

Armed Forces Community Newsletter North East Derbyshire

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Welcome to our January edition of the Armed Forces Community newsletter for North East Derbyshire District.

Commemoration of Fred Greaves Victoria Cross

We start with the event held on 1st October 2017 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Killamarsh-born Fred Greaves' award of the Victoria Cross in World War One for 'most conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership.'

On 4th October 1917 whilst serving in the 9th Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) during the Battle of Broodseinde, Acting Corporal Greaves (pictured right) captured an enemy machine gun position and later established defensive positions to protect comrades under attack from advancing forces.



The commemorative stone was laid at Killamarsh war memorial, with the event organised by partners including Killamarsh Parish Council, Killamarsh Heritage Society, local traders, NEDDC and the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Pictured below, (l-r): Fred Greaves' commemorative stone; Killamarsh War Memoria (Lt Col Duncan Jenkins in foreground); attending public and dignitaries (NEDDC Chair Cllr Rosie Smith and Chief Executive Dan Swaine in foreground).



Signposting to Armed Forces Support in North East Derbyshire

We list a range of Armed Forces support agencies and charities on our dedicated web page www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/resident/armed-forces-community and aim to update this regularly. The National Veterans Gateway service is also available to help with a range of needs including healthcare, housing, and employment and can be found at www.veteransgateway.org.uk or by calling 0808 802 1212 to speak to an advisor.

Needing help with Independence in the Home?

Our Home Improvement Team continues to work with SSAFA and other agencies to help ex-services residents within our District with support to help with issues including mobility, eligible benefits and household adaptations. Recently we have been providing support on various energy efficiency schemes: in Dronfield we have brokered with SSAFA a 50/50 funded scheme between the national Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation and DCC Warm Homes Funding, whilst in Clay Cross we have secured a funded new gas connection via Cadent Affordable Warmth (formally National Grid) which was then followed up by the DCC Warm Homes Scheme to replace the coal back boiler.

If you would like to discuss the potential support available to help keep you independent in your home please call 01246 217873 or e-mail armedforcescommunity@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

Deadline Looming for Training Opportunities

SPORTING FORCE

Sporting Force, a charity committed to supporting ex-military personnel, is currently promoting training for Veterans in Spectator Safety and Sports Coaching in schools and youth settings. The attached e-mail provides more details. Any questions can be directed to Jacqui Nicholson, Operations Manager at jacqui.nicholson@sportingforce.org or telephone 0800 050 9502.

New Venue for the Armed Forces Hub

From 26th January 2018 the new venue for the Hub will be Chesterfield Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, S40 1LP. A one-stop-shop session for current, reservist and former Armed Forces personnel and their spouses where a range of agencies, forces welfare charities and support groups provide information and assistance. The Hub will be held every three months on the following dates in 2018, between 10am and 12noon:

- Friday 26th January
 - Friday 27th April
 - Friday 27th July
 - Friday 26th October
- In addition, a Jobs Fair will also be held on the 20th April at Wallis Barracks, Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield S40 2NH.

For more information on the Hub please Contact **Elizabeth Gaunt MBE**, Armed Forces Champion on Tel. 01246 343186, Text Phone 0845 608 8551 or email Elizabeth.Gaunt@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK.

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