

Armed Forces & Emergency Services

Local & Regional Veterans Charities

(West Sussex & South Coast)

Care & Long-Term Support

- **Care For Veterans (Worthing)**
A major veterans care charity providing specialist nursing, rehabilitation, respite and end-of-life care for ex-service personnel and their families. Heavily supported by donations and legacy gifts.
 - **Blind Veterans UK – Rustington Centre of Wellbeing (Littlehampton)**
A national charity with a strong local presence, supporting visually impaired ex-servicemen and women through rehabilitation, wellbeing and lifelong support.
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Community, Welfare & Peer Support

- **Worthing Veterans Association (WVA)**
Runs a valued local drop-in hub offering social connection and peer support for veterans and families. Grassroots and community-focused (not primarily legacy-funded).
 - **Veterans Volunteer Service (Yapton, West Sussex)**
Veteran-led charity mobilising former service personnel to support community projects and provide peer-to-peer support locally and nationally.
 - **Veterans Raffle (Worthing)**
Local veteran-run organisation raising funds for veterans' causes; smaller in scale but very community-driven.
 - **Veterans Outreach Support (VOS) – Portsmouth & South Coast**
Provides welfare support, wellbeing services and social connection for veterans and their families. Accepts donations and legacy support.
 - **Bay Veterans Association (Regional)**
Community-based organisation supporting veterans and their families, actively encouraging legacy gifts to sustain frontline services.
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National Veterans Charities (UK-Wide)

Major, Established Legacy Charities

- **The Royal British Legion**
Lifelong welfare, financial assistance, housing and wellbeing support for veterans and their families.
- **SSAFA – the Armed Forces charity**
Practical, emotional and financial support for serving personnel, veterans and families, including during bereavement.
- **Combat Stress**
Specialist mental health charity for veterans dealing with PTSD, trauma and complex psychological needs.
- **Blind Veterans UK**
National charity supporting visually impaired veterans with rehabilitation, independence and peer support.
- **Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE)**
Supports veterans and people with disabilities into independent living and meaningful employment.
- **The Veterans Charity**
Provides immediate help to veterans facing hardship, isolation or financial difficulty.

Care, Recovery & Community (UK-Wide)

- **Erskine Veterans Charity (Scotland)**
Care homes, housing and community support for veterans of all ages.
 - **Armed Forces Bikers Veterans Charity**
Veteran-led charity using community and camaraderie to support recovery, reintegration and wellbeing.
 - **Glen Art**
Supports veterans through creative projects, community engagement and wellbeing initiatives.
 - **Bravehound**
Provides assistance dogs and peer support to veterans struggling with mental health challenges and social isolation.
 - **Care After Combat**
Specialist charity offering mentoring and structured support for veterans facing complex life challenges, including those in the justice system.
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Bereavement & Emotional Support Charities

(Veterans, men, and families)

- **StrongMen – UK Men’s Bereavement Charity**
Supports men following bereavement, recognising that grief can lead to severe emotional and physical health challenges that are often overlooked in men.
- **Cruse Bereavement Support**
National bereavement charity offering trained support services, including resources relevant to military families.
- **Forces Support**
UK charity raising funds to support bereaved military families and veterans through practical and emotional assistance.
- **Veterans Bereavement Support**
Provides advice, guidance and emotional support to families of those who served.
- **WAY Foundation**
Supports people who have lost a partner at a young age, including members of the armed forces community.
- **For The Fallen**
Supports those bereaved by military suicide, focusing on peer support and trauma-informed guidance.