



WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The world changed on 8th September when The Queen died.

Her unstinting support for the Armed Forces – she herself was a veteran – is one of her many legacies as we mourn her loss.

Summer seems a lifetime ago, but I was kept busy with visits to Edward Brooks Barracks for another excellent Oxfordshire Veterans Forum, Marchwood Barracks to see Sgt Potthecary's brilliant garden which he and his soldiers have created as a green space for 17 Port & Maritime Regiment and their families, and to Ragley Hall in July for the Game Fair – a celebration of all that is good about the Countryside.

Read on to find out what everyone else at Team HighGround has been up to and please share this newsletter where and when you can.

Anna BC
Founder and Executive Director



8th September. Rural Experience Week at Bicton.

FRIENDS OF HIGHGROUND

FHG is the voluntary arm of HighGround which supports and promotes the work of the Charity with fundraising and community awareness initiatives, both locally and nationally.

Our wonderful friends at Horsted Keynes Tuesday Club raised £2,000 for us by selling plants and their fantastic marmalade. We thank each and every one of you!

Huge thanks also to Henry Sale Foundation, the Veterans' Foundation and Greenwich Hospital for their generous support of our work.

The T Shirt Challenge continues to raise awareness of our work and thanks to Lynne R Moore, our Christmas card is now on sale. You can buy yours [here](#).



Horsted Keynes Tuesday Group Chris Eberhardie visit and cheque presentation.



David Hargreaves receives a cheque on our behalf from the Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire.

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STANFORD HALL

The long-awaited rain arrived at Stanford Hall; Andy and Jane have been busy seed saving and the Village Green continues to make good progress. Follow the link below to read more about their work.

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Tim visits Andy and Jane at Stanford Hall in July.

RURAL WEEKS BY RURAL EMPLOYMENT MANAGER

Another busy period for the Rural Week Programme team with successful delivery of a Residential Rural Week (RRW), two online Virtual Rural Weeks (VRW) and two Rural Experience Weeks (REW).

Both the REW delivered this term have been part of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust (AFCFT) Veterans' Places, Pathways and People (VPPP) programme. HighGround are proud to be part of this programme working collaboratively with other charities to support Veterans mental health needs using the green environment. We thank the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for their generous and continued support. You can read reports of the Rural Experience Weeks [here](#).

The land-based sector resettlement pathway continues to develop as more Service Leavers in early resettlement attend the online VRW, later following-up by attending a RRW prior to final transition from service. Both these courses are not exclusively for Service Leavers and are also open to Veterans looking for a career change into the land-based sector.

For Virtual Rural Week (VRW) dates please [click here](#).



Ian Parmenter's Blacksmithing session during Rural Experience Week.



HighGround gilet on a fence Steward at Burghley Horse Trials.

HighGround on the road has continued with Anna and Tim, ably supported by Robert Barton, exhibiting at the Tidworth careers fair hosted by British Forces Resettlement Service (BFRS). The land-based sector community of companies and organisations wanting to employ service-leavers and Veterans continues to grow. You can read about it [here](#).

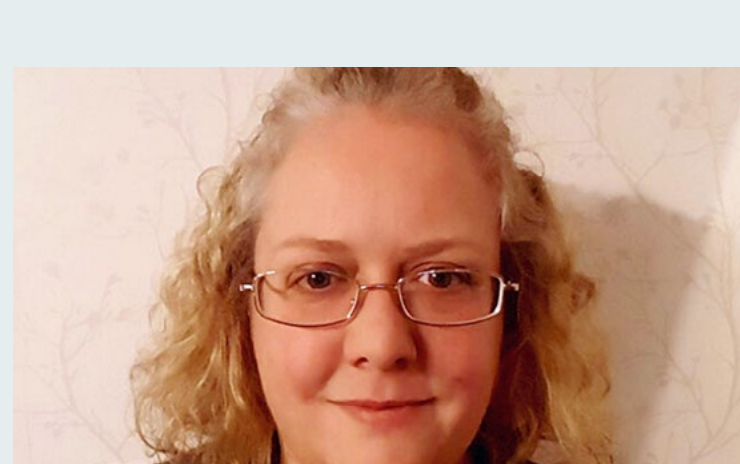
Representation and presentations have continued at face-to-face events such as Commando Connect in support of RMA TRMC, and Tedworth House as part of the Transition Programme, and also online. We are particularly pleased to have been given the opportunity to present online to the collective Personnel Recovery Unit (PRU) Scotland and Northern Ireland, further strengthening HighGround support nationally to PRUs.

It's always good to hear where HighGrounders are and what you are up to. It's great to stay in touch and of course this is a two-way thing, we are here to support for as long as you need us. Always happy to chat. We would like to be able to show others what you are up to so welcome your photos of you wearing your gilet perhaps at a landmark place or with someone famous, under the heading 'Where do you wear yours.'

More information and to register please email timothy.lever@highground-uk.org

Timothy Lever, Rural Employment Manager.

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Lorna Crystal

GETTING TO KNOW TEAM HIGHGROUND

Each quarter we introduce you to a member of Team HighGround and this time it's Lorna's turn!

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HORSEFERRY ROAD

Plans to mark our 10th year as a charity next year are gathering steam. You can follow #HG10 in our next newsletter to see how we will be celebrating our milestone throughout the year!

Cobseo, the Confederation of Service charities had their AGM in London in July and the Ukraine Deputy Veterans Minister spoke with great passion and reminded those fortunate to be present why we all do what we do.

GET IN TOUCH

DONATE NOW

GDPR AND OUR STANDARDS

GDPR came into effect on 25th May 2018. We had an extremely busy run up to this date, but our small team were able to pull out all the stops and get things in place in time. As a charity we take GDPR and the security of your information very seriously. To this end, we have ensured that all of our data processors comply rigorously to keep everything secure. You can read about our Standards [here](#).

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