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2026 has kicked off with great excitement!

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we secured a spot in the London Marathon this year, with Major Rob Brown proudly representing the Corps and raising an impressive total of just over £7,000! We are incredibly thankful for his outstanding efforts.

Donations are crucial for us as a charity. They empower us to assist our three R's: Regular, Reserve, and Retired Community. One of the ways we provide support is through benevolence grants. We consistently evaluate our grants, and recent years have shown significant trends.

In 2024, 24% of our benevolence grants were allocated to individuals aged over 67. This percentage decreased to 20% in 2025, and for the beginning of 2026, it stands at approximately 12%.

Moreover, in 2024, around 10% of our grants were allocated to serving soldiers, including Reservists. This figure rose to 15% in 2025, and for 2026, it has reached just under 20% to date so far.

These statistics provide valuable insights into where our support is most needed and how we can best assist our Corps Family in order to achieve the largest impact.

Standing Together for Those Who Serve

The UK Armed Forces are made up of extraordinary people. Day in, day out, service personnel give their time, skills and often make personal sacrifices in service of something bigger than themselves. Whether on operations overseas or serving here at home, their commitment, resilience and sense of duty deserve our deepest respect and gratitude.

Behind every serving soldier, veteran and their family stands a powerful network of military charities working tirelessly to ensure no one is left to struggle alone. These charities provide vital support at every stage of service life - from mental health and wellbeing, financial assistance and housing, to family support, rehabilitation and transition into civilian life.

What makes this sector so special is collaboration. Military charities do not work in isolation. They share knowledge, resources and expertise, often coming together to provide wrap-around support tailored to individual needs. This collective effort strengthens outcomes and ensures help reaches the right people at the right time. It is a community built on trust, shared purpose and an unwavering commitment to our Armed Forces family.

Thanks to the generosity of the general public, these charities have an incredible reach. Fundraising events, donations, volunteering and advocacy help bridge the gap between civilian life and the military community. Public support ensures awareness grows, stigma is reduced, and help is always there when it's needed most. Every pound donated and every event held plays a role in changing lives.

The Royal Signals Charity: Focused on Our Own

Within this broad and impactful charity landscape sits the Royal Signals Charity. We proudly work in partnership with other military charities, recognising that collaboration strengthens support. But we are unique in one vital way - **we are the only charity that focuses fully and exclusively on the Royal Signals.**

We understand the Signals family because we are part of it. From serving personnel to veterans, reservists and their families, our support is personal, targeted and rooted in shared experience.

We may be a small fish in a very big pond, but our focus is crystal clear: you, and the Royal Signals family.

So when you decide to fundraise, donate or get involved, please think of us. Think of the charity that exists solely for Royal Signals. The one that knows your world, your challenges and your strength. Your support helps ensure that no member of our Corps ever feels forgotten or alone.

Together - with the public, with our partner charities, and with the **Royal Signals family** - we continue to stand by those who have always stood for us.





From Darkness to **Direction....**

It's a sad fact that for many people, at some point in their life, things will take an unexpected turn.... Our Veterans are not immune from this. Taught to be strong, independent and to simply 'get on with things', it takes an almighty amount of courage to realise that sometimes, we need a bit more help. It can be difficult to recognise there is a problem, to seek and accept support, and it's even braver to open up about it. Wanting to raise awareness in the hope that no one else will suffer; This is Richards story....

Having served as a Radio Operator in the Royal Corps of Signals, 53 year old veteran Richard found himself in an unexpected situation. Prior to covid, he was self-employed and made a living by dealing in antiques. Unfortunately, when covid hit, his current business model became obsolete and financial pressures increased. Richard applied through the job centre and was able to secure a duty manager position at a local retailer in order to help ease the burden. Additional to this financial strain, Richard found himself in a toxic relationship that was seriously damaging his mental health. Despite trying, it was clear that the relationship was not going to recover, in fact, it was getting worse, he needed to leave the situation and urgently.

As a result, Richard found himself homeless and living in his car. He describes this period of his life "As being in a boat in the ocean, no oars, no compass, just floating, no sense of direction. I was lost." With no family around, apart from a son who at the time was away embarking on the start of his own military career; he was at his lowest point. He was lonely. He couldn't see a way out, and the thoughts filling his head were the kind that you hope no one ever has to experience.

What came next was a bit of a blur. Richard was found by the local homeless team. Realising he needed help before it was too late, the wheels were set in motion. Op Courage, and SSAFA Case workers became involved. They were able to get Richard off the streets and into the Macari Centre. Whilst everyone at the Macari Centre was a great support (particularly Ex Signaller Martin Palmer), and the environment was a pleasant change from his car, Richard was not in the same situation as the other residents and a new home needed to be sought for his welfare and his mental wellbeing.



Richard (left) with Ex Signaller Martin Palmer from the Macari Centre

This is when the Royal Signals Charity was approached by the SSAFA Caseworker and stepped in to assist. The support from the Royal Signals Charity meant that Richard could get his own home, to regain his independence. A deposit was paid and white goods purchased. After such a long and difficult period, Richard finally had a place to call his own. He had a safe space.

"To be honest, I didn't know that the Royal Signals Charity was there. I didn't know they could help. I am so grateful to them and everyone who has supported me along the way. I get very emotional thinking about it." He continued "How can I every truly thank them?"

Whilst Richard is now in a safe place, his journey is not yet over. Every day is a challenge, but he is getting there. Since being supported through Op Courage, Richard has been diagnosed with Active Suicidal Ideation. This is something that he lives with every day. As difficult as it is, he finds talking helps, and regularly attends what he refers to as his therapy sessions at a local tri-service centre where he participates in Models for Heroes. His particular interest is Star Wars models. Richard says that being in an environment with ex Servicemen and women, being able to talk, to be in the presence of others who understand, it all makes a huge difference. He has even managed to meet up with old colleagues and no longer feels as lonely, although he still has down days.

Determined to continue with his progress, Richard is now in the process of studying to gain qualifications so that he can repay the support he has received. With knowledge and first-hand experience, he is keen to make a positive difference in the world.

Every day, is one step closer to recovery for Richard, and we couldn't be prouder of him.

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Boost Your Support with Gift Aid – Make Every Donation Go Further

Gift Aid is a UK Government scheme that allows charities to claim extra money from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on eligible donations at no extra cost to you. When a donor makes a Gift Aid-eligible donation and signs a simple declaration, the charity can reclaim the basic rate tax already paid on that gift.

How Gift Aid Benefits the Royal Signals Charity

For every **£1 you donate**, the Royal Signals Charity can **claim an additional 25p** from HMRC. That means:

- Your donation goes further without you giving more.
- Funds raised support vital activities for the Royal Signals family, including welfare, education, community projects, and support for veterans and serving personnel.
- Over time, Gift Aid can significantly increase the impact of the generosity of our supporters.

For example:

£100 donation → charity claims an extra £25

That's £125 total support for our cause!

How Gift Aid Benefits You, the Donor

Gift Aid costs you nothing extra — but it does mean:

- You make your support work harder for the charity you care about.
- If you pay income tax at a higher or additional rate, you may be able to claim the difference between your rate and the basic rate on your donation through your Self-Assessment tax return.
- It's a simple declaration that maximises the value of your giving.

Am I Eligible for Gift Aid?

You can sign up for Gift Aid if:

- You are a UK taxpayer (paying Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax).
- Your total tax for the year covers the amount the charity will reclaim on your donations.

If you don't pay tax, it's still wonderful to donate — Gift Aid just won't apply.



If you would like a giftaid claim form,
please contact: marketing@royalsignals.org

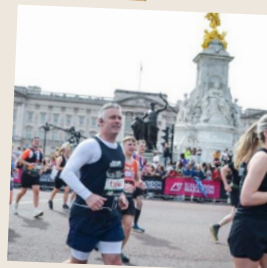
A Thank You from the Royal Signals Charity.

The Royal Signals Charity is proud to extend its heartfelt thanks to Major Rob Brown, a regular serving Royal Signals Officer, and LCpl Andrew Dias, a dedicated reservist, for their outstanding achievement in the 2026 London Marathon. Their commitment, endurance, and generosity have made a meaningful difference to the Royal Signals family.

Between them, Major Brown and LCpl Dias raised over **£10,000** - a remarkable contribution that will directly support serving personnel, veterans, and their families through the work of the Royal Signals Charity. Their efforts on the road reflect the same spirit they show in uniform: resilience, teamwork, and a deep sense of service.

Running 26.2 miles through the heart of London is no small feat. Yet both runners embraced the challenge with determination, carrying with them the pride of the Corps and the encouragement of colleagues across the Royal Signals community. Their fundraising success stands as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when passion meets purpose.

We are immensely grateful for their dedication, and we celebrate their achievement not only as athletes but as ambassadors of the Royal Signals Charity.



Inspired to Take Part?

If you'd like to follow in their footsteps, the Royal Signals Charity offers access to a wide range of exciting fundraising events through our partnership with **Run for Charity**.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or trying something new, there's an event for you.

Royal Signals Charity Partners with Run For Charity.

We're delighted to announce that the Royal Signals Charity has teamed up with Run For Charity, creating exciting new opportunities for our community to take on incredible challenges while raising vital funds to support our Royal Signals family.

This partnership gives access to hundreds of events across the UK and beyond — including many that can be difficult to secure independently. And it's not just about running. Alongside 5Ks, half marathons and marathons, you'll find Tough Mudders, bungee jumps, cycling events, obstacle courses and plenty more, all set in iconic locations.



Whether you're chasing a personal goal, stepping outside your comfort zone, or simply looking for a new way to support the Corps, there's something for everyone.



Visit our website to explore available events and sign up today. If you can't see what you're after, contact: marketing@royalsignals.org and we'll see how we can help — we may even be able to offer discounted places on selected events.

Challenge yourself. Have fun. Make a difference.



Stay Connected.

In a Corps built on communication, connection isn't just what we do — it's who we are. That's why we're encouraging every member of our community, serving or retired, to stay engaged with the heartbeat of the Royal Signals by visiting www.royalsignals.org.

This is your online home. A place where the stories, achievements, challenges and triumphs of our Corps come together. A place that reflects everything that makes us the organisation we are today.

Why Visit the Website?

At www.royalsignals.org you'll find up-to-date information on:

- What members of our Corps are up to
- Events - from reunions to commemorations
- Fundraisers - supporting our people and our heritage
- Feel-good stories - the moments that remind us why our Corps is special

It's all there, refreshed regularly, ready for you to explore.

Keep in Touch. Support. Engage.

The strength of the Royal Signals has always come from its people. By staying connected online, you help keep our community strong, informed and united.

Whether you're checking in on the latest news, supporting a fundraiser, or simply reading a story that makes you smile — your engagement matters.

One Corps. One Family.

No matter where you are, no matter when you served, you remain part of something bigger. Visiting the website is one of the simplest ways to stay close to the Corps and the people who make it extraordinary.

WALL OF FAME



Free Wills for the Royal Signals Community — Thanks to our Partnership with Octopus Legacy.

The Royal Signals Charity is proud to announce a new partnership with Octopus Legacy, giving members of the Royal Signals family access to free, professionally supported wills.

Whether you prefer to write your will online, over the telephone, or in person depending on your location, the service is flexible enough to fit your needs - and it includes fully compliant wills for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

To access your free will, simply use the code **RSCFREE** when you begin the process.

Why Having a Will Matters

A will isn't just a legal document - it's peace of mind. It ensures your wishes are respected, your loved ones are protected, and your affairs are handled smoothly at a difficult time. Without one, important decisions may be left to the courts, creating stress and uncertainty for those you care about.

A will allows you to:

- Protect your family - ensuring your assets go exactly where you want them to.
- Choose guardians - a vital step for anyone with children.
- Avoid unnecessary complications - making things simpler for those handling your estate.
- Express personal wishes - from sentimental items to funeral preferences.

A Chance to Make a Lasting Impact

While there is no obligation to leave a gift to the Royal Signals Charity when using this free service, many supporters choose to include a small legacy donation as a way of giving back to the Corps community that shaped their lives. Even a modest gift can make a meaningful difference to serving soldiers, veterans, and their families.

If you feel inspired, you can explore leaving a legacy gift — but again, it is entirely optional.

How to Claim Your Free Will

To get started, simply visit Octopus Legacy and use the code **RSCFREE**. You'll be guided through the process step by step, with expert support available whenever you need it. This is a gift from the Royal Signals Charity to you - a chance to secure your future and protect the people who matter most.

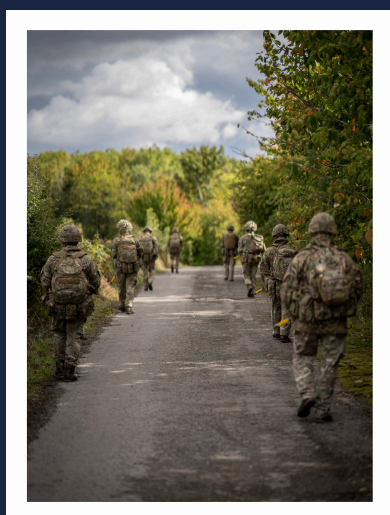


Your

Will

Your Legacy

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We have teamed up with Octopus Legacy to provide a FREE Will Writing service so that your wishes are recorded; allowing you to look after your loved ones and, if you choose, the causes close to your heart.

All we ask, is that you consider leaving us a Gift in your will in order to allow us to continue to support your Corps Family.

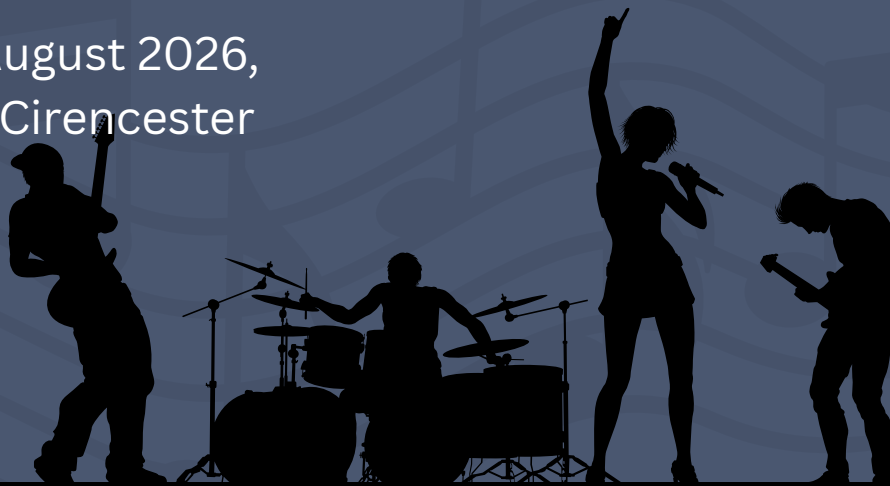
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Any questions, please contact fundraisingmanager@royalsignals.org

7th - 9th August 2026,
Kemble, Cirencester



Summer Sales 2026

Join us for the fourth year of Summer Sales Festival, the must-attend annual event bringing together Royal Signals veterans and serving members for an unforgettable weekend of **live music**, camaraderie, and connection.

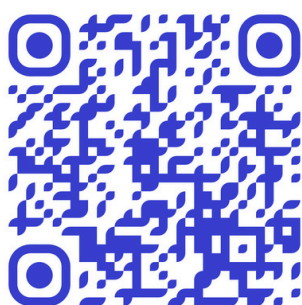
Run entirely by Royal Signals veterans with a combined 128 years of service, our **not-for-profit** festival has grown from 250 attendees in 2023 to over 320 in 2025. We're aiming for 350-400 attendees in 2026 and building on that success year on year.

Following incredible feedback from previous years, we've refined our site layout and continue to deliver diverse musical entertainment. Most importantly, we provide a space for our military family to relax, destress, share good times, and create lasting memories together.

All proceeds are reinvested into the festival or donated to the **Royal Signals Charity**. We're proud to partner with the Warrior Programme, actively supporting veterans and serving members through mental health awareness initiatives.

Whether you attended before or this is your first time, Summer Sales Festival 2026 promises to be our best yet. Don't miss out on being part of this growing legacy. This year's theme has been confirmed as Country and Western and we have some great bands and fun activities lined up. **Get your Stetsons and cowboy boots at the ready!**

Book your tickets now at <https://summer-sales.org/tickets/> – we can't wait to see you there!



RSC Lottery is here!!!

**£25,000
raised**

For just £1 per entry, you'll be entered into a weekly draw with odds that are genuinely worth talking about: a 1 in 63 chance of winning. Compare that to most national lotteries, and it's clear—this is your chance to do something good and maybe get lucky in the process!

Why Play?

The prizes speak for themselves. From free entries to a potential jackpot of £25,000, there's a lot to play for. But it's not just about winning. Every pound you play goes toward supporting our 3R's community (Regular, Reserves and Retired; along with their dependants).

And here's something to celebrate:

The Royal Signals Charity Lottery has already raised over £25,000 to support the RSC's vital work. That's £25,000 supporting our Corps Community and helping us to reach our charitable objectives of improving the lives of Signallers.

A Win-Win for Everyone

Whether you're in it for the thrill of the draw or to support a cause close to your heart, playing the Royal Signals Charity Lottery is a simple, fun, and impactful way to give back.

So why not take a chance? You might just get more than you bargained for—in the best way possible.

Ready to Play?

You must be 18 or over to participate. Signing up is quick and easy, and your entry goes straight to helping those who've given so much.

Sign up here



How does it work?



Gambling Commission



Player Rules



Be Gamble Aware

Promoter: Royal Signals Charity, HQ Royal Signals, Griffin House, Blandford Camp, Blandford Forum, DT11 8RH.

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Profit split statement - A minimum of 50% of the total lottery proceeds go to supporting the work carried out by Royal Signals Charity, 18.4% on prizes and 31.6% on expenses and administration of the lottery.

WIN THIS CAN-AM SPYDER

CHARITY RAFFLE



2016 CAN-AM SPYDER 1300cc

ONLY 600 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

£25 PER TICKET

The draw will take place on
11th July @ Mercury Madness
or at Summer Sales Festival on 8th August*
dependant on ticket sales.

Proceeds will be divided 50/50 between

**The Royal Signals Charity
and Royal Signals Bikers**



PAYMENTS VIA PAYPAL TO:
rsriders@virginmedia.com

You will receive your ticket numbers by email. Good luck.



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