

## LIFE BEYOND THE MILITARY - OUTDOORS

SPRING 2021

### WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

When I sat down this morning to write this, the view from my desk at home was white - can Easter really be behind us and lambing season in full swing?!

As gardeners we learn to take whatever life and the weather can (and does) throw at us and at HighGround I'm proud to say we epitomise that can-do spirit. Read on and find out what we've all been up to.



View from Anna's desk in Northumberland.

#### **Anna BC Founder and Executive Director**

#### 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.

This has been a very tough year for all of us and Captain Tom's incredible achievements have inspired us all.

We are proud to be part of #CaptainTom100 to mark what would have been his 101st Birthday and hope you will join us too. Click here to find out more.

Although face to face fundraising hasn't been possible we are massively grateful to grantmaking trusts including CLA Charitable Trust, the Veterans' Foundation and Robertson Ness for their generous and continued support and the Development Board is working with Tim Green on our Corporate Champions initiative.

Don't forget you can support us via Amazon Smile and many other ways. Find out more here.

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#### STANFORD HALL

Andy and Jane's super busy year continues and you can read about it here.

We are delighted that the permissions have all now been granted to improve the area outside the Greenhouse and make it more accessible, and thanks to the continued support of #TopTeam including Mr Fothergills, Hortus Loci, Vitax and J Parkers Bulbs, the Village Green transformation can soon begin!

pilot Frith Gardens for the Royal Navy and Army are gathering momentum. Read more in our Latest News.

Op Frith is making great strides, and plans for

Andy and Jane completed THRIVE's recent Social & Therapeutic Horticulture practise module and it's great that we can all continue to share our knowledge to improve the service we provide to DMRC Stanford Hall's patients.

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THRIVE.



## HIGHGROUND Here's where we introduce you to a member of

**GETTING TO KNOW TEAM** 

Team HighGround by asking them 10 quickfire questions. Our Hon Sec to the Trustees Richard is in the hotseat for Spring!

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## **RURAL WEEKS** We successfully delivered our first Virtual Rural

Week of 2021 last month and offer our renewed thanks to Hi-Line SW Ltd, Tillhill, Velcourt, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Bowler Oakfield, Jamie Ranson, British Association of Landscape Industries and Forestry England for their excellent presentations and priceless knowledge and contacts so freely given. You can read what one of the participants said

next VRW in May and have our sights set on a return to Bicton in June when we will be delivering our first Rural Experience Week funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. Tim's resettlement before he leaves the Royal Marines continues, and he is working with the

here. Chris, Tim and I are looking forward to the

Development Board to create our Career Guides which will be a huge step forwards for us as we work to develop our land-based advice and support service. He was interviewed on BFBS Radio last week, you can hear it here.

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## HORSEFERRY ROAD

#### We welcomed Marcus, Ross, Kieron, Matt and Kirsty to the Development Board and you can read their profiles <u>here</u>.

The Development Board is the crucial link between each of the 18 areas of the land-based sector where we have identified employment and self-employment opportunities for those with military skills and experience and Tim, as he works to develop links with employers and training providers in these

post-Brexit times. Tim Green has joined the **Board of Trustees** to help us with corporate governance and financial management as we navigate the tricky waters ahead with HighGround's services being in more demand than ever...

# **GDPR AND OUR STANDARDS**

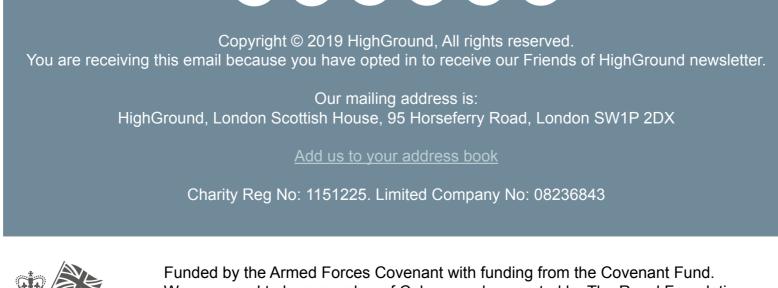
**GET IN TOUCH** 

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 <u>here</u>. Thank you for reading and please do share this email with anybody you think may be

interested in supporting HighGround or who may be in need of our support.





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