



A Partnership between



Joining Forces Gloucestershire

Joining Forces Gloucestershire is a partnership between Age UK Gloucestershire and SSAFA (Gloucestershire Branch) to support local older veterans to have a safe and comfortable later life.

This is part of the Aged Veterans Fund funded by the Chancellor using LIBOR funds and can provide specific support to those who have served in the British Armed forces or completed National Service born before 1950.

Age UK Gloucestershire want our county to be the best in which to grow older and the Aged Veterans funding has enabled us to “Join forces” with SSAFA, the armed forces charity, to specifically improve the lives of Older Veterans.

Together we can provide tailor made person centred support to veterans to ensure they have the “essentials” for a safe and comfortable later life, specifically the benefits and income they are entitled to. We can ensure our veterans have their service medals and veterans badge and in some cases provided specific SSAFA casework to provide grants for household or disability essentials. We are aiming to link isolated veterans with local veterans clubs to enable connection with lost comrades and enable the forces camaraderie to be recreated.

Age UK nationally also offer a free telephone friendship service “Call in time” and we can link isolated veterans to each other for a friendly weekly telephone call. Age UK are also producing a regular Joining Forces newsletter and this can be accessed by signing up on the Age UK website:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/joining-forces/>

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