

# SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS

The charity for bereaved British Forces children & young people



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

# MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Any child or young person (aged 0-25 years) bereaved of a parent who has served in the British Armed Forces can potentially join Scotty's Little Soldiers.

**Our Scotty Members are aged 0-17 years and our Springboarders are aged 18-25 years.**

Scotty's can support any child or young person, regardless of the cause of death, as long as they meet our Membership Criteria.

## **For children whose parent was serving at time of death:**

Scotty's can support any child of a deceased parent who was serving in the Armed Forces, including any unborn children at the time of death.

## **For children whose parent was a Veteran (parent not serving at time of death):**

Whilst we are committed to supporting the children of veterans, we are mindful that the services we offer at Scotty's Little Soldiers may not be suitable for every bereaved child or young person.

Our ethos is very much based around beneficiaries embracing their military connections and being part of a community that recognises the significant highs and lows of family life in the military. We therefore recommend that our services are suited to the following:

- Any child or young person of a deceased parent who served with the Armed Forces during the child's lifetime.
- Any child or young person of a deceased parent who served with the Armed Forces whose death was attributed to their service.
- Any child or young person of a deceased parent who served with the Armed Forces and the child is significantly impacted by the loss of the military community connections.

Our service offer emphasises a parent's role in the Armed Forces and the military community, so if your child has not been significantly impacted by the loss of military life or community connections, our service programmes would be confusing and have the potential to be negative to a child's wellbeing.

Once we receive your child's Membership form, we may contact you to discuss the impact of their parent's death (time and cause) and military connection to review if our service is the most beneficial for your child. If we are unable to support their bereavement needs, we will signpost you to more suitable organisations.

## **IMPORTANT!**

- Please complete one form per child.
- The form must be signed by the child's legal parent or carer.
- Please complete this form as best as you can. If you have any questions, please just get in touch. Our contact details are on page 3.
- Please only complete this form if your child is aged 17 or younger. If your child is aged 18-24 please ask them to complete the Springboard Membership Form by clicking [here](#).



# NIKKI SCOTT

## FOUNDER

Hi, my name is Nikki and I am the founder of Scotty's Little Soldiers. My husband CPL Lee Scott was killed in Afghanistan in 2009 and as I painfully witnessed the affect Lee's death had on our two young children, I realised pretty quickly that there was very little support in place for bereaved British Forces children. I wanted to make sure every child who had experienced the death of a parent who had served our country had access to the very best support, so Scotty's Little Soldiers was born.

Over the years the charity has become a hub for bereaved forces families providing a real sense of community. It is a great way of meeting other families who have also experienced the death of a loved one and for the children and young people to know they are not alone. The great thing about the charity is you can be as involved as much or as little as you like, there is never any pressure from Scotty's. We are simply here to provide you and your child/ren with support when you need it, however big or small.

The charity is available to children and young adults up to the age of 25 years through its 4 programmes, Smiles, Support, Strides and Springboard. You can read more about these programmes and the ways Scotty's can support your family on the next couple of pages.

Our aim is to help as many bereaved British Forces children and young people as we can but as a registered charity, we are governed by strict criteria agreed with the Charity Commission. Legally, we must operate within this criteria, which means we do have to ask lots of questions. We appreciate that some of the questions may be sensitive, but it is so important that we have as much information as possible.

If you have any questions please just get in touch with the team.

Sending lots of strength,

### CONTACT DETAILS

We are a friendly bunch so please get in touch if you have any questions or need any help with the form.

**Phone:** Scotty's HQ (freephone) 0800 092 8571  
(Press option 1 to speak to the Families Team)

**Email:** [families@scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk](mailto:families@scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk)

**Text:** 07741162132

# OUR MISSION

#HelpTheirChildrenSmile

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

## OUR PROMISES

WE WANT EVERY BEREAVED FORCES CHILD TO HAVE:

01. Access to the very best emotional health and well-being support
02. Outstanding development opportunities
03. The chance to smile again

## OUR CORE VALUES



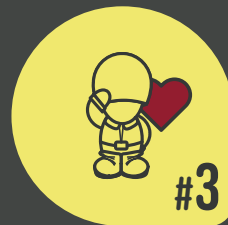
### FAMILIES COME FIRST

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 EVERYDAY

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.

## FAMILY PROGRAMMES



SMILES



SUPPORT



STRIDES



SPRINGBOARD



# SMILES

## FUN & ENGAGEMENT

- Access to Scotty's private interactive website, The Families Zone.
- Gifts and Vouchers at difficult times of the year.
- Respite Breaks.
- Group events, such as our Christmas Party.



GROUP EVENTS



RESPIRE BREAKS



GIFTS AND VOUCHERS



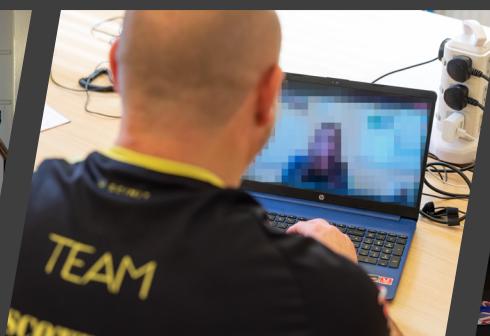
# SUPPORT

## EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Virtual 1:1 bereavement Support for Members and Springboarders.
- Bereavement resources and guidance for Members and Springboarders.
- Group events, such as the National Remembrance Parade.
- Themed workshops for parents and carers.
- Signposting and guidance for parents & carers.
- Geographical Peer Support Network for parents and carers.



GROUP EVENTS



VIRTUAL 1:1 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



BEREAVEMENT RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE



# STRIDES

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Scotty's Grants.
- School Year Groups.
- School Transition Support.



SCOTTY'S GRANTS



SCHOOL YEAR GROUPS



SCHOOL TRANSITION SUPPORT



# SPRINGBOARD

18-25 YEAR OLDS

- Information and Guidance.
- Gifts at difficult times of the year.
- Group Events.
- Peer to Peer Support.
- Springboard Podcast Series.



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE



SPRINGBOARD PODCAST SERIES



PEER TO PEER SUPPORT



# SCOTTY MEMBER'S DETAILS

Child's First Name:	Child's Last Name:
Gender:    Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
If other, please state:	
Date of Birth:	Age:
What age was your child when their parent died?	
What school year is your child currently in?	
Please tick this box if your child was the step child of the deceased. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does your child have any special educational needs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please use the space below to tell us more about their needs. This will really help us when we are selecting gifts for your child or if they attend any of our events.	
Does your child have an EHCP?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does your child receive Disability Living Allowance or PIP?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does your child have any medical conditions or additional needs not covered above which you feel we should know about?	
Does your child have any dietary requirements?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please use this space to explain what these requirements are as this helps the team when sending gifts or if your child attends an event in the future.	

# HERO'S DETAILS

We are sorry to have to ask such personal questions in this section. We know how painful it can be, but it is important that we have as much of this information as possible. If you do not know all the answers to some of the questions, please just let us know as we may be able to gain the information from the Military Disclosures Teams. Please note that this may slow the application process down.

Rank:	
First Name:	Last Name:
Service Number:	
Service: Army <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Marines <input type="checkbox"/> RAF <input type="checkbox"/> Army Reservist <input type="checkbox"/> RAF Reservist <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Navy Reservist <input type="checkbox"/>	
Regiment, Station, Unit, Ship:	
Date of Birth:	Date of Death:
Status at time of death: Serving <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/>	
Year joined British Forces:	Year left British Forces (if Veteran):
Occupation at time of death (if Veteran):	
Cause of Death: Killed in Action <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Related <input type="checkbox"/> Murdered/Manslaughter <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Missing and declared dead <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify:	
Place of Death:	
Please use the space below to give us brief details of how the parent died. Please add any other information about them that you would like to share with us.	
Do they have any children from any other relationship who may/do benefit from Scotty's? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please give details:	



# PARENT/CARER DETAILS

First Name:	Last Name:
Current Home Address:	
County:	Postcode:
Mobile Number:	Email:
Your Relationship to the new Scotty Member: Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify:	
Relationship to the deceased: Wife/Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Partner/Living together <input type="checkbox"/> Partner not living together <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify:	
How did you hear about Scotty's? Another Scotty Family <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/Family <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Officer/Wellfare Team <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Contacted by Scotty's <input type="checkbox"/> Another Charity/Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If another charity/organisation or other was ticked, please specify:	



# PERMISSIONS

## DATA PROTECTION (GDPR)

Scotty's Little Soldiers make every effort to store your data/images/photos/video footage securely and takes data protection very seriously. Our main storage solutions are provided by Microsoft and Salesforce, two of the leading data organisations globally. We are also a digitally led organisation and do not keep any paper copies of information long-term.

All data is kept in accordance with UK, EU and International law. If you would like to read our data protection policy, please just ask.

## SAFEGUARDING

Scotty's Little Soldiers are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people and young adults. Our Families Come First. We have a Safeguarding Policy and procedure in place to achieve this. If you would like to read our Safeguarding Policy, please just ask.

## DECLARATION:

Scotty's Little Soldiers is a registered charity reliant entirely on charitable donations to continue to support the children of our fallen servicemen and women. Given that we use charitable donations to support the children it is essential we have written confirmation that any new member is eligible for membership.

Please sign here to confirm all the information on this form is true and correct and your child is eligible for membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOP TIP!

The quickest and easiest way of sending this form and the copies of your documents to us is by taking photos and sending them to our mobile 07741 162132 or to our email account [families@scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk](mailto:families@scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk).

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

Once we have received the membership form and completed the relevant checks, your details will be added to our secure computer system. Scotty's invested in one of the most sophisticated and safest platforms in the world, even the Whitehouse use the same system so your information is kept nice and safe. You will then receive two welcome emails, one of which will give you the log in details to our private website, The Families Zone!

# CHECK LIST

Below is a check list of what documents we need to see. If you cannot access the right documents or have any questions, please get in touch as we understand every situation is different.

## PROOF OF ID FOR YOURSELF (PARENT OR CARER)

Please send *ONE* of the following documents making sure it shows your name, current address and it's dated within the last 6 months.

### I have enclosed:

A utility bill

A letter from a War Widows Association

A letter from the Mod or Service Personnel & Veterans Agency (SPVA)

A valid Driving Licence

A bank statement

*(Please remember this is for identification purposes only so please cover any sensitive content.)*

## CHILD'S PROOF OF RELATION TO THE DECEASED

I have enclosed a copy of my child's full birth certificate which shows the deceased parent's name

I cannot access the birth certificate at the moment

*Please note, if this box is ticked, Scotty's will be in touch for some more information once we receive the form.*

The deceased's name is not on the birth certificate

*Please note, if this box is ticked, Scotty's will be in touch for some more information once we receive the form.*

## PROOF OF SERVICE

### I have enclosed a copy of:

Their Certificate Of Service

A letter from the MOD which confirms the deceased's service

A letter from Service Personnel & Veterans Agency (SPVA)

Their Service Record

Their Medical Discharge document

Another document that confirms service

*Please note, if this box is ticked, Scotty's may be in touch for some more information.*

I do not have any documents to confirm proof of service

*Do not worry if you have ticked this box. Scotty's can send you a 'Verification Of Service' form to sign and seek this information in a different way but please bear in mind this may slow the application down a little.*

## PROOF OF DEATH

### I have enclosed a copy of:

Death Certificate

Coroners Certificate

Another document/letter that confirms death

*Please note, if this box is ticked, Scotty's may be in touch for some more information.*

