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SUMMER 2022

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Summer is here. The swallows are busy, Wimbledon is on the telly and the T Shirt Challenge has started..!

It has been a very busy few months for us at HighGround and I'll let Tim tell you about the Rural Week we delivered for Young Recruits from the Royal Marines, but the fact that of the 5 young men who joined us at Bicton, 3 of them have subsequently found land-based employment directly as a result of HighGround is a source of immense pride to me.

Our new land-based sector roadshow initiative at BFRS careers fairs is gaining momentum, and I have been busy flying the flag for HighGround at a Royal Warrant Holders lunch at the Guildhall, Vauxhall City Farm as a guest of the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers, on HMS Belfast with the White Ensign Association and at Rural Weeks and Stanford Hall as we all continue our work for HighGround.

Enjoy your Newsletter and I hope you will share it when and where you can – we are nothing without our Friends.

Anna BC
Founder and Executive Director



Day 1 of Royal Marines Young Recruits Rural Week at Bicton with Zoe Darnborough RMA – The Royal Marines Charity.



Anna at Vauxhall City Farm, London.

FRIENDS OF HIGHGROUND

Our fundraising continues apace and we are especially grateful to the Veterans' Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust, Elizabeth Moore & Star Foundation and Henry Sale Foundation for their generous support of our work at Stanford Hall and for Rural Weeks.

Special shout to Duncan who ran the Edinburgh Marathon and raised £700 and counting, and to everyone who is getting involved with the T Shirt Challenge to raise awareness of our work.

You can see more about where your money goes [here](#) and keep reading to see how we are improving the lives of serving personnel and veterans.

We are so excited about the T Shirt Challenge to help raise awareness of our work. Thanks to everyone who is wearing and sharing across social media and a big HighGround Welcome to all our new Friends. Read about it [here](#).

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Duncan Mitchell Finisher!!



T-shirt challenge.

STANFORD HALL

On a sunny day in May, Air Vice Marshall Tony Stables Chairman of the Headley Court Charity and his Trustees visited Stanford Hall. Their generous donation to secure the future of Horticultural Therapy at DMRC Stanford Hall has been transformational, and Ian our Chairman and Anna were on hand to meet them.

Andy and Jane continue to be very busy and you can see their latest project the Village Green [here](#) and read Jane's Monthly Journal [here](#).

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Headley Court Charity Trustees visit Stanford Hall.

RURAL WEEKS

This period has seen the Rural Week Programme team well occupied, with successful delivery of another two Virtual Rural Weeks (VRW), a Residential Rural Week (RRW) at Bicton College, and the first Single Service Week (SSW) also delivered at Bicton College. Commissioned and funded by RMA – TRMC with support from Jacobs, the week followed the proven Rural Week format to deliver to young service leavers who have been injured and will not successfully complete training at this time.

Following on from the SSW two attendees along with two previous HighGrounders attended an experience day delivered by our good friends Kirsty and Matt at [Hi-Line](#) near Exeter. Four individuals have been offered a role with Hi-Line, truly HighGround in action.

You can see Rural Weeks in pictures [here](#).

In the same timeframe Anna and I have taken HighGround on the road to two careers fairs hosted by [British Forces Resettlement Service](#) at Catterick and Leicester. Understanding the land-based sector had little or no representation at Military Service Leaver career fairs, HighGround has worked to pull together land-based sector companies with employment opportunities to present a united land-based sector community. With an increasing interest from Service Leavers to work outdoors, forming this community seemed the natural thing to do, benefitting both those seeking employment and those seeking quality employees.

We thank [Euroforest](#), [BALI](#), [NFU](#), [Countryside Jobs Service](#), [Landex](#), [BSW Timber](#) and [Hi-Line](#) for their precious support as we take this initiative to Tidworth Garrison on 15th September and Catterick Garrison on 24th November. Click [here](#) for more details.



Our first Single Service Week for Young Recruits from the Royal Marines with Zoe, Laurie and Tony from RMA – TRMC



Tim and Anna with Johanna Musson, NFU County Advisor for Holland (Lincs) at BFRS careers fair, Leicester.

Representation and presentations raising awareness and the profile of HighGround and the Rural Week Programme have continued. I now regularly present at Tedworth Equestrian as part of the Veteran Support Programme, Tedworth House as part of the Transition Programme, and Commando Connect in support of RMA – TRMC. Of course, presentations can also be delivered online. If you would like to arrange a presentation please [email](#) me.

As with most areas of life Technology is becoming more prevalent across the land-based sector. The use of drones perhaps first comes to mind, but also think about automated milking parlours, autonomous vehicles and machinery, and AI machine learning. How Technology is employed, and the skillsets required in Military service is directly transferable to the land-based sector. To ensure HighGround remains in step with current and innovative future thinking around Technology in the land-based sector I attended the Devon Agri-Tech Accelerator Showcase Event and discussed transferable skillsets with university project leads.



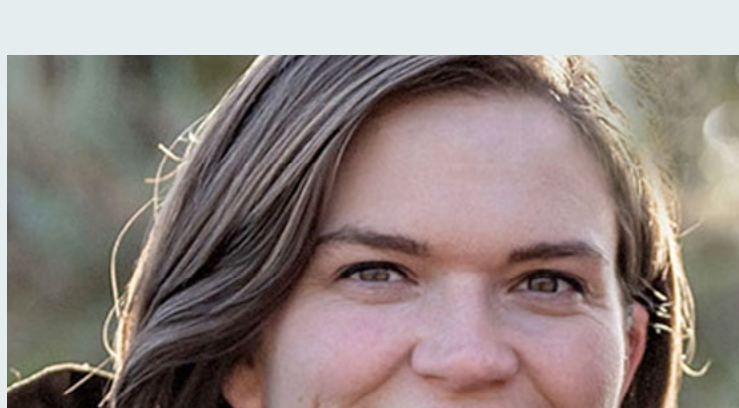
Tim at Devon Agri-Tech, Roadford Lake Venue. Hosted by the University of Plymouth.

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 a two-way thing. We are here to support for as long as you need us, even as we have done recently, if it's just to provide a sounding board and sanity check on an idea you may have. I'm always happy to chat. We would like to be able to show others 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.'

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

Timothy Lever, Rural Employment Manager.

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Fiona Rew

GETTING TO KNOW TEAM HIGHGROUND

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

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HORSEFERRY ROAD

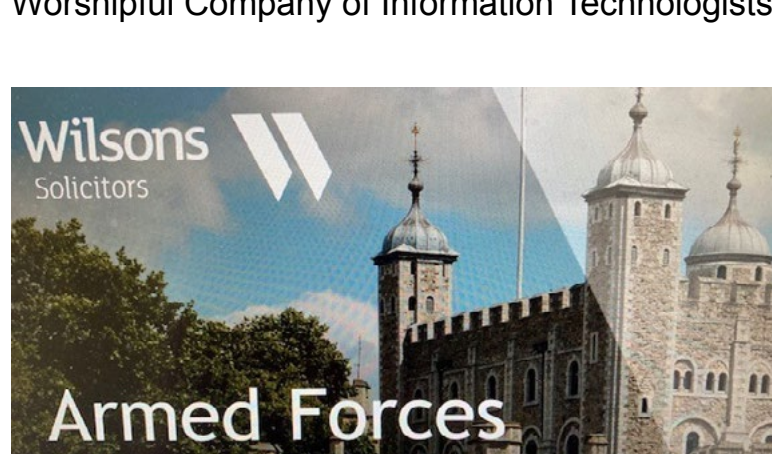
We were delighted to welcome [Kathy Clarke](#) to the Board of Trustees and [Fiona Rew](#) as Secretary to the Boards.

Both ladies will make significant contributions as HighGround moves ever closer to our 10th anniversary in 2023 when we will look back and thank everyone who has helped in our first decade, and look to the next one and all the challenges it will bring.

Huge thanks to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists who are helping us improve our information management to ensure HighGround's resilience, and to Wilson's Solicitors for their excellent Armed Forces Charities Seminar at the Tower of London – governance is so important...



Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.



Wilson's Armed Forces Charities Seminar.

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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](#).

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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