



## THE SAPPER CHARITY

#13 - January 2025

Welcome to the January edition of the REA newsletter.

After a busy 2024, thoughts turn to the new year and the exciting things ahead.

Have you made a New Year's resolution? It could be as easy as signing up to our easyfundraising scheme, taking part in one of the Challenge events or volunteering your time for the Sapper Charity. More on this later.

Keep an eye on the REA website news and events for notification of upcoming events – you know it makes sense!



**Happy New Year  
to all our readers!**

### Challenge Events Support our Sappers in 2025!



In 2023, the Royal Engineers Association (REA) – the Sapper Charity proudly distributed £360,000 to members of the Sapper family in need. With your help, we can achieve even more in 2025!

Your fundraising efforts are vital to the work we do—every pound raised directly supports the sapper family, ensuring essential benevolence and support and for royal engineers past and present.

Sign up to fundraise, and we'll be with you every step of the way! Whether you need help with resources, guidance, or advertising your event, our team is here to support you.

<https://www.reahq.org.uk/fundraising/challenge-events/>

When you fundraise for the Sapper Charity, 100% of funds raised go directly toward benevolence. Together, we can make a difference for those who need it most. Make 2025 your year of adventure!

Whether you're dreaming of tackling a triathlon, trekking the Jurassic coast, or taking the leap with a sky dive, there's a challenge for everyone. Feeling ambitious? Plan something unique like an Everest base camp trek or a cycling tour through Vietnam.

Your adventure will not only create lasting memories but also help raise vital funds for the sapper family. Need help along the way?

We're here for you! Contact us for advice, resources, or assistance at any stage of your fundraising journey.

Contact [fundraising@reahq.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@reahq.org.uk)

#### Keep up to date with the latest events

Sapper.com is the secure online community platform for REA members. Details of events, forums and news updates are all available on the platform. Sign up by going to: <https://www.sappercom.com>



#### REA Branches - Important dates

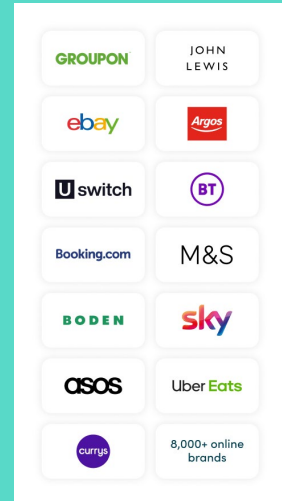
- Annual Financial Summaries due for submission online **here** by 31/01/25
- Branch Annual Reports and Branch Information Reports due now! Submit online

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for the Sapper Charity with easyfundraising?

There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to easyfundraising and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to the Sapper Charity at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and the Royal Engineers Association – the Sapper Charity will be really grateful for your donations.



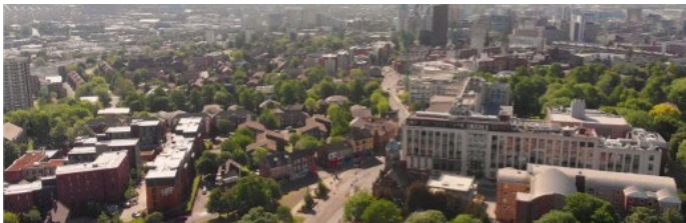
*Thank you!*



## Tom Harrison House

The REA has partnered with Tom Harrison House to ensure that any Sapper who accesses the services provided is supported. Info - **Tom Harrison House**

### Leeds Branch Annual Dinner 2025



More information on **SapperCom**

### Get Noticed

If you want your unit news to feature in this newsletter, send us the link to your social media **info@reahq.org.uk** and we'll share it. It's that easy.

Get pictures and your event published! HQ REA can advertise it. Send to **info@reahq.org.uk** (excludes branch meetings)



Want to donate to the Sapper Charity? Use our Enthuse page **here** or the donate button on our **website**.

*Thank you!*

### Upcoming Events

26th January 2025  
**John Chard VC Lunch**  
Taunton

8-9th February 2025  
**Birmingham Military Tattoo**

28th - 30th March 2025  
**Vehicle Painting**

4th - 6th Apr 2025  
**RE Postal & Courier Service Reunion**  
York Fairfield Manor Hotel

3rd May 2025  
**Army v Navy**

10th May 2025  
**FA Cup 150th Celebrations**  
Details tbc

11th May 2025  
**Sapper Sunday**  
Royal Hospital Chelsea

18th May 2025  
**Army v RAF**

6th – 9th June 2025  
**Gibraltar Weekend**

28th June 2025  
**Armed Forces Weekend**

19th - 21st September 2025  
**Dove Cup, AGM, Annual Dinner, Freedom Parade**  
Book here

Keep up to date with all events on **SapperCom**

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