 0800 144 8848
Combat Stress	For urgent psychological support, please call 0800 1381619
Defence Medical Welfare Service	Telephone: 0800 9993697 Mobile: 07785 614832 Email: referrals@dmws.org.uk
Fighting with Pride	https://www.fightingwithpride.org.uk/ The LGBT+ Veterans Charity Email: info@fightingwithpride.org.uk
Government Website	https://www.gov.uk/topic/defence-armed-forces/support-services-military-defence-personnel-families
Help For Heroes	https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/ getsupport@helpforheroes.org.uk
Op Courage	https://veteranaware.nhs.uk/op-courage/ The Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service.
Op Nova	https://www.forcesemployment.org.uk/programmes/op-nova/ Delivered by Forces Employment Charity provides support for veterans who are in contact with the justice system, enabling them to access the services they need.
SSAFA Shropshire	https://www.ssafa.org.uk/ Helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to take your message. Then one of the local SSAFA team will then get in touch with you by phone. Telephone: 01743 344220
Samaritans	Freephone their Veterans Support Hub for the military community on 0808 175 3075 (24/7) or email jo@samaritans.org – to access confidential emotional support for feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts.
Shelter	For urgent housing support, please call 0808 800 4444
Shout	A crisis text support service for people in the military community who are struggling and need immediate support to get through a crisis. Text CONTACT to 85258 . #TextCONTACT85258
Telford Mind	Telford Mind have recently signed the Armed Forces Covenant and can be contacted by phone. Telephone: 07434 869248 https://telford-mind.co.uk/contact-us/
The Royal British Legion	https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/ The Contact Centre is open for calls 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. This will then be passed onto the local team who will make contact. Telephone: 0808 8028080
The Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison (TIL) Service	This is a free NHS mental health service for all ex-serving members of the UK Armed Forces and Service personnel who are making the transition to civilian life including reservists. Telephone: 0300 3230137 Email: mevs.mhm@nhs.net
YSS Remember Veterans	https://www.yss.org.uk/ We provide a wide variety of mainly community focused support for people and are often described as the 'glue' between those at risk of social isolation and wider mainstream society. Email: info@yss.org.uk



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Schools

Did you know schools are allowed to exceed maximum recommended class sizes in certain circumstances? Contact the Armed Forces Covenant to discuss appealing a decision if you have been unsuccessful in attaining a place.

Did you know if you declare armed forces status for your family to the school then they will receive extra funding and support?

Medical Treatments

Did you know you can attach the code 13JY to your medical records for yourself and family members? This will direct referrals for physical treatments and mental health to specialist armed forces services.

DID YOU KNOW?

Housing

Did you know housing associations need to give priority to armed forces personnel and families. You do not need a connection to the area. Wrekin Housing Association is the local association to

Entitlements

Did you know you are entitled to preferential help for some services like debt management, finances and more?

Did you know there are many charities that are here to help the Armed Forces Community? For example, the RAF Benevolent Fund gives free legal advice to veterans.

There are a wide range of services and products that the covenant can help signpost you to. If you would like help and advice for members of our Armed Forces community, please email: armedforcescovenant@telford.gov.uk.



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Activities &
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**LAWLEY
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NETWORK**

Brand new
for Lawley!

Pop in for a
drink, ask for
our table at
the bar!

**The Grazing Cow, Lawley
The second Wednesday
of the month at 7.30pm**



Join our friendly meetings
All welcome including serving personnel, ex-military, their
families and supporters of the Armed Forces Community.

For more details about activities and support,
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ALLSPORTS COACHES COACHING ACADEMY & AFC TELFORD UNITED

VETERAN FOOTBALL CLUB

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



VETERANS OF ALL AGES WELCOME

19TH APRIL 2023
Start At 6:00PM - 8:00PM

AT AFC TELFORD UNITED

New Bucks Head Stadium, Watling Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2TU

EMAIL STUART OR TELFORD AFC TO GET INVOLVED

STUART.COOK@ALLSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

FOUNDATION@AFCTU.CO.UK



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All Veterans and fitness levels welcomed
Bring water

*Runs Thursdays 19:00
to 20:00
Veterans and Key workers
only*

*&
Runs Saturdays 18:00
to 19:00
Family welcome*



TAB & TALK

Prepare To Move

**Starting point: Sky reach, Telford
park, Telford TF3 4EH**

Supported by



Telford & Wrekin
Co-operative Council



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Our woodlands need **you**

A Small Woods project enabling veterans to find a new sense of belonging and purpose



*We need
volunteers!!*



I've been in the woods before, but never like this. I've learnt so much being out here, about trees, about living things...about me.

Project participant

An opportunity for veterans and their families to connect positively with the woods, each other and themselves.

- Take part in biodiversity work that helps to give shape, form and health to the woodland.
- Learn new woodland skills and about how humans interact with the living world.
- Socialise and give back to the community by helping to create a vibrant and healthy woodland site.

When & where

Mondays, 10am - 3pm

Squatter's Cottage, Woodlands Lane, Lightmoor, TF4 3Q

What3words: rejoined.lifeguard.bagels

Get in touch

✉ rebeccavincentevans@smallwoods.org.uk

*Contact
Smallwoods
today*

Connect with us

📱 SmallWoodsUK

🌐 smallwoods.org.uk

1081874 Registered charity number



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**LAWLEY ARMED
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**CALLING ALL FORMER & CURRENT
ARMED FORCES & EMERGENCY
SERVICE PERSONNEL**



**MODELS
FOR
HEROES**

MODEL MAKING

**Leegomery Community Centre
Leegate Ave**

Telford TF1 6NA

13:30-15:30

**1st and 3rd Tuesday
every month**



**MODELLING AND PAINTING PROMOTES POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH
AND WELL BEING. GRAB A MODEL KIT OR BRING YOUR OWN.**



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TELFORD'S VETERAN TRAIL

Saluting Today's Veterans

IN TELFORD TOWN PARK

Celebrating the service of veterans and serving members of our Armed Forces

www.telfordsveteranstrail.co.uk



Find out more about purchasing a stone
info@telfordsveteranstrail.co.uk

Supported by The Royal British Legion and Telford Rotary



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Veterans' Cafes

Drop in – no need to book



**2ND AND 4TH MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH, 2-4pm
at Dawley House, TF4 2ES**

**3RD THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH, 5-7pm at Jubilee
House, Madeley, TF7 5AH**



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
TELFORD MIND – 07434 869248**

Supporting Veterans' Mental Health
Calm Cafes by Telford & Wrekin Council and Telford Mind

Veterans' Cafes aim to fill the void caused by isolation and detachment after Service whilst also providing a platform for social interaction and comradery. Both sites are wheelchair accessible and have parking close by. For further information, please email: armedforcescovenant@telford.gov.uk or phone 01952 384772.



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BREAKFAST CLUBS

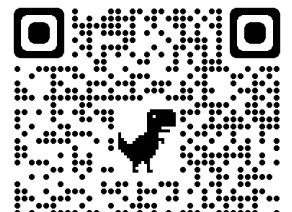
The Official Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs Network

Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club

There are Veterans Breakfast Clubs all over the UK and further afield that all share the same ethos of mutual support and understanding. Breakfast Clubs exist to facilitate veterans (and current Service personnel) meeting face to face in a relaxed, safe, social environment. They meet regularly on Saturday mornings at the following locations:

- **Malinslee:** The Church Wickets, Church Road, Malinslee, TF4 2AS on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9am.
- **Halesfield:** Willows Cafe, Halesfield 22, TF7 4QX on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am.
- **Oakengates:** The Wakes/Outpost Cafe, Oakengates, TF2 3EP on the last Saturday of each month at 9am.

For further information, including contact details, please [visit the Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Clubs website.](#)



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RAF Museum Midlands

**Absolutely
Free!**

Carer's Café is a monthly social group for carers.

Come and meet new people, try new things and have a chat over a hot drink.

**No need to book,
just turn up!**

**Car parking pass for
the day provided**

**Carer's Cafe is on the
3rd Friday of each month
at RAF Museum Midlands
10.30am - 12.00pm**

**If you would like to know
more, email,
community-midlands
@rafmuseum.org**



RAF Museum Midlands
Lysander Avenue, Cosford, Shifnal, TF11 8UP
www.rafmuseum.org.uk



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 **ARMY WELFARE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Stay and Play **Munchkin's** *Donnington Little*

Join us for a friendly chat
and a stay and play session



**Donnington Community Centre
Venning Barracks - V9**



**Wednesday morning's
1000 - 1130**

**£1 per child
Snack included**



 Find us on FB to book your place -
Donnington Community Centre

**Themed activities, messy play, crafts, sensory play,
songs, stories and more...**



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 **Mind Telford**
Veterans' Calm Cafe

**A space to bring the veteran
community together and
allow veterans, of all ages,
to get the support they need.**

Monday	Thursday
2pm-4pm 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month	5pm-7pm 3rd Thursday of the Month
Dawley House 22 Burton Street, Dawley TF4 2ES	Jubilee House High Street Madeley TF7 5AH

 **THE ARMED FORCES
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 **Telford & Wrekin
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Community News & Events

LAWLEY ARMED FORCES NETWORK



Here are some of the annual community events run in Lawley for everyone to enjoy:

Lawley Square, Outside Morrison's

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 1st December 2023
5.45-7.15pm

Lawley Christmas

CAROL SERVICE & LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Lawley Partnership Board

Email: LawleyStewardship@bvt.org.uk

Lawley Dr, Overdale, Telford TF3 5ES

Charitable Donation
£5

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Stalls Wanted

9TH DECEMBER 2023 - CARPENTER
CENTRE, OVERDALE 2PM - 5PM

16TH DECEMBER 2023 - LAWLEY, NEAR
THE WAR MEMORIAL 2PM - 5PM

Please email enquiries@lawleyoverdale.org.uk to register
your interest by 31.10.23 (Limited spaces available)



NHS
The Veterans Mental Health
and Wellbeing Service

The first call for help takes courage

Op COURAGE: The Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

Specialist care and support for Service leavers,
reservists, veterans and their families

OpCOURAGE



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You are invited

to attend a Community Act of Remembrance

Sunday

12 November 2023

10.45am



War Memorial,
Lawley

All Welcome!
Together, we will
remember them.



For more details contact lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk



What else would you like to see happening in your local area for the network?



**Join our community now and be part of the
Lawley Armed Forces Network.**

You could:

- Use the support network and connect with people and charities.
- Meet socially with others who understand the lifestyle.
- Help make events and activities happen for your local area.
- Support other veterans and those transitioning out of the service.

