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THE SAPPER CHARITY

THE UBIQUE SAPPERS

Because life gets in the way many thousands of Sappers are unable to maintain, regain or reinstate their Sapper connection through the REAs local branch network. So, we've created the UbiQue Sappers. The UbiQue Sappers provides the option to stay connected with the Corps, the Sapper Charity and the Sapper Family with less commitment. By becoming an UbiQue Sapper you have:

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Flexible Involvement

Perfect for those with busy schedules or who live far from branch locations. Stay informed and connected on your own terms, with no obligations.

Know how to get help

With the new membership card you'll know how and who to contact if you, or someone you know in the Sapper Family needs help.

Sappercom & Newsletter

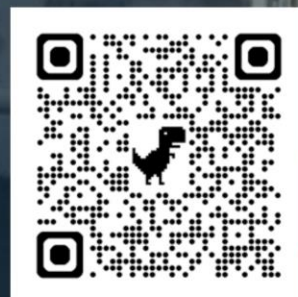
Gain access to SapperCom and stay up to date on Sapper Charity events and news such as Sapper Games involvement, vehicle restoration, reunions and more. You'll also receive the monthly newsletter.

No Fees, No Meetings, No commitment

There's no need to pay monthly subs or attend branch meetings. You meet up with your Sapper mates when and where you want to.....which you probably do already but as an UbiQue Sapper you'll stay informed on your terms with the newsletter and SapperCom.

**So if you're serving or have served in the Corps,
become a UbiQue Sapper with zero obligations!**

**Follow the QR Code
or click the link**



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NEWSLETTER #12 DEC 2024

"Lifelong support to the Sapper family"

Dear Sapper,

Well it's been 12 month's since the Sapper Charity newsletter started and more by accident than design the newsletter acts as an imperfect record the previous 12 months activity. So, to close the year a few words on what has been a roller coaster 366 days. 80th commemorations for D-Day, Monte Cassino and much more saw RE members travel to preserve and remember the Corps forebearers. A shift in venue of the Corps Memorial Weekend saw the great and the good of the Corps and association converge on Chatham. To everyone involved who travelled, took part helped out – thank you. Particular mentions to Jim Speckman Team Ijzendijke (Fred, Anton et al) for the 80th Ijzendijke commemorations. George Cowie for the Amazon Bridge commemorations, Rick Tootle as Captain of Standards. Steve Craddock who raised £8,000 (and counting) for the Sapper Charity and Steve Cleator for going the extra mile in preserving Corps History in Normandy. Thank you all and here's looking forward to 2025! **Ed**

How to get help - Video



This year the Sapper Chairty has assisted 350+ members of the Sapper Family. With an estimated 96,000 Sapper Veteran's we think that there are many more Sapper Family members who might need support. So to reach those Sapper Family members in need we created a video that explains the process. Please click [here](#) and share.

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NOVEMBER 2024
BENEVOLENCE GRANTED:
£36,051.33
THE REA ASSISTED WITH:

White Goods Brown Goods House Adaptation

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THE SAPPER CHARITY easyfundraising

Support a Sapper this Christmas!

Shop with your favourite retailers and you'll raise donations for us!
Follow the link provided to sign up!

Support a Sapper when you do your Christmas shopping online at no extra cost to you! Every sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk until 4th December the REA will get an extra £1

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Korean War Veteran Bill Steel complete with his GR VI Corps Cap badge, Bradford upon Avon.

The Fenland Sappers on Parade in March, Cambs with members of 42 Engr Regt (Geo).



RE Apprentices forming up on Horse Guards Parade before the marching past the Cenotaph on Whitehall



Anna-Linda, Mike and Clive after creating the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey



Plymouth branch rehydrating after putting in some serious yards on the parade.



Wakefield members just before the parade in the town centre.

To take part in local Remembrance parades contact your [local branch](#) or use [SapperCom](#) to corral sappers in your area.

REA Events & News

EVENTS 2025

18th January 2025
East Anglia Sappers Gathering
Carver Barracks
[Book here](#)

26th January 2025
John Chard VC Lunch
Taunton
[Find out more - SapperCom](#)

8-9th February 2025
Birmingham Military Tattoo
[Find out more - SapperCom](#)

28th - 30th March 2025
Vehicle Painting
[Find out more - SapperCom](#)

4th - 6th Apr 2025
RE Postal & Courier Service Reunion
York Fairfield Manor Hotel
[Find out more on SapperCom](#)

3rd May 2025
Army v Navy
[Find out more - SapperCom](#)

10th May 2025
FA Cup 150th Celebrations
Details tbc

11th May 2025
Sapper Sunday
Royal Hospital Chelsea - Details after management
Committee Meeting

18th May 2025
Army v RAF
[Find out more - SapperCom](#)

6th – 9th June 2025
Gibraltar Weekend
[Find out more - here](#)

28th June 2025
Armed Forces Weekend

19th - 21st September 2025
Dove Cup, AGM, Annual Dinner, Freedom
Parade
Details tbc

Remembering Sappers Westminster Abbey Field of Remembrance



Every year around a small patch of grass outside of Westminster Abbey is loaned to the Corps to remember those who've passed on operations. Many other Regimental Associations take part in the same commemoration resulting in the Field of Remembrance. For 2025's Field of Remembrance the Sapper Charity invites you as members of the Sapper Family to remember your mates and comrades who passed whilst in the service of the Corps at the Field of Remembrance. The Sapper Charity will then inscribe a cross with the details and place it in the Field of Remembrance. To have a sapper remembered please submit details - [here](#).

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

A regular question which has been asked is "what is the point in the membership card?" and to be honest we couldn't really answer. So, we've listened and redesigned the card, giving it a purpose. The new card contains all the details for Sapper Family members to access help and to contact the Sapper Charity. This way support can be enacted quicker.

SAPPERS NETWORK

Are you or is someone you know looking for a change of career or a new role? If yes, have a look at Sappers Network – loads of career opportunities at the click of a button – [Sappers Network](#).

Offers and News

SAPPER



Keep up to date with the latest news and events – sign up to:

www.sappercom.com



How to become a Chelsea Pensioner
click - [here](#).

FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE



The Sapper Charity has teamed up with Farewill to offer REA members a free will writing service with the option to leave a legacy to the Sapper Charity. Farewill already partner with Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and many other charities. To find out more click [here](#).

The Sapper Shop™



Supporting The Sapper Family

Visit - www.sappershop.com

Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Clubs



If for whatever reason you're unable to make a [branch meeting](#) or Sapper get together have a look to find your nearest Breakfast Club. Put simply; you turn up, have breakfast, chat to likeminded veterans or servicemen and women and go home. You are very likely to bump into a Sapper or two. To find your closest Breakfast Club go to - [AFVBC](#).

REA MEMBERS OFFER



TRINITY

Trinity travel insurance offers for REA members.

To find out more go to: [TRINITY](#)

Useful Links and PoC

REA Email address - info@reahq.org.uk
REA Website - <https://www.reahq.org.uk/>
Sapper Mag' articles - info@reahq.org.uk
Sappers Network - [Sappers Network](#)
RE Museum Website - <https://www.re-museum.co.uk/>
Veterans Railcard - <https://www.veterans-railcard.co.uk/>
Royal Engineers Historical Society - [REHS](#)



BRANCHES

Click on the links to find out more....

[HQ and Overseas](#)

Ubique Sappers (Formerly HQ)
Bulawayo
Cyprus
Gibraltar
Jersey
Middle East (Gulf)
Willich

[London Group](#)

Central London
Peckham
Sappers in the City (Social)
West London

[South East Group](#)

Blue Light (Nat Branch)
Football (Nat Branch)
Gravesend & District
Junior Leaders (Nat Branch)
Medway
Plant Branch (Nat Branch)
Radio (Nat Branch)
Sapper Rugby
Swimming and Waterpolo (Nat)
Thanet & District

[Southern Group](#)

Brighton
Eastbourne
Invicta Sappers (Social)
Maidstone
Tunbridge Wells

[Central Southern Group](#)

Communications (Nat Branch)
Diving (Nat Branch)
Isle Of Wight
Minley
Reading & West Berks
Solent & District

[South West Central Group](#)

Armoured Engrs (Nat Branch)
Bath
Bridgwater & District
Bristol
Swindon
Taunton
White Horse Sappers (Social)

[South West Southern Group](#)

Andover & Winchester
Bournemouth & District
Postal & Courier (Nat Branch)
Weymouth

[South-West Group](#)

Commando Engrs (Nat Branch)
Newton Abbot
Plymouth
Truro-Cornwall

[South Wales Group](#)

Cardiff
Chepstow
Malvern & District
Monmouth
Newport and Cwmbran
Pembrokeshire & District
Swansea

[South Midlands Group](#)

Birmingham
Cannock
Gloucester & District
Leicester
Lichfield & Tamworth
Stratford upon Avon & District
Stafford
Walsall
Wolverhampton

[East Anglian Group](#)

Bedford
Bomb Disposal (Nat Branch)
Cambridge
Colchester
Cycling (Nat Branch)
Fenland Sappers
Luton
Lowestoft & District
Peterborough

[National Group](#)

Mil Survey (Geo) (Nat Branch)
Airborne Engrs (Nat Branch)
Riggies (Nat Branch)
Boxing (Nat Branch)

[North East Group](#)

Bridlington
Hartlepool
Hull & District
Newcastle & District
Scarborough
Whitby & District
West Cumberland

[Eastern Group](#)

Amphibious Engrs (Nat Branch)
Bradford
Leeds
Ripon & District
Wakefield

[North West Group](#)

Birkenhead
Blackpool
Chester
Crewe
Manchester
Potteries
Lancashire (formally Preston)
St Helens
Warrington

[North Midlands Group](#)

Chesterfield
Derby & District
Doncaster Sappers Social Club
Doncaster Sappers-South Yorkshire
Nottingham
Sheffield

[NI & Scotland Group](#)

Aberdeen
Dundee
Edinburgh
Fife
Forth Valley
Glasgow & West Of Scotland
Highlands & Islands
Lanarkshire
Riders (Nat Branch)
Northern Ireland
Paisley