

**SCOTTY'S
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SOLDIERS**

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OUR MISSION

To provide relief from the effects of bereavement to children & young people who have experienced the death of a parent who served with the British Armed Forces.

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A NOTE FROM NIKKI

In 2022, I've loved seeing our Members and Springboarders form friendships at events, I'm so proud of the increased support we've been able to provide and I'm glad more bereaved Forces children are benefitting from our services.

It's essential that bereaved military children and young people don't feel alone and this year we arranged a number of events to help connect them.

Our Members Council met up and as well as developing friendships, they gave us some great suggestions for the support they feel is needed. It's so important to us that the voice of our Members and Springboarders is heard. We really listen to them and they shape the future of the charity.

We put on a weekend event in the Peak District for a few of our Springboarders. These are our members aged 18-25 years. They had the opportunity to take on fun and exciting physical challenges, and sharing their experiences of growing up without their parent.

Remembrance was particularly momentous in 2022. We took 55 children and young people to London for a full weekend of commemorations. They attended the Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall and this year they were further ahead in the line when marching at the National Service of Remembrance at The Cenotaph, which was a really positive step forward in ensuring bereaved Forces children and young people feel

remembered.

Our 'heroes and villains' themed Christmas party brought lots of smiles at what can be a challenging time of year. Our Members also loved receiving a Christmas video from Prince Harry, dressed up as Spider-Man, which came just a month after he wrote them a letter to tell them he was thinking about them at Remembrance.

I am really pleased with the increased support the team were able to provide our Members and Springboarders around Remembrance, which is talked about later in this report.

We launched a podcast called 'Help Me I'm Grieving' which is a really important resource for our members and for their parents and carers. By supporting parents and carers and helping provide them with the tools and confidence, it means they can support their children through their bereavement. We started a peer support network to enable the parents of Scotty Members to share their experiences.

We also set up the 'Aspire' podcast for our Springboarders, hosted by Alex who has been supported by Scotty's throughout his childhood and is now a Springboarder himself.

He's a natural host and chatted to inspirational guests, gaining career advice and learning useful life skills.

I'm so proud of the support we provide to our Members and Springboarders, but we know there's still so many more young people out there who aren't getting the support they need. This year, we launched a campaign, Help Find Their Children, fronted by General Lord Dannett. Throughout the year, our membership went from 510 to 581 and we are continuing on our mission to reach more bereaved military children and achieve our goal of supporting over 1000 young people annually by 2030.

Thank you so much to all our incredible supporters who enable us to make a difference to the lives of our Members and Springboarders. We hope we do their parent proud.

Nikki Scott

Nikki Scott, BEM
Founder, Scotty's Little Soldiers

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OUR PROMISES

WE WANT EVERY BEREAVED FORCES CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON TO HAVE:



Access to the very best emotional health and well-being support



Outstanding development opportunities



The chance to smile again

OUR CORE VALUES



FAMILIES COME FIRST

Our beneficiaries are the sole reason we are here. For every decision we make and every action we take, we ask ourselves how this takes us closer to completing our Mission.



EVERYONE A SUPPORTER, EVERY SUPPORTER A V.I.P

Everyone who walks through our doors has the potential to support the charity. Without that support we can't achieve our Mission. Everyone is a potential supporter & every supporter should be treated like a V.I.P.



LOVE WHAT YOU DO

When you truly love what you do it shouldn't feel like work, and when it doesn't feel like work you can achieve great things. We work as a team towards one goal, our Mission.



REMEMBER EVERY DAY

For our beneficiaries Remembrance isn't just one day of the year, it's everyday of the year. We remember the sacrifices made by these families, everyday.

REMEMBRANCE



In 2022, we increased our support around Remembrance and took a big leap forward in helping our members feel remembered.

One of the most significant improvements during 2022 was our support offer around Remembrance, as we recognise it can be a particularly difficult and poignant time of the year.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

In 2019, Scotty's took 18 children and young people to march in the London Remembrance Parade on Remembrance Sunday. Scotty's had tried hard to make this a reality for many years prior to 2019, as we strongly believe that bereaved British Forces children and young people should have every right to be there and take part in the service that means so much to them.

In 2021, we were able to bring 45 bereaved Forces children and young people to the parade. This was

a huge step, however, we still witnessed our bereaved British Forces children and young people positioned at the back of the line whilst serving personnel, veterans and war widows were miles ahead and given a priority place in Horse Guards Parade.

This made our bereaved children and young people feel like they were being forgotten and the depth of their bereavement was not being acknowledged. They



I just wanted to say how brilliant this is as a resource. Clear, sensitive, but written in the perfect way for us teachers and staff to understand. Thank you so much. I have shared it with all staff.

- Teacher

couldn't understand why the widow of a service personnel could be at the front of the march in Horse Guards Parade, but they could not. Yet again, our Members and Springboarders felt let down by the military community.

After strongly expressing our concerns about this issue, highlighting that these brave children and young people have all experienced the death of a parent who served our country and have every right to start in Horse Guards Parade and be placed in a more suitable position in the line, we made huge progress. In 2022, we were able to provide a full Remembrance event package to our families, allowing us to host 55 of our bereaved children and young people in London over the Remembrance weekend.



The Remembrance packs are super helpful for the children who wanted to share them with their schools. Once again, Scotty's have got it just right!

- Scotty Parent



BBC ONE'S FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

In addition to marching in the parade, we donned our black and yellow scarves and attended BBC One's Festival of Remembrance – a brand-new and deeply meaningful experience for our families.

One Scotty parent said: "The Festival of Remembrance was a really amazing, emotional experience. It was lovely to be there with lots of the families Scotty's support, I wouldn't have wanted to have attended that without the Scotty community. It's like everyone there knows exactly how you're feeling and you know how they're feeling. There's always someone to chat to and there was a proper sense of community."

Thanks to the Lest We Forget Association, accommodation was provided and the families had the chance to seek guidance and support from the Scotty team, as well as plenty of opportunities to get to know other families who truly understood the feelings and emotions that surround Remembrance.

MARCHING WITH PRIDE

The next morning, our families gathered at Horse Guards Parade to march with pride.

"To be surrounded by so many people in the same situation brought a sort of comfort that can't be explained to outsiders, a comfort that puts you at ease and somehow distracts you from the pain that Remembrance causes. Everyone was just lovely, respectful and all the young people did their hero proud"

The event was attended by thousands of veterans, servicemen and civilians, as well as members of the Royal Family, including His

Majesty King Charles III and the Prince and Princess of Wales. Many high-profile political figures were also in attendance, such as Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Seeing so many people take part in the ceremony reassured our members that their loved one had not been forgotten, as thousands of people stood in silence to honour their parents and pay respect to their service.

One of our Members said: "Seeing so many people honour my daddy made me feel really proud and reminded me of how many children Scotty supports."

SCOTTY'S REMEMBRANCE PACK

In addition to attending the National Service of Remembrance and BBC One's Festival of Remembrance this year, we wanted to ensure that all of our Members and Springboarders felt supported in the lead up to the day and would have the opportunity to express their pride in their parent's service. We therefore created a new Scotty's Remembrance pack which we sent to all our Members and Springboarders – kindly made possible with a grant from AFCFT.

Our members previously told us that they had a wide range of experiences around Remembrance – some positive and some negative – and so we wanted to equip them with information, guidance and various tools so they could

confidently look after themselves.

The packs contained 11 ways to remember a loved one at the time of Remembrance, guidance and tips on looking after yourself, a special Remembrance colouring-in sheet, and a voucher to spend on a meal so they can take some time out as a family and talk about their loved one. The packs also included information and resources that could be used by the child or young person's school or education setting. Guidance was created to help their education providers have a better understanding of how they can support a bereaved military child during the Remembrance period. Whilst this was a new resource for 2022, it is one that we will continue to develop and distribute each year after receiving such positive feedback.



AT A GLANCE

A quick look into the work of Scotty's, highlighting key milestones, achievements and the positive difference Scotty's makes on bereaved military children and young people.

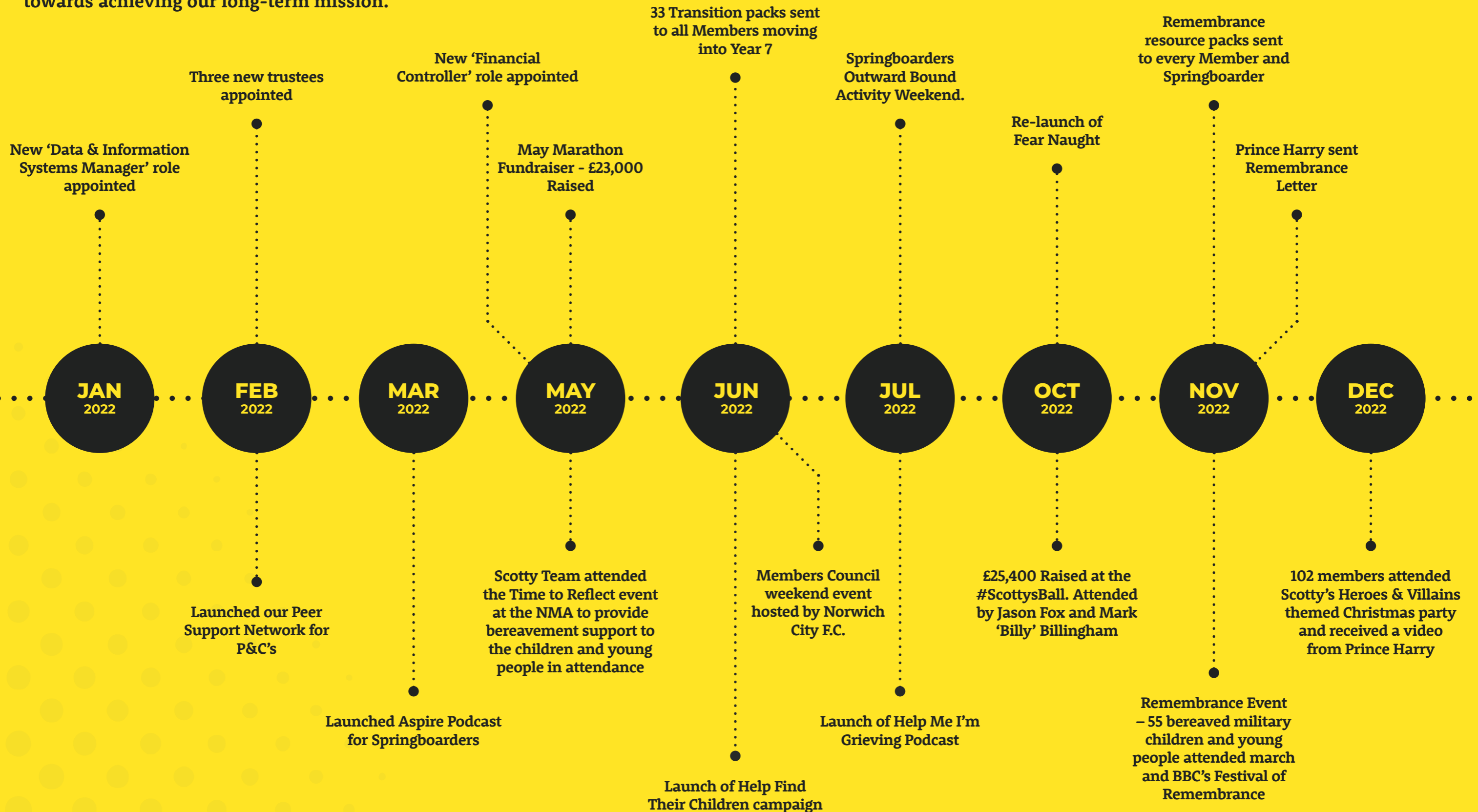


MILITARY SERVICE BREAK DOWN



SCOTTYS

Scotty's look back on 2022 - a year of remarkable achievements and growth, which helps us on the journey towards achieving our long-term mission.



OUR PROGRAMMES



SMILES

FUN & ENGAGEMENT

During 2022, Scotty's provided 245 bereaved British Forces children and young people with a Scotty respite break.

“ We felt part of a support network with all the little Scotty's bits and information inside the lodge. It was the first anniversary and we could sit and talk about daddy's time in the Navy and explain more what Scotty's is about and help them understand there are other children like them.

- Scotty Parent

In December, 102 Members attended the Scotty's Christmas party.



SUPPORT

EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

During 2022, Scotty's provided 235 direct 1:1 bereavement support sessions to our Members and Springboarders.



“ The support we received was excellent from start to end. Reassuring myself and offering my daughter a chance to talk openly. My daughter has felt more able to deal with her feelings since talking to Mark. She still has times when she feels low but feels that she now has more tools to help her to deal with those feelings.

- Scotty Parent



STRIDES

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

During 2022, Scotty's awarded 235 education and developmental grants to its Members and Springboarders.



“ Since receiving the grant, I have noticed an increase in his confidence and self-esteem. I just wouldn't have been able to cover the costs without the grants from Scotty's. It means he gets to do something just for him, that he enjoys.

- Scotty Parent



SPRINGBOARD

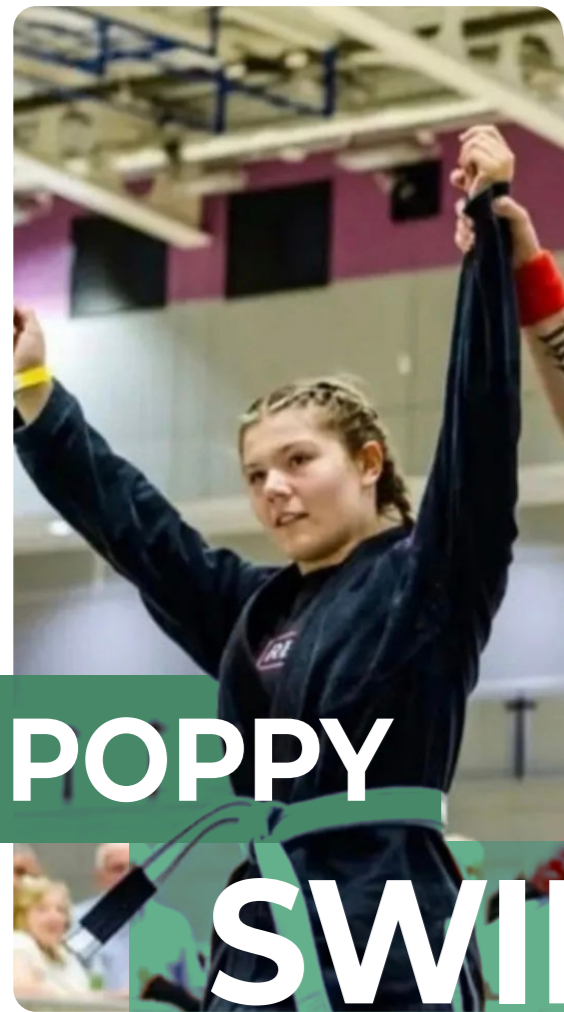
18=25 YEAR OLDS

During 2022, 69 Scotty Members transitioned into the SPRINGBOARD Programme.

“ The SPRINGBOARD Programme is massively useful, the allowance for university is really helpful and it's also comforting to know that the support is still there. Although I'm older, there are still times when I feel emotional about what happened to my dad and that won't ever go away. Knowing that there is always someone there to talk to when I need them is greatly reassuring.

- Springboarder





POPPY SWINNERTON

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Last year, hoping to improve her fitness and learn how to defend herself, Poppy took up Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. What started as a hobby quickly became a passion, and Poppy is now the World and European Brazilian Junior Jujitsu Champion. It's an incredible achievement, and one Scotty's Little Soldiers is proud to have helped her reach.

TRAINING FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Poppy started Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu lessons hoping to find a fun way of staying fit and gaining some self-

defence skills at the same time. As she grew more passionate about the sport, her lessons became more and more regular, and she now trains five times every week.

The Scotty Allowance, an annual grant of £150 Scotty's offers every member to help pay for extracurricular activities, helped Poppy and her family cover the cost of the lessons she needed to reach her dream.

"The Scotty Allowance contributes to my private lessons every Tuesday," says Poppy. "It's after those private lessons that I started to see a big improvement in myself and began entering competitions. I'm always using things I've learnt from my private lessons and it's definitely all that stuff that helped me win the World Championship."

IMPROVING CONFIDENCE

Her mum adds: "Financially, all these lessons aren't cheap. Especially doing it five times a week. The funding Scotty's provide has been a massive help, particularly with the cost of living and the way prices are rocketing at the moment."

Despite being only 14, Poppy is already part of the adult Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu club, as her coaches quickly realised she was too advanced for the younger groups.

"I started in the kids' class," she says, "but I was only there for a little while before being moved in with the adults. I'm now training with men and women of all ages and sizes. It was a bit weird at first but now I quite enjoy being the youngest and people know not

to go easy on me. I love the challenge."

"It's overwhelming," adds Poppy's mum. "I've seen such an improvement in her self-confidence. She no longer avoids situations and is always challenging herself, which she never used to do. Her mindset has completely changed since she started the lessons. She won silver in her first competition and although she was really pleased with it, I could see how much she wanted that gold. We sat down and I asked her how serious she was about this, and she made it clear she wanted to go as far as she could. I could see how much passion she had for it."

CELEBRITY ATTENTION

As a result of increased media attention and lots of celebrities taking up the sport, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu has become much more popular over the last few years – something Poppy couldn't be happier about.

"It depends on the day, but I'm normally training with 30 or 40 other people. Everyone is super supportive of each other and I love the atmosphere. Loads of people are getting involved now. Even famous actors like Tom Hardy, who was in the news for winning a tournament. Hopefully I'll get to fight him at some point!"

BECOMING WORLD CHAMPION

Earlier this year, Poppy took on two of her biggest challenges yet: the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Junior European Championships and Junior World Championships. Her hard work paid off, and she came home with the gold medal in both.

"A lot of people had been telling me I should go for it, so I did. There were competitors from lots of different countries and winning against them was amazing. It was almost a relief as well because I had been building it up in my head for so long."

Her mum adds: "I'm so proud of her. It's not a sport you see many girls doing as it's so physical and full-on, but she's completely taken to it and I think she'll be a brilliant role model for other young girls interested in the sport."

SCOTTY'S IMPACT

In addition to benefiting from the Scotty Allowance, Poppy and her mum have attended a number of Scotty events including respite breaks and our annual Christmas party.

"We really enjoy the breaks," says Poppy. "It's a great chance to get together as a family as we're all normally busy with work and school and stuff. We've been to Blackpool, Haggerston Castle, Great Yarmouth and Center Parcs. Scotty's is so important to me because it's supported me loads and connects me to my dad. I'm really grateful for it."

"Scotty's are unbelievable," says Poppy's mum. "They've been there for us almost from the very beginning. Like Poppy said, it's a connection to her dad and a connection we'll always have. She looks forward to the treats she gets every year, the birthday presents and vouchers, and we love attending the National Remembrance Parade with Scotty's. It's great to know Scotty's aren't just there for a year or two, but will continue to support her as she grows up as well."

As for the future, Poppy is determined to keep working hard and push her Jiu-Jitsu dreams as far as she can.

"I want to have a future in Jui-Jitsu. Keep working at it and getting different titles, going semi-pro and getting my name out there."



Service: Army

Unit: Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

D.O.B: 28/11/1981

D.O.D: 04/12/2008

Age: 27

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ALEX THOMAS

20-year-old Alex Thomas was just four when his dad, Major David Thomas, died of cancer. He is now the host our Aspire podcast for 18 to 25-year-olds, where he speaks to inspirational guests who have overcome challenges and achieved great things.

Alex has been supported by Scotty's since he was 13. Alex's first experiences with Scotty's included going on respite breaks to Center Parcs and Devon Cliffs, which were great opportunities for him and his family to spend some valuable time together and remember his dad.

Alex's dad, Major David Thomas, served in the REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) and was diagnosed with cancer when Alex was five months old. Despite being told he had only six months to live, David remained by his son's side for three and a half more years. The reason, he told Alex's mum, was that he refused to let go until

his son was old enough to have memories of him.

FEELING CONNECTED

"Being part of Scotty's helps me feel connected to a wide community of young people who are in the same situation as I am," says Alex. "It gives you this real-life sense that you're not alone and that it's okay to not completely understand some things about yourself or what happened to you. Scotty's has really helped me realise that. There are so many people I can talk to and who can talk to me. It's this community – a big family, really – that help each other out. We've all lost a parent and we're all in the same boat, at the end of

the day."

Some of Alex's first experiences with Scotty's included going on respite breaks to Center Parcs and Devon Cliffs, which were great opportunities for him and his family to spend some valuable time together and remember his dad.

"I remember going on Scotty Breaks down to Devon Cliffs and Center Parcs when I was younger. We did that quite a few times. I'd been to Center Parcs before and it was already my favourite place, so it was great to be able to go there again and get away from everything."

VISITING BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Alex has also attended a number of Scotty events, including being provided with an opportunity through the charity to attend a special event for bereaved Forces children at Buckingham Palace in 2018, where he met a few famous faces.

"The big garden party at Buckingham Palace a few years ago was just incredible. Prince Harry and Prince William were both there and I met Roman Kemp on the DJ deck, which was pretty cool. It was a brilliant day and definitely one of my favourite Scotty memories. I think that's the day I started to realise how much Scotty's do and how many children they support."

GIVING SOMETHING BACK

When not studying for his degree in Sports Coaching, Alex is the host of Scotty's Aspire podcast for Springboarders.

In the podcast, Alex talks to inspirational guests about their life, career and the challenges they've overcome with the aim of gaining useful life skills.

"Scotty's has done a lot for me, so when I saw an opening to host the podcast it felt like a chance to give something back. I also used to love making videos on YouTube and this felt like a way to reignite that creative spark. It was very outside my comfort zone, but that's part of why I wanted to do it – I wanted to push myself. I've loved it."

Many of the people he speaks to also have links to the military, which means Alex is able to ask questions many Springboarders – who have all experienced the death of a parent that served in the British Armed Forces – may be interested in.

A VOICE FOR BEREAVED MILITARY CHILDREN

"In addition to hosting the podcast, I'm also sort

of representing Scotty's Springboarders, so I try to ask things they'll want to know the answer to and throw in some personal bits about myself here and there to make it more relatable. If I say something on the show and someone listening who has also lost their parent thinks, 'hey, I do that too,' then they might feel less alone."

Unsurprisingly, Alex is a huge football fan. His dream podcast guests are David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo, but his reasons for wanting them on Aspire go beyond just his love for the sport.

"Beckham has so many avenues he works in and he's done so much for charity, while Ronaldo lost his dad at quite a young age. Prince Harry would be really interesting to speak to as well, having lost his mother when he was a kid and then going on to serve in the military. It's hard to pinpoint just one as there are so many inspirational people that Springboarders could learn from."

IT'S OKAY TO NOT ALWAYS BE OKAY

Since joining Scotty's, the position the charity holds in his life has changed and adjusted to meet his needs.

"I've always known Scotty's was there to support me, to tell me I'm not alone and that it's okay to not always be okay about my situation. But, as I've grown up, I've become much more aware of their presence in my life and all the stuff they do. Part of that is a result of working on the podcast, but it's also because, as I've got older, I've started to understand how I feel about my situation more and see all the different ways Scotty's can help. I feel like if Scotty's can help me, then there's plenty of others out there who will be in the same situation they can help as well."



Major David Michael Thomas

Service: Army

Unit: Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

D.O.B: 06/05/1969

D.O.D: 05/06/2006

Age: 37

Cause of Death: Illness

"I've always known Scotty's was there to support me, to tell me I'm not alone and that it's okay to not always be okay."



KIRSTY MCLACHLAN

18-year-old Kirsty McLachlan never got to meet her dad, Cpl Robin McLachlan, who died in a road accident before she was born. She and her sister, Heather (21), were two of Scotty's earliest Members.

Kirsty joined Scotty's Little Soldiers in early 2012, two years after the charity was founded.

"For me, the main thing Scotty's means is community," says Kirsty. "It's a fantastic resource, and it always helps to know you're not alone and that there are other people your age in similar situations. If you ever want to reach out with any issues, there's all these people who understand what you're going through and can point you in the right direction."

DISCOVERING HER TALENT

From a young age, Kirsty has been very interested in music, and with help from the Scotty Allowance her family has been able to pay

for a variety of music lessons. She now plays piano, guitar, bass, double bass and ukulele.

"Scotty's has helped a lot with paying for those music lessons. They started a very long while ago, probably around primary school age. I've been playing piano the longest, which started because my sister was learning it at the time and my mum asked if I wanted any lessons. I said no, because I had this idea that I wanted to be an architect, but after watching my sister play, I knew I wanted to do it too. I then got interested in a local folk band, and that really helped with developing my confidence and getting a better grasp on what music is."

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

On top of playing five separate instruments, Kirsty also enjoys creating her own compositions and is hoping to study music at university next year.

"I'm still waiting for my results, which isn't much fun. I'm hoping to study at either Cambridge or Durham. I just hope I get the grades!"

With the aid of Scotty's SPRINGBOARD Programme, which supports members aged 18 to 25, Kirsty will continue to receive support through to the end of university and beginning of her career, assisting with opportunities to develop her education and life skills.

SCOTTY'S GRANTS

In addition to music lessons, Kirsty has received a variety of other Scotty grants which have helped her reach key milestones in her life.

"I had a driving grant last year which was really useful for me, as I'm slightly terrible at driving. I passed in the end but I'm really glad Scotty's could help out with that. My sister also successfully applied for a super grant a few years ago to do her gold Duke of Edinburgh award! Her joints are hypermobile, which means she struggles to walk the distance they need to cover, but there was also a sailing option, which Scotty's helped her pay for and meant she could get a gold DofE award. It was dead cool."

TAKING A BREAK

In addition to receiving grants to help develop her skills and provide new opportunities, Kirsty and her family have also attended a number of Scotty events over the years, including respite breaks.

"We've been on Scotty breaks to Center Parcs, which Mum loves as she says it reminds her of when she and my dad used to live at JHQ in Germany – the Army base. She really enjoys getting the opportunity to go there as it reminds her of Dad."

BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY

Kirsty has also attended a number of Scotty's Christmas parties over the years, and in 2020 took part in our lockdown Christmas party over Zoom. She thought the whole day was fantastic, but one moment in particular stands out to her.

"I actually enjoyed the fact it was digital because it led to such a fun format. The highlight for me was when Santa Claus appeared and started playing jingle bells on the concertina, which is a really cool folk instrument. The absurdity of it was just phenomenal. I remember when it came onscreen – I ran downstairs

shouting to Mum, 'this guy's got a concertina, it's brilliant!'

As well as being lots of fun, the Christmas party also serves as an opportunity for Scotty Members to meet other bereaved military children and young people who understand what they're going through.

"It's a great chance to meet up with everyone and the community aspect is really nice," says Kirsty. "It's comforting to know everyone there is going through the same thing you are, that you're not the only one who doesn't have everyone home at Christmas, but you're all still able to smile and have a good time."

GROWING UP WITH SCOTTY'S

As one of Scotty's earlier members, Kirsty has spent her childhood and the entirety of her teenage years being supported by the charity. Over this time, she's seen Scotty's grow and evolve first-hand, while the position the charity holds in her life has changed to meet her needs.

"I've been a member of Scotty's for a long time, since near the start. There's always been the Christmas do, where you meet up with everyone, but now that Scotty's support more people there's lots more opportunities for meeting other members. Rather than only knowing a couple of people up north and a couple down south, it feels like everyone is much closer together. There's more of a Scotty's community at a local level and it's much easier to connect with those people, which I think is really cool."

"It's comforting to know everyone there is going through the same thing you are, but you're all still able to smile and have a good time."



Cpl Robin McLachlan

Service: Army

Unit: Royal Logistics Corps

D.O.B: 27/12/1970

D.O.D: 12/09/2003

Age: 33

Cause of Death: Road Accident

MY STORY



BEN O'DONNELL

14-year-old Ben O'Donnell was just a baby when his dad, WO2 Gary O'Donnell, was killed in action while on tour in Afghanistan.

Remembrance is a deeply personal, poignant time for all the children and young people supported by Scotty's. Here, Ben shares what remembering his dad means to him, the affect Remembrance has upon him, and how support from Scotty's Little Soldiers continues to help him during this time of pain and pride.

GROWING UP WITHOUT MY DAD

I never knew my dad. He served with the 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, and died on the 10th September 2008 while trying to disarm an IED in Helmand Province. I was nine weeks old.

I was too young at the time to have any memories of him, but

with the help of my mum and older brother, Aiden, I've learnt a lot about the kind of person he was and what he was interested in. I do find it hard living without a dad, but it helps when my family talk about him and Remembrance means a lot to me as it's a chance to feel really proud of everything he achieved and remember him in the best way I can.

ATTENDING THE LONDON REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Our family joined Scotty's for the National Service of Remembrance in London last year with lots of other Scotty Members who all have a parent that has served and died, just like my dad. I felt really good walking the parade as it showed me there are lots of people in the world like me, who

have all been affected by the death of their parent. Having events like Remembrance is so important as it helps everyone remember all the heroes we've lost. Not just my dad, but everyone who has put their lives on the line for our country.

I really enjoyed walking the parade with Scotty's as not a lot of people know what I've been through, but everyone from Scotty's has gone through a similar experience and understands what it feels like. Because of that, I found it really comforting that we could all pay our respects together.

Putting on my yellow and black Scotty's scarf and attending the parade was really nice as I think it's so moving to see thousands of people paying their respects.

REMEMBERING AT SCHOOL

Even though my school friends don't really understand what Remembrance is like for me, they're all really supportive and always try to cheer me up if I'm feeling down. We have assemblies in school about Remembrance Day and I think it's important those continue as it's such a significant event for so many, but unfortunately some people my age don't always realise that.

When people my age think of Remembrance, they sometimes forget about all the people who are fighting and dying right now. People like my dad. Everyone thinks about big World Wars because that's what we learn about in school, but there are people still out there risking their lives today.

SHOWING RESPECT

When I'm walking around school during Remembrance, I've heard a few people say, 'why do we still have Remembrance when World War I and World War II were ages ago?' I stopped a few of them and said it's because there are still people today fighting for our country and dying because of it. But, because it doesn't affect them, they don't care. I just think... you have all the other days of the year to mess around and do whatever you want. It's not even like it's an entire day, it's only two minutes. There are so many people who this day means so much to. Just be respectful and think about all the people around you who may have lost someone.

WEARING A POPPY

Another way people can show their respect is by wearing a poppy. It makes me happy to see people wearing poppies because it means that they know what my dad and other soldiers have done to help us have better lives. The poppy is such a special symbol to remember our fallen heroes. For me, the poppy also

shows that just because a bad thing happened, it doesn't mean there's no good stuff to come after. It's like saying to me on a bad day that tomorrow will be great. There was this horrible war, but because of it we were able to see this really pretty flower.

REMEMBRANCE TRADITIONS

There's a plaque for my dad in our town near the local church where we like to lay wreaths and poppies in memory of him. I think it's so important that we keep marking Remembrance every year because we should never forget about all of the soldiers and everyone else who has put their lives on the line for our country. It's like we're thanking them.

WHAT SCOTTY'S MEANS TO ME

I've been part of Scotty's since I was four years old and was one of the first kids to join the charity. Being part of Scotty's helps me feel confident because I'm with lots of other people who have experienced the same thing as me. It reminds me that I'm not alone and helps me remember my dad. It's like having a second family. A family where everyone knows and understands what we've all been through.

This year I've been sent a Remembrance pack which suggests some good ways to remember my dad, guidance on looking after myself over Remembrance, a special Remembrance colouring-in sheet, and even a voucher for my family spend on a Remembrance meal.

I've made some great friends at Scotty's and I never have to explain what happened to my dad, because they already know. It makes everything so much easier and means we can just concentrate on having fun together and supporting one another.



WO2 Gary O'Donnell

Service: Army

Unit: Royal Logistic Corps (11 EOD Regiment)

D.O.B: 20/07/1968

D.O.D: 10/09/2008

Age: 40

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

“ When people my age think of Remembrance, they sometimes forget about all the people who are fighting and dying right now. ”

HELP FIND THEIR CHILDREN

In 2022, Scotty's launched a campaign to reach hundreds of bereaved British Forces children and young people who aren't getting the support they need.



At the beginning of 2022, Scotty's were supporting 510 bereaved British Forces children and young people. We are so proud to be supporting these members, but what about all the other children who have experienced the death of a military parent, that aren't getting the support they need?

We used a number of sources, including information from the Ministry of Defence, questions asked during parliamentary debates, media research, and our own research, to establish that the number of bereaved children and young people aged between 0 and 25 years, from serving Regular and Reserve Forces and the Veteran community, far exceeds 1,000.

Knowing that hundreds of bereaved military children aren't benefiting from Scotty's support, we set ourselves a goal to be supporting 1,000+ bereaved military children

and young people annually by 2030.

But how do we reach bereaved families and let them know we are here for them?

We launched a campaign called Help Find Their Children. The campaign had two strands:

- 1 We made it as easy as possible for people searching for help to find info on Scotty's Little Soldiers. Whether this be a parent or carer of a bereaved military child, a professional working with a young person, or the young person themselves.
- 2 We actively encouraged people to help reach families bereaved of a military parent. We aimed our campaign at the military and veteran community, knowing they would most likely know families and could help them get support.

To enable those searching for help to find us, we created a dedicated webpage with videos on how to get support, we made use of SEO, we simplified our membership forms and we launched a podcast series called Help Me I'm Grieving, to support bereaved families and also raise awareness of Scotty's work.

In order to reach the military and veterans community, we asked General Lord Dannatt to front our campaign and he happily accepted. We worked with him on a video, which we hosted on a dedicated campaign webpage and was shared on social media.

The call to action was clear – *Please help spread the word.*

The campaign launched in June, to tie in with Armed Forces Day. Just ahead of the launch, Scotty's was supporting 533 bereaved military children and young people.

The campaign was shared widely on social media, with shares from regimental associations, other military charities, individuals within the military community and from funeral directors. Articles appeared in targeted military publications, and talks were organised to help spread the word, including Scotty's Bereavement Specialist, Lorna, talking at an NHS Veteran Aware Event.

By the end of 2022, Scotty's had welcomed an additional 48 members since launching the campaign, with the membership total at 581.

With every member that joins, we are so sad for their loss, but proud that we can provide them with support and ensure they don't feel alone as they navigate their grief journey.

Please continue to spread the word.





100% of the funding we need to deliver our services comes from our supporters, whether they are a grant funder, a business, or an individual giving what they can. We can't do it with you.

FUNDRAISING



I support Scotty's as a former member of the Queens Royal Hussars and having done the same job as Cpl Lee Scott, it's a charity close to my heart.

- Scotty Supporter



Our belief is that people will take an action if they feel passionate about our cause, so we spend more time communicating the needs of our Members and Springboarders and how they feel Scotty's have helped them rather than asking for money.

Every supporter that has been with us since inception through to joining us in 2022 has been contributing to the legacy of Cpl. Lee Scott and having a positive impact on the lives of children of service personnel who have been left behind.

In order to achieve our goals for the future, we need to grow our income significantly over the coming years. One of our key five year thrusts is to develop 4-5 sustainable income streams. There are many opportunities we could pursue, however it is important for a small charity to remain focused on the right opportunities and not stretch ourselves too thinly.

In 2022 our income came predominately from three main groups: Individuals, businesses, and grant funders.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

It was encouraging to see the number of individuals supporting Scotty's rise by 34% in 2022 compared to the previous year. We saw more people taking on fundraising challenges and organising events which resulted in a greater number of individual donors. As things continued to feel like they were returning to normality after the pandemic, it was great to see people take on international fundraising challenges such as Gavin and John who took part in an Ultra Ice Marathon across the Arctic Circle!

Regular giving is sometimes described as the lifeblood of a charity, as smaller monthly

amounts are just as important as larger injections of income. Contributions from regular givers made up 38% of our total donations in 2022 and as we progress with our strategic growth plans, these supporters will be key to us achieving our aims. The current cost of living crisis is likely to put pressure on regular giving from individuals in 2023 so we anticipate greater reliance on business partnerships and grant giving next year.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

We were incredibly grateful to long term supporters Annington Homes who continued to part fund our SUPPORT Programme and Incentive FM for their constant fundraising efforts. We were also delighted to welcome new corporate supporters on board including Bank of America and Fortis Vision. From support staff fundraising to providing presentations to employees, it's been

great to work with these companies. We believe Corporate Partnerships will be the largest growth opportunity for our fundraising activity over the next 2 to 3 years and developing a core offer for those partners will form one of our five key initiatives for 2023.

GRANTS AND TRUSTS

Trust income continues to be a significant contributor to our annual income and we were grateful to maintain funding relationships with ABF The Soldier's Charity, Veteran's Foundation, Forces Support, Lest We Forget, RAF Benevolent Fund, Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity and Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. As we go into 2023 we are looking to widen our grants and trusts supporters beyond the military and applying to funders such as BBC Children in Need for funding support, this is a key area of focus for us over the coming 12 months.

INNOVATION

Charities are encouraged to diversify their income as much as possible and Scotty's is proud to be a forward-thinking charity. Our Fear Naught (FN) brand has always pumped 100% of profits back into Scotty's Little Soldiers. In October 2022 we relaunched this to be more than a clothing brand, incorporating FN challenges, an inspirational podcast, blogs and of course the clothing too. Our aim is to attract a new audience to Scotty's which will ultimately benefit the charity.

THE FUTURE

As we look towards Scotty's future, we are guided by our unwavering commitment to support bereaved military children and young people. Anticipating new challenges, seeking out exciting opportunities, increasing our reach and deepening our impact.

TO BE SUPPORTING 1,000+ CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ANNUALLY BY 2030

591

1000

We continue to strive towards reaching our Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG) of supporting 1,000+ bereaved children and young people annually by 2030. There are hundreds of young people who have sadly already experienced the death of a parent who served in the British Armed Forces but are not yet aware of the support offered by Scotty's. Whilst there are fortunately far fewer deaths today from the theatre of war, there are new deaths experienced every year through training operations, accidents, illness and increasingly suicide.

Due to the complexities of family dynamics and reporting, no organisation in the UK can provide the exact number of CYP

under the age of 25, who have experienced the death of a parent who at any time in their life served within the British Forces. The total number of bereaved young people in the UK is not recorded by Government or any other organisation.

We will continue to work hard with other stakeholders to build a more accurate picture of those affected by the death of a parent who served. We will also look to commission the first in depth piece of research into the challenges faced by bereaved Forces children and young people and use this work to identify gaps in our services and further develop existing ones. We anticipate starting work on this extensive

piece of research in 2024.

We also recognise that as the charity grows its services, and offers those services to more young people, we will have to grow as an organisation too. Whilst keeping true to our core values and everything that makes Scotty's so special, we will begin the process during 2023 of building the future version of Scotty's including the development of a Senior Leadership Team and succession plans for key individuals within the charity.

Our vision is to make the support offered by Scotty's available to as many young people as possible and our BHAG is our first target to achieve.

In 2023 we will continue to focus on our 5 five-year key thrusts. Here are the key goals for each of those thrusts during the next 12 months.

THRUST #1

Establish an Education Provider offer:

Education in one form or another is the one thing which all our Scotty Members and Springboarders will collectively go through. It is such a key part of their lives, and we recognise the importance of Scotty's having a specific education offer to help them, their parent and carers, and their education providers.

In 2024 we will launch the first phase of our Education resources, named StandBy and kindly funded by the Lloyds Patriotic Fund and the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

THRUST #2

Increase outreach & accessibility: Again, keep the headers but change the text under them to: There are so many bereaved young people

already out there across the UK that the charity could be helping today if they knew more about the offer from Scotty's. Key thrust number two is focused on building more awareness of the charity's work and making that support accessible to more young people.

In 2024 we will optimise our website to improve SEO, and will be working closely with the BBC and RBL to maximise the charity's exposure during the important Remembrance period.

THRUST #3

Develop 4-5 sustainable income streams:

As mentioned in the fundraising section of this review, the charity will need to significantly grow income in order to delivery on our promises. Key thrust number 3 focuses on building 4 to 5 reliable and sustainable income streams.

During 2024 we will develop our corporate partnerships offer and relaunch our FEAR NAUGHT merchandise website.

THRUST #4

Increase profile to rank #1 for 'Children+Military+Bereavement':

As the only UK charity delivering specialised 1:1 bereavement support to military children it is vital that Scotty's increases its profile over the coming years, primarily to reach more young people, but also to recruit more fundraising supporters, and to provide a platform for the voice of bereaved Forces children and young people to be heard.

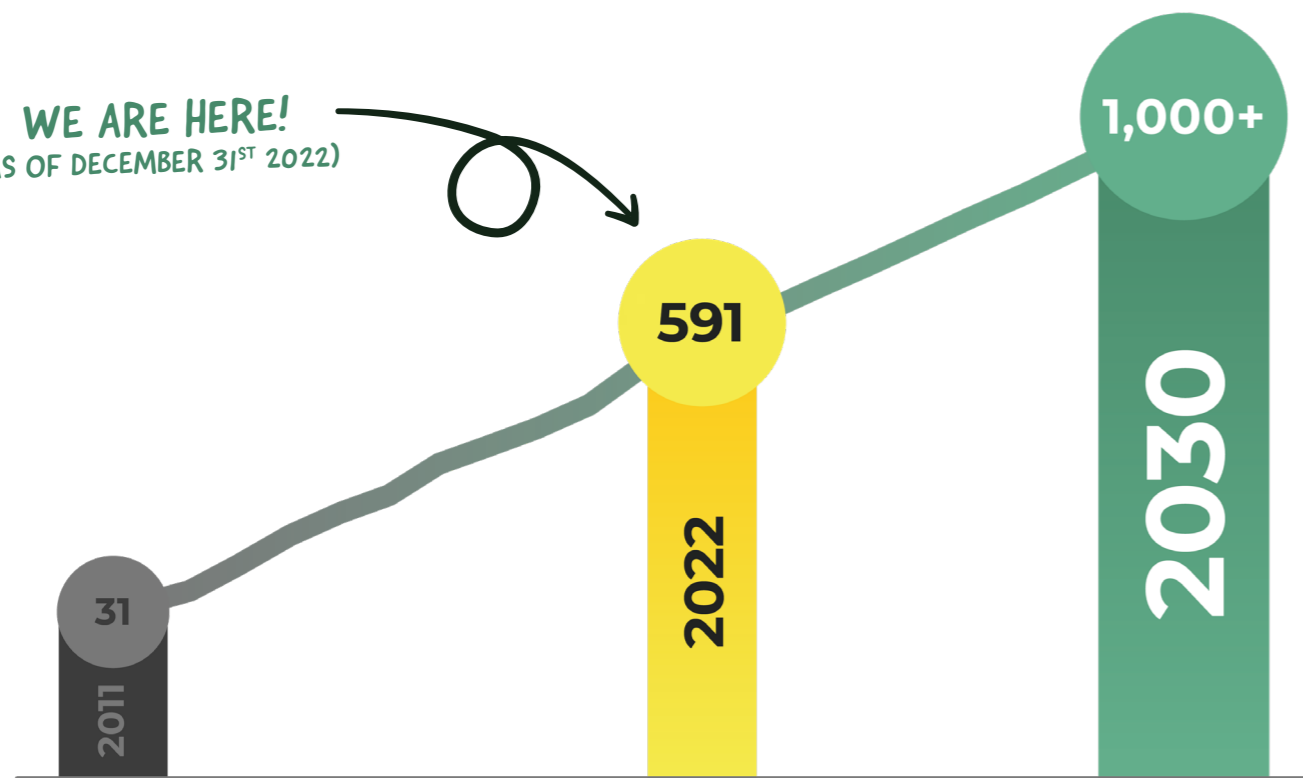
In 2024 we will launch a UK wide campaign encouraging the public to sign the Scotty's Pledge to support our bereaved Forces children.

THRUST #5

A great place to work:

We know that none of this is achievable without building a great team, and the key to doing that is to create a great place to work. During 2024 we will begin creating a transformation plan which will lay out the route to Scotty's becoming the 2030 version of the charity it needs to be.

WE ARE HERE!
(AS OF DECEMBER 31ST 2022)



"To be supporting 1,000+ young people by 2030, we need to start building the 2030 version of Scotty's today. Not only will that see us increasing the number of young people we support by around 70%, we will also need to grow our team to provide that support, the infrastructure around that team to ensure they have the tools and facilities they need, and to grow our income to fund all of that."

- Stuart Robinson
CEO, Scotty's Little Soldiers



A MESSAGE FROM STUART

In 2022, Scotty's saw sustainable growth, developing our team and expanding our programmes to further support bereaved military families. Our success is a testament to our dedicated team and generous supporters, and we're excited for an even more impactful future.

Despite the challenging economic climate, the team remains steadfast in our mission to support bereaved Forces children and young people. In 2022, we achieved a significant milestone by assisting 591 bereaved young individuals through our four Family Programmes, marking an increase of 87 young people from the previous year.

This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of our generous supporters. Your commitment to joining us on our mission is essential to making a lasting positive impact on the lives of these brave young people and their families.

As we aspire to support even more young people, we recognize that growth in all aspects of our charity is essential. Helping

more young people necessitates additional funding, which, in turn, requires an investment in our Supporter team. Moreover, our continuous engagement with bereaved Forces families reveals gaps in available support, prompting us to expand and improve our services.

This growth extends to our infrastructure, such as adopting new technology, facilities, tools, and training. While many charities face declining income, we at Scotty's are determined to forge ahead on all fronts, despite the challenging climate.

Our journey as a charity will lead us through various phases, and the next couple of years will bring significant change. We're evolving from a small organization to a medium-sized one, all while

preserving the values and culture that have always been at the heart of Scotty's.

Our vision for the future includes specific milestones which you can read about in the 'Future' section of this report, and a steadfast commitment to the well-being of bereaved British Forces families.



Stuart Robison
CEO, Scotty's Little Soldiers

“ We will continue to listen, adapt, and grow, driven by our shared values and the belief that every bereaved child deserves the opportunity to smile again. ”



FINANCES

In 2022, Scotty's achieved significant growth, supporting 591 beneficiaries, with a 35% income increase. New team members improved core functions, and a fresh auditor was welcomed. The transition to a modern CIO structure continues, targeting completion by the end of 2023.

The 2022 year has yet again seen Scotty's grow. We continued to work towards our goal of supporting 1,000 bereaved British military children and young people by 2030, increasing from supporting 504 Members and Springboarders in 2021 to 591 during this year.

We also continually reflect on our Mission and expand our services to our Members and Springboarders to achieve this. An example of this in the year, was our newly designed Remembrance Weekend event, which allowed us to take 55 children and young people to London for the poignant weekend. This new format allowed these bereaved military families to attend the Festival of Remembrance, march united in the Remembrance Parade and spend time together at such a difficult time of year.

INVESTING IN SCOTTY'S

In order to ensure we can continue providing the very best support to an increased number of beneficiaries we knew we would need to continue to grow our income to sustain this. We carefully invested in our expenditure relating to raising funds and was delighted to see the rewards of this for our Members and Springboarders as our income increased by 35% from the previous year. As always, we are extremely grateful to each and every one of our supporters who enabled us to achieve this growth and, to not only continue providing support to bereaved military children, but also enhance it.

We also decided that the costs and availability of outsourcing some of our core business functions, such

as Finance and IT, were causing us inefficiencies and so we invested in new team members in the year. These new starters joined and improved many of our systems, giving us the time and data to make better decisions to allow our Charity to keep being its best, to focus on our core programmes and to be sustainable long term.

We finished the year with a surplus of £277,542, however some of these funds are restricted for use over the next couple of years and our available cash reserves actually reduced at year end to 3-months of expenditure, which is at the lower end of our Reserves policy of operating with between 3-6 months.

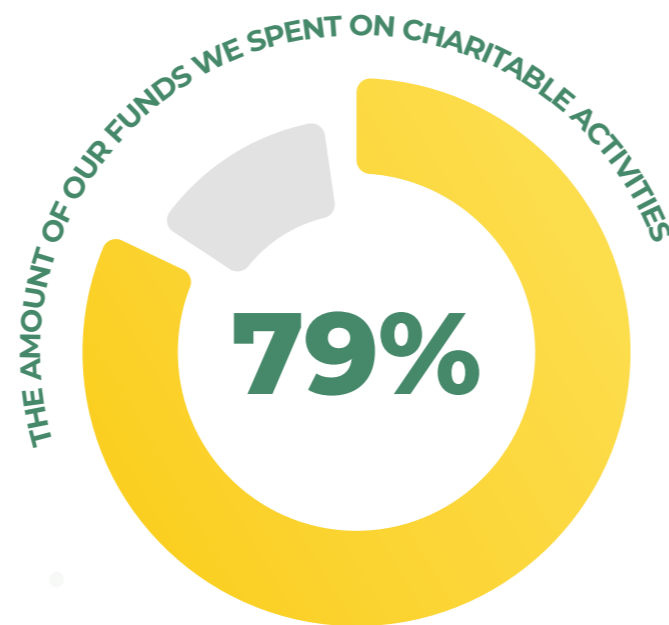
NEW AUDITOR

After a number of years with our previous auditor, and a new in house Financial Controller, we decided to change auditors for the year of 2022 to gain a fresh perspective on our systems and finances.

CIO

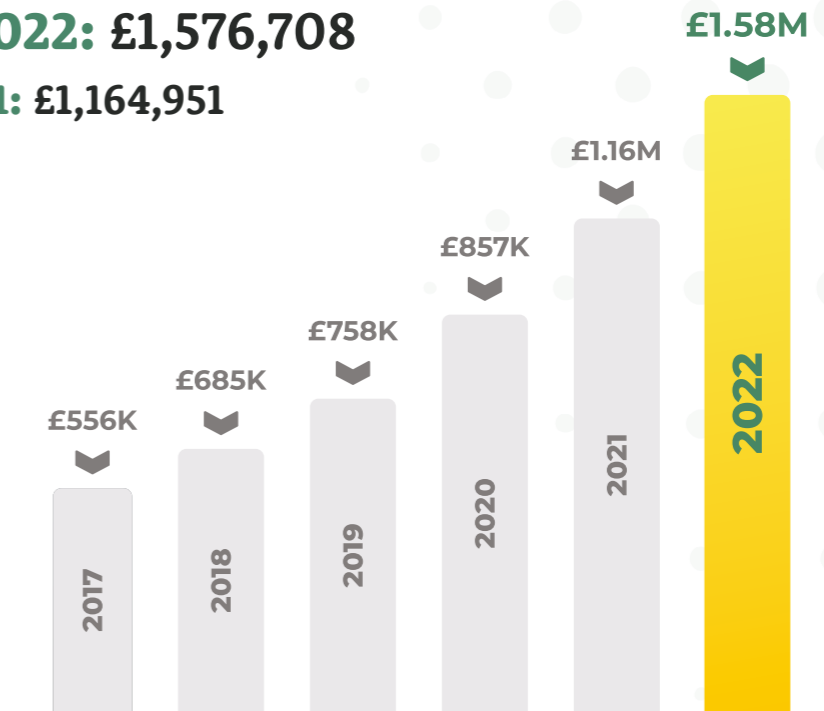
Work continues towards the transition from our current unincorporated trust Charity to the more modern CIO structure. Legislation changes are expected to take place in Autumn 2023 which would allow us to transfer all activities and assets and close the original Charity at the end of 2023, therefore our revised target date for this change is 31 December 2023 to encompass this expected simplification.

As always, we publish this supporter focused Annual Review on our website and our fully audited financial report on the Charity Commission website.



Income 2022: £1,576,708

Income 2021: £1,164,951



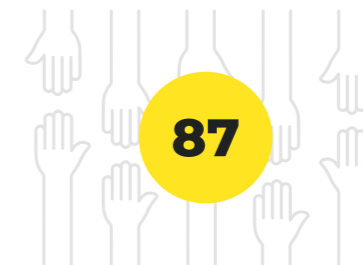
Expenditure 2022: £1,299,166

Expenditure 2021: £1,028,428

During 2022 we invested more in the future growth of the charity which resulted in...



Growing the team by 4 to 22 team members



Supporting an additional 87 children & young people vs 2021



Investing £92k more on raising funds than in 2021



TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustee of the Charity is Scotty's Little Soldiers CIO. The trustees of the CIO are:



EAMONN O'SULLIVAN



ELLEN PLUMER



**JASON WORTHY
(CHAIR)**



JONATHAN JAMES



LUKE PRIESTLEY



SIMON MILLAR



STEVEN WARD

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's mission is to provide relief from the effects of bereavement to children and young people who have experienced the death of a parent who served with the Armed Forces of the Crown.

OUR OVERARCHING PROMISES ARE:

We want every bereaved Service child and young person to have:

- 1 Access to the very best emotional health and well-being support.
- 2 Outstanding development opportunities.
- 3 The chance to smile again.

REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

We deliver on our promises through our four Family Programmes:

Each Programme has its own four guiding principles around which all activities are focused:



SMILES Programme:

- Creating a trusted and supportive community for bereaved Forces children and young people.
- Building support networks and developing friendships.
- Regular engagement throughout the year with fun and exciting opportunities.
- Encouraging bereaved Forces children and young people to smile again.



SUPPORT Programme:

- Resources and information to support bereaved Forces children and young people.
- Guidance for parents and carers to help them support their child from the effects of bereavement.
- Individual bereavement support and referral on to specialised services.
- Bereavement based activities and events to help bereaved Forces children and young people cope with their bereavement and remember their parent.



STRIDES Programme:

- Reducing any barriers and disadvantages faced by bereaved Forces children and young people.
- Promoting a positive attitude to education and learning and providing opportunities to develop life skills.
- Encouraging bereaved Forces children and young people to develop resilience and thrive. Providing opportunities for bereaved Forces children and young people to achieve, succeed and celebrate successes.



SPRINGBOARD Programme:

- To provide young adults with opportunities to develop their education and learning, career, volunteering, and life skills.
- To encourage, promote and celebrate young adult's achievements.
- Reducing any barriers and disadvantages faced due to their bereavement.
- Providing networking opportunities and help to build connections and friendships.

During 2022 the charity helped 591 bereaved children and young people. The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The charity supports beneficiaries through the use of a number of small grants (no greater than £1,000) as part of the STRIDES Programme. There are 5 grant schemes available, all designed to help disadvantaged young people with educational and personal development aims; The Scotty Allowance, New School Grant, Scotty's Driving Grant, Scotty's Higher Education Grant and The Super Grant. Applications are submitted year-round via the charity's online portal and the specific criteria for each grant is explained on the charity's website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees are pleased to report that financially the organisation is in good health and continues on its planned growth trajectory, increasing income versus 2021 by 35% to £1,576,708 (from £1,164,951 in 2021).

Our 2030 goal of supporting over 1,000 bereaved Forces children & young people annually will require the charity to grow its income year on year, every year, between now and then. There is therefore a requirement not only to raise enough funds to provide our planned services for the year, but also to invest in the charity's growth to build the infrastructure required to deliver on our future goals.

In line with our growth plans our expenditure also increase during 2022, up by 26% from £1,028,428 to £1,299,166. This increase was split across both our delivery services, assisting more young people, and also to invest in the charity's growth.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustee Board have agreed a Reserves policy in line with the organisation objectives that all reserves shall be applied solely towards promotion of the object of the charity. In the event of dissolution of the charity the reserves would be first used for severance payments and winding up costs. The constitution states that any surplus must be either used directly for the objects of the

charity, be transferred to another charity with like for like objects or in any other manner approved by the Charity Commission. The Trustees have a policy to maintain between 3-6 months of charitable expenditure. This level has been chosen to help combat any short-term financial risks including declines in income and rising costs due to inflation. The present level of cash reserves held is £325,054 (2021 £471,475) which represents 3 months' charitable expenditure. This is at the lower end of the Trustees' range and is due to an investment in people in order to help our Charity to meet the support needs of our Members and Springboarders. The charity's total reserves, which includes assets such as our 7 holiday homes, is £1,399,069 (2021 £1,121,527). This increased predominately due to the kind donation of a seventh holiday home by Forces Support Charity. £935,099 (2021 £919,991) of the reserves held are categorised as unrestricted funds, £463,970 (2021 £201,536) are categorised as restricted funds.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF INCOME AND HOW EXPENDITURE MEETS OBJECTIVES

Our 5-year strategy is to develop 4-5 sustainable income streams, providing the charity with stable but diversified income. In 2022, 53% of our income came from grant funding, with the balance split between individual fundraising and donations, and income from business fundraising. One of our 5 goals for 2023 is to further develop our corporate partnerships income stream.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees have a risk management review which comprises; a continuing review of the risks the charity may face; the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those identified risks and the implementation of procedures

designed to minimise the potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

More detail on our plans for the future can be read earlier in the charity's Supporter Annual Review. Future plans are centred around a 5-year strategic plan which will see the charity moving closer to its longer term goal of supporting 1,000+ bereaved children and young people annually by 2030.

In the more immediate term, plans for 2023 include:

- Introduction of a 3-year project to create a military bereavement offer for education providers.
- Increasing the availability of our services to 650 bereaved children and young people.
- Development of a dedicated Corporate Partnerships income stream.
- Planning the charity's longer-term infrastructure, including future leadership structure, succession planning, and goal setting framework.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Constitution dated 17 April 2010. It was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th July 2010.

Trustees

The charity has a single trustee: Scotty's Little Soldiers CIO (1170528). The CIO was created to act as a long-term parent charity and has a board of Trustees. Once several pre-existing leases taken out in the original charity's name expire, this charity will be dissolved leaving the CIO to continue long-term. Full operations will switch from the Trust to the CIO at the close of 2023 when the Trust will be dissolved. The Trustees of Scotty's Little Soldiers CIO meet quarterly with the Chief Executive, Stuart Robinson and the Charity's Founder, Nikki Scott, to whom day to day operations are delegated.

Appointment of new Trustees

The CIO has a formal Trustee Recruitment policy and process. New Trustees positions can be advertised by the CIO or nominations from the management team and the existing Trustees can be put forward. Those nominated and appointed are elected at the first AGM following appointment. The CIO plans to add further Trustees over the next 3 years to fill gaps in the board's current skill set, to replace Trustees fulfilling their full term of service, and to provide more diversity across the group. This process started during 2021 when 3 new Trustees were added to the board.

Organisation

The Charity is administered by a committee containing no less than 3 Trustees of the CIO. This committee meets 4 times per year. To facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including finance and employment. The CEO

reports frequently to the Trustees, usually on a monthly basis via written reports and conference calls.

Related Parties

Mrs Nichola Scott-Howlin, and Mr Stuart Robinson are listed as Officers of the Limited Trading Company Scotty's Little Soldiers Trading Ltd. This company was created to sell merchandise on behalf of the Charity, the profits from which are all donated to the Charity. No dividends or salaries are taken from the Limited Company. The CIO was confirmed by Companies House as the relevant legal entity with significant control of Scotty's Little Soldiers Trading Ltd on 11/01/2019. No Trustees were reimbursed for their personal expenses during 2022.

Auditor

Following multiple years working closely with Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP, the Trustees decided it would be prudent to recruit a new auditor to provide a fresh look at the charity's accounting. TC Group was appointed by the board to conduct an audit of the charity's 2022 accounts.

Disclosure of Information to Auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Trustee report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed 
Scotty's Little Soldiers CIO
Jason Worthy - Chair

Date 23/10/2023

GET INVOLVED

Scotty's is the legacy of Cpl. Lee Scott who was killed whilst on tour in Afghanistan in 2009. He left behind his wife Nikki and two children Kai and Brooke, aged 5 years and 7 months at the time of his death. Nikki saw the devastating impact on them and so, in 2010, she set up Scotty's Little Soldiers to support bereaved military children and young people.

Everyone that supports Scotty's is contributing to Lee's legacy. Lee was always up for a good time so we aim to make sure supporting Scotty's brings a smile to your face, just like Lee did for everyone he met.

There are multiple ways you can support Scotty's whether that is as an individual, a workplace or as part of a group. From taking on a fundraising challenge, holding

a workplace event or making a commitment to donate. Whatever the action we can guarantee that your contribution will have a positive impact on the future lives of bereaved British Forces children and young people.



YOUR SUPPORTER JOURNEY STARTS HERE

TAKE THE SCOTTY'S PLEDGE

Hundreds of bereaved military children aren't getting the support they need. Will you pledge your support for the children of our heroes? We are currently providing bereavement support for 600+ military children and young people, but we are on a mission to be supporting 1,000 bereaved British Forces children annually by 2030. There's one thing you can do to make a difference right now – and it's completely free! Visit our website and join thousands who have already registered their support for our mission.

www.scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk

START YOUR FUNDRAISING JOURNEY TODAY

Whether you are a business thinking about getting involved or an individual looking to set yourself a personal challenge, we have something for you. Start your journey over on our website today and get in touch with the team if you need any support at fundraise@scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk. Thank you.

CAN YOU SHARE A POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

It's not all about the money, awareness is just as important. Follow us on social media and if you feel you get value from any of our posts why not share them with your friends and network. Just search for 'Scotty's Little Soldiers' on your social media channels or click to follow us.

THANK YOU!

OUR 2022 SUPPORTERS

We would like to say thank you to all who committed to ensuring bereaved British Forces children have access to long term support by making a donation to us in 2022. All donations, no matter what size, make a huge difference, and we'd like to give a special mention to the trusts and companies that supported us with particularly generous contributions during 2022.

ABF The Soldiers Charity

Alan Boswell Group Charitable Trust

Annington Management Limited

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

Awards for All

BFBS

Forces Support

Fortis Vision Ltd

Lloyds Patriotic Fund

Makers of Playing Cards Charity

Next Plc

RAF Benevolent Fund

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity

Tesco Community Grant

The Lest We Forget Association

Veteran's Foundation





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