



**GREENWICH
HOSPITAL**

SUPPORTING THE ROYAL NAVY SINCE 1694

IMPACT
REPORT
2022

The difference we made



Total charitable spend



£5.31m

TOTAL SEPT 2021 – AUG 2022

Front cover: Kirsty Taylor, serving in the Royal Navy Medical Branch, received a three-year bursary from Greenwich Hospital for her part-time Open University degree in Psychology and Mental Health.

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Who we are

Greenwich Hospital has been providing support to serving and former serving Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel, and their families, for more than 325 years.

A 325 year-old purpose

Greenwich Hospital was founded by the Crown in 1694 to support wounded, injured and elderly Royal Navy sailors and their families. We continue this work today, as a unique Crown body and the oldest provider of Royal Navy charity. The context has changed – what is now known as the Old Royal Naval College ceased to house pensioners many decades ago – but the need for support in different ways remains.

Maintaining our mission

Continuing to steward our original endowment and later gifts, we generate income from our quoted investments and commercial property portfolio. With this income we make grants, award educational bursaries and fund other charitable activity in areas ranging from education and housing to health and well-being, employability and crisis support. We work in partnership with the Royal Navy, charities and others as we seek to meet the current and future needs of our beneficiaries. Their well-being will always be at the heart of everything we do, as we aim to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of those in need of support.

Total number of grants & bursaries given

 231

TOTAL SEPT 2021 – AUG 2022

What we do

Greenwich Hospital aims to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of its beneficiaries. To do this, we provide grants to organisations and ships and units and work with other organisations to give grants to individuals. We also provide sheltered housing for veterans who are over 60 and their partners, and award educational bursaries to serving personnel and to children of serving and former serving personnel.

1 Grants to charities and other organisations



We fund and support charities and other organisations that work to meet the needs of those in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines family. This ranges from our block grants to the RNRMC and RNBT and grants towards capital expenditure to very small grants, enabling projects to get off the ground. Our funding aims to improve health and well-being and to empower people to realise their potential.

2 Grants to ships and units



We provide funding to Royal Navy ships and units for specific welfare, educational and recreational projects. We also provide funding to some Royal Marines units. We aim to enable those serving to access opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable and to encourage serving personnel to develop, personally and professionally, in their role.

3 Individual benevolence grants



We provide welfare and training grants to individuals. Any of our beneficiaries – whether serving, former serving or family members – may at times find themselves in need of help at a critical moment. We join with other charities to support people in this way, to help our beneficiaries out of their immediate crisis and to enable them to move on positively.

4 Sheltered housing



We continue to support veterans who are over 60 through the amenities and community we provide at our sheltered housing schemes. Greenwich Hospital and the Church of England Soldiers' Sailors' & Airmen's Clubs (CESSAC) have worked together since the first scheme was built in 1988 to operate Greenwich Hospital's sheltered housing.

5 Educational bursaries



Through the Royal Navy's Learning and Development Organisation (LDO) we provide educational bursaries to serving personnel. With a number of leading universities we award bursaries to children of serving and former serving personnel. We also provide bursaries to eligible pupils at the Royal Hospital School (RHS).

“The support was key to me finishing my degree.”

Kirsty Taylor

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CPOMA)
ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICES SCHOOL
INSTITUTE OF NAVAL MEDICINE

We funded three years of study for Kirsty to help her complete a degree in Psychology and Mental Health. Read her story on page 18.



Why we are needed



Serving in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines isn't just a job – it is a way of life. And while it is hugely rewarding, there are very real challenges associated with not only prolonged periods away from home but also the nature of the work itself.

Who we support

Greenwich Hospital exists to fund charitable work to make sure that support and opportunities are available to help address these challenges. This support is not only for those who are currently serving and who have served in the past, but also for their families.

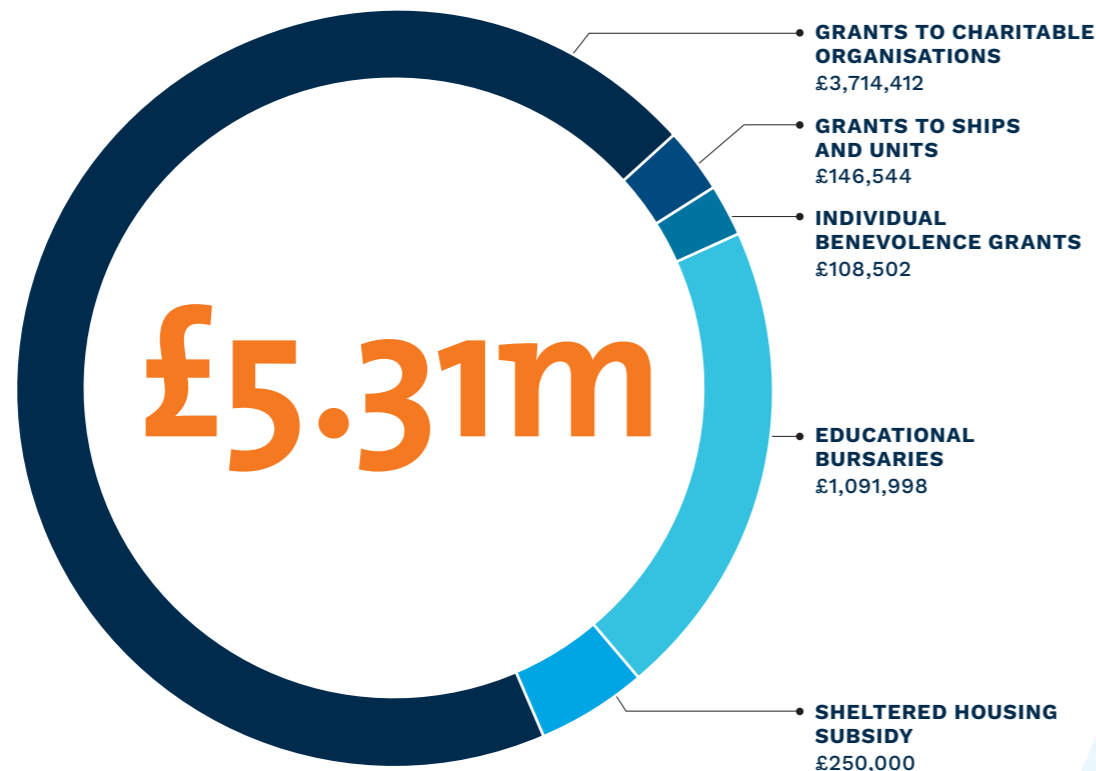
Recognising future needs

There is always need for our support, but the current pressures from the cost of living crisis and the uncertainty created by domestic and world events mean that the need for support for our former serving personnel and their families will be both acute and also long-term.

The current context for serving personnel and their families is shaped by the strategic imperatives of maintenance of the nuclear deterrent, ongoing involvement in NATO, and high numbers of forward deployed ships. This will continue to place increased demands on those serving and their families, as will the continuing agenda for modernising and transforming the Royal Navy.



Our grants 2021–22



MAJOR GRANTS TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC)	£1,375,000
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNBT) Jellicoe Regular Charitable Payments to former and serving personnel	£975,786
Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) Greenwich House, an assisted living scheme	£666,000
Special Boat Services Association (SBSA) Proactive and preventative welfare strategy	£250,000
The Royal British Legion Admiral nurses	£150,000
Greenwich Citizens Advice Bureaux Ltd Seafarers' Advice and Information Line (SAIL)	£131,727

NUMBER OF GRANTS

Charitable organisations	24
Ships and units	33
Individuals	81
Educational	93
Universities	25
LDO	21
RHS	47

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“There’s such a sense of community here.”

Kelvin Woodburne

VETERAN RESIDENT
TRAFALGAR QUARTERS
GREENWICH

We provide secure and subsidised sheltered housing for former seafarers over the age of 60, and for their spouses, partners, widows and widowers. Read more about Kelvin’s story on page 19.

Our legacy

Our aim has remained unchanged since 1694: to support the Royal Navy by making a real and lasting difference to the lives of our beneficiaries.

1694

William III and Mary II sign letters patent establishing a Crown body for the benefit of naval seamen and their families. Queen Mary gives former Royal Palace site at Greenwich and a £2,000 endowment. Greenwich Hospital is founded

1696

Work begins on building the Hospital at Greenwich

1752

There are 1,400 pensions resident at the Hospital

1751

Building work is completed at the Hospital

1735

George II gives the Derwentwater Estate to Greenwich Hospital

1712

Pensioner sons are admitted to the Rev. Thomas Weston's Academy – the beginnings of the Royal Hospital School

1702

The first pensioners are admitted to the Hospital

1805

Nelson's body lays in state at the Hospital after the Battle of Trafalgar

1821

The Greenwich Hospital School amalgamates in Greenwich with the Royal Naval Asylum, Paddington

1823

The Painted Hall becomes the first national gallery of naval art

1865

Responsibility for Greenwich Hospital is passed from its Commissioners to the Admiralty

1869

Greenwich Hospital closes at Greenwich to in-pensioners, continuing support via payment of pensions

1964

Responsibility for Greenwich Hospital is transferred from the Admiralty to the Secretary of State for Defence

1934-36

Greenwich Hospital lends its naval art collection to the National Maritime Museum (once Greenwich School buildings)

1928-33

RHS is rebuilt on 200 acres at Holbrook

1919

Gifford Sherman Reade gives his fortune and his estate in Holbrook, Suffolk, to Greenwich Hospital as a site for RHS

1892

The Greenwich Hospital school is renamed the Royal Hospital School (RHS)

1989

Greenwich Hospital opens a first sheltered housing scheme in Portsmouth; similar schemes follow in Plymouth in 1993 and Greenwich in 2001

1990

RHS becomes co-educational, and open to children of all backgrounds

2007

Greenwich Hospital helps to found the RNRMC as an independent sister naval charity

2019-20

Greenwich Hospital celebrates 325 years of providing support for serving and retired Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel and their families

See how we made a difference in 2022

Review of the year



During my first year as Second Sea Lord I have seen and appreciated the great work that the Navy charities do to support serving personnel, families and veterans.

One of the features of my role is to chair Greenwich Hospital's Advisory Board; this year I have seen first-hand the determination of the team at Greenwich Hospital to help the men and women, and their families, who put themselves on the line for the country.

With over 300 years of history, Greenwich Hospital has a long tradition of supporting the Royal Navy and Royal Marines family and funds many of the organisations working to support our people. It also provides funds to individuals in need, both serving and veteran, and directly provides sheltered housing for the veteran community. Additionally it owns and oversees the Royal Hospital School.

Greenwich Hospital is a cornerstone of the Navy charity sector. But, like other cornerstones, our vital role can sometimes be overlooked by the casual onlooker. In reading this year's Impact Report, I have been struck by the breadth and depth of the support enabled by Greenwich Hospital and by how important this help is. From funding retreats for Wounded Injured and Sick personnel to enabling specialist help for those in transition, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines family is in a better place because of this work. I commend to you this account of our impact over the past year, with many thanks to those who've shared their stories and so brought it to life.

VICE ADMIRAL MARTIN CONNELL CBE
SECOND SEA LORD
CHAIR
GREENWICH HOSPITAL
ADVISORY BOARD



This last year has been one of transition, but nonetheless a productive one for Greenwich Hospital. With

£5.31 million spent on charitable activity, we continue to work to ensure that the well-being of our beneficiaries is at the heart of everything we do.

While the feared large-scale need during the Covid-19 pandemic did not materialise, the current increases in the cost of living will hit our beneficiaries – the naval family, especially those already struggling – and the income of some naval charities, hard. Greenwich Hospital will continue to be flexible and responsive in the face of emerging need, seeking to provide stability and to encourage new approaches as we all adapt to these more uncertain times. We particularly value our partnerships within the Navy charity sector and beyond, knowing that, through effective collaboration, we can achieve more for those we serve.

Our charity work is made possible in turn by the work of our assets, which enable us to deliver our charity work without fundraising. After a positive period, we face some uncertainty, but we are quietly confident that long-held assets will show their solid worth and enable us to maintain or even increase our charitable activity.

All this work would not be possible without our partners across the naval charity sector and the Royal Navy – and, most of all, the Greenwich Hospital team. My heartfelt thanks goes to them. Greenwich Hospital looks forward to continuing to help the Royal Navy and Royal Marines family in 2023.

ANDREW TURNER
INTERIM DIRECTOR
GREENWICH HOSPITAL

Broadening perspectives

Battlefield studies in Normandy



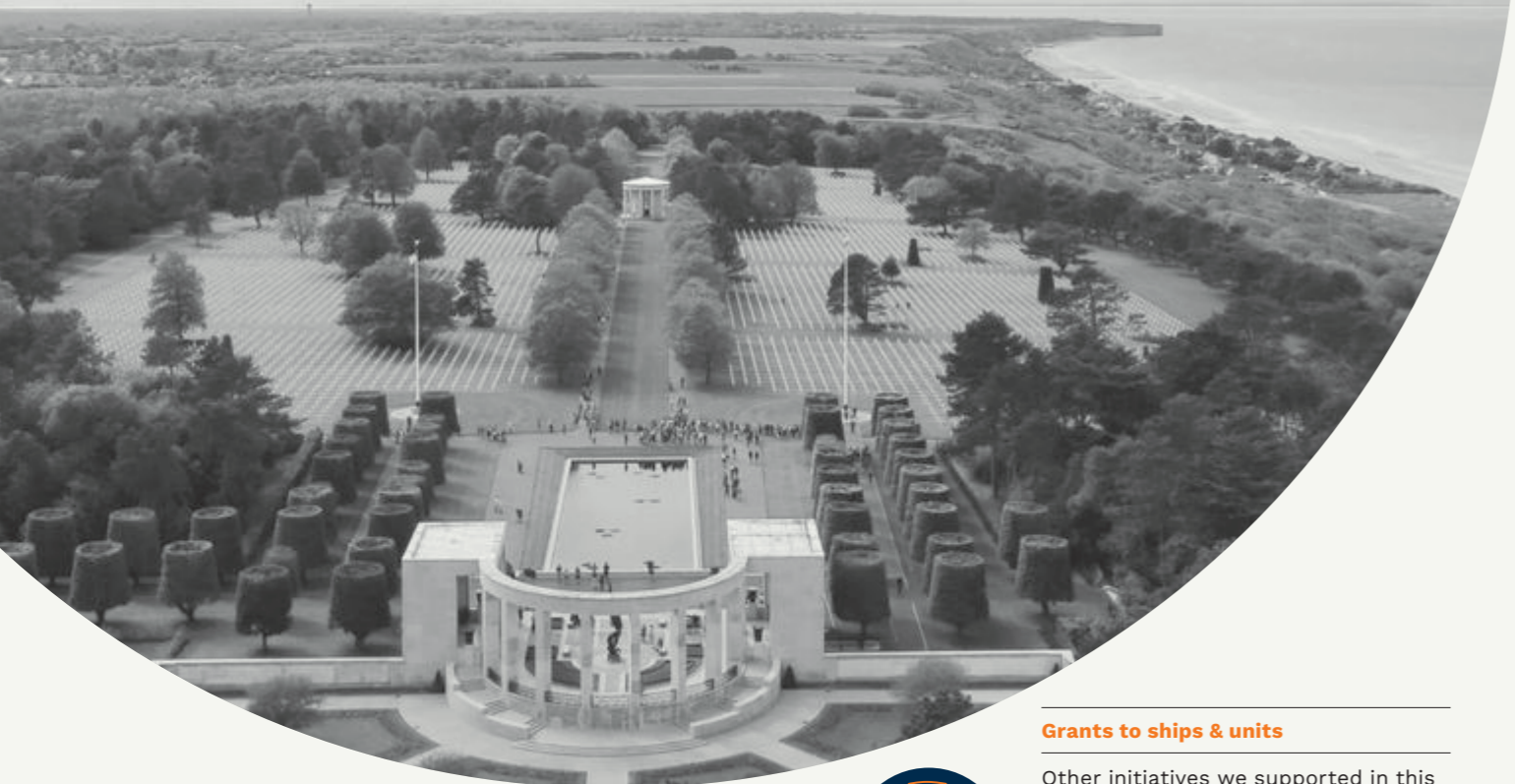
The grant details

Greenwich Hospital provided funding to enable 40 members of HMS *Albion's* ship's company to go to Normandy for a Battlefield Studies tour in May 2022 during Commanding Officers Week. The trip included visits to historic places such as Southwick House, Pegasus Bridge, Bayeux, Juno, Sword and Gold beaches, Caen Castle, Ranville cemetery, Port-en-Bessin, Arromanches, Melville Battery and PLUTO. A naval historian explained the significance of each place and how it affected events in the Second World War.

The two years leading up to the tour had been hard for the ship's company: COVID-19 had cancelled all shore leave while the ship was docked, and regular activities such as sports fixtures and adventure training had been put on hold. At the time of application HMS *Albion* had conducted three deployments in the previous 18 months, and there were limited opportunities for any downtime. All this had affected onboard morale, the ship's company's ability to recuperate, and also family relationships.

Grants to ships & units

- Other initiatives we supported in this reporting year included:
- Commando Training Centre Royal Marines – running costs of the Gordon Messenger Centre (community hub for Lympstone camp)
 - Royal Navy Family and People Support (RN FPS) – counselling services for serving personnel



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID 'NOBBY' CLARK

We had a number of objectives for this tour. Most significantly, we wanted to give junior ratings the experience of a battlefield tour that officers and marines do as a part of their training.

We wanted to broaden the perspectives of everyone who went on the trip, to develop them personally and professionally, and to develop their intellectual capacity. Part of this was demonstrating the overarching importance of effective planning, but another part was to reinforce some of the Royal Navy's core values: courage, commitment, discipline, integrity and loyalty.

The tour was intense: five days of activity, from Southwick House near Portsmouth (where the invasion was planned) to the beaches and cemeteries of Normandy. Lt-Cdr Lawrence Kies, a naval corps tutor and military historian, was at hand to talk through the significance of the separate sites visited, and at the end of each one we picked a different rating to reflect on their experience. The ship's padre was also part of the tour, and his contribution, especially at the wreath-laying ceremony at the end, was invaluable.

This tour would never have been possible without the support of Greenwich Hospital. Looking back, it improved the lived experience of the sailors and dramatically enhanced team cohesion.



LEADING ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN TOM AINDOW

This was such an important expedition for me. There was a personal connection first of all: my dad had been involved in the 45th anniversary of D-Day, and my grand-dad had served in the Air Force during the war. But beyond that, this was something I'd always wanted to do, to pay tribute to everyone involved.

When you join the Royal Navy, the fact that you are now part of a 'fighting force' is not always front and centre, especially when you're in such a long period of peace. Visiting the sites of the invasion and walking in the footsteps of the people involved changes your perspective on your own service – it makes you think about that ultimate sacrifice, and how you might feel about making it. It was a sombre experience, nothing like a 'jolly'.

Loads of things stood out for me. There was the realisation that the people who went through this experience had nothing like the after-care that we now take for granted. And there was the German side, which was something I'd always been interested in. The German military are responsible for looking after the cemeteries and keeping the gravestones clean and in good order. **That seems to me a really good way of keeping these past sacrifices in mind – something that the trip as a whole impressed on me.**





Funding recovery

Well-being retreats for wounded, injured and sick personnel



LEADING ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (ME)(EL)
STEWART 'THOMMO' THOMSON

Stewart Thomson, a serving member of the Royal Navy, was diagnosed with PTSD in Christmas 2021 and is currently medically downgraded with PTSD, depression and anxiety.

On the recommendation of his naval GP, Stewart was introduced to the Royal Navy WIS Recovery team, who organise retreats for medically downgraded serving personnel, including those recovering from cancer or with PTSD. These retreats take place in beautiful locations and involve activities designed to improve physical and mental health. Physical activity was something Stewart was used to, and the benefits he derived from this side of things were nothing new.

“What I didn’t expect from the week was the amount of mental health support I would receive. The mindfulness, yoga sessions, cold water therapy in the sea – all that, I’d never really thought about before; I’d even been a bit dismissive of it. And talking with other serving personnel has helped to continue my mental health healing. The effects have been truly long-lasting.”

Chief Petty Officer Angie Cheal, Royal Navy Personnel on Recovery Manager, says the feedback from these retreats is almost universally positive. Stewart is no exception.

“This week has boosted my health higher than I’d ever have expected, and the smile I’m wearing is a sign of the joy I’m finding in my daily life – I never thought I’d feel that again.”

The grant details

Greenwich Hospital funded Living Yoga retreats for medically downgraded wounded, injured and sick (WIS) serving personnel. The retreats were led by an ex-SBS Royal Marine and helped provide the WIS personnel with the tools they need to help manage their condition. Those with physical injuries found a feeling of freedom with activities they could enjoy and those with mental health conditions adopted better coping techniques and found new self-confidence. The Personnel Support Group organised six of these retreats in 2021, with about 80 service personnel attending. Greenwich Hospital donated £16,000 to fund four of these retreats.

Top: Stewart, shown left, in the rear of the kayak, during a fitness and well-being retreat. Middle: Stewart with CPO Angela Cheal, Royal Navy Personnel on Recovery Manager. Bottom: group cold water therapy during a yoga and well-being retreat.



Supporting veterans in difficulty

Funding Project Nova

The grant details

Project Nova, run by the Forces Employment Charity, supports veterans who are arrested or at risk of arrest, enabling them to access the services they need. It is a specialist programme supporting veterans in the justice system who may be vulnerable, socially isolated or who need support to live or maintain a law-abiding life. Project Nova received a grant from Greenwich Hospital to enable their work with those who have previously served in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.



My life before I engaged with Project Nova was tumultuous to say the least. I was getting into bother every week.”

Having served in the Royal Navy from school, Chris’s – not his real name – life unravelled when he was released under an admin discharge: his relationship disintegrated, a domestic incident led to his arrest, homelessness, unemployment and poor health followed, and he lost contact with his children. He couldn’t see a way to turn his life around.

Chris was referred to Project Nova by the police and, after a shaky start with the programme, began to get things on a more even keel. He has now settled into his own accommodation, which Project Nova helped him find, and is working with the courts to gain regular access to his children. Having discovered talents in woodwork, he is now planning to train in this area and gain meaningful employment.

Alice Collins, Chris’s caseworker in Derbyshire, said: “The significance of the success of the engagement was to allow Chris to deal with our agreed plan step by step, allowing and encouraging him to take the lead.”

Chris puts this all down to Project Nova.

“Once I’d engaged with Project Nova, they helped me navigate through my problems and come up with a clear plan. They attended appointments with me, which allowed me to gain independence over my own finances. And they’ve taken me out of domestic situations that would have been trouble for me if I had stayed in them.

They’ve helped me that much. Within a year, I will have a clear plan and a firm foundation for my future.

So thank you, Project Nova. You’ve changed my life.”



Grants to charitable organisations

Other grants we made in this reporting year included:

- Little Troopers – pupil engagement project
- Royal Navy Association – funding the salary for a communications post
- Royal Navy Officers’ Charity – hardship payments





Opening up post-service careers

HighGround's outdoor training in land-based services



The grant details

HighGround works with service leavers, veterans and reservists to help them explore careers in the land-based sector. They also offer horticultural therapy to wounded, injured or sick serving personnel. Greenwich Hospital funds places for Royal Navy and Royal Marines former serving personnel on HighGround's Rural Wellbeing Weeks to enable them to attend.



Top: David shown left of the group at the visitor centre, on a visit to Haldon Forest Park hosted by Josh Stephen and Greg Kerr of Forestry England. Bottom: group visit to Clinton Devon Estate to meet John Wilding, Lord Clinton's Head of Forestry and Energy.



WARFARE OFFICER
DAVID BENCE

If David Bence has any regrets, it's that he didn't come across HighGround earlier, ideally six years earlier, just after leaving the Royal Navy, where he'd worked as a warfare officer. "Instead, I walked straight into a defence industry job and spent the next six years there, as an executive and consultant. Worst of all, I used up all my ELCs (enhanced learning credits) on executive type training."

David stumbled on HighGround by chance, watching a feature on it on *Countryfile* with his in-laws.

"I'd always been known within my family as a wannabe farmer, and what I saw of HighGround on that programme looked great. But I thought I was too long out of the Royal Navy and, as an ex-officer, the wrong rank. On top of that, how was I going to pay for it?"

Anna, David's contact at HighGround, provided the answer to that question: the residential was free, all costs paid for with a grant from Greenwich Hospital.

"I couldn't quite believe it. It wasn't just the accommodation and three meals a day; it was the exposure to all sorts of experts across the five days – arborists, farmers, small holders, wildlife rangers and estate managers to name but a few.

The week as a whole was intensely cathartic. There were six of us – three veterans who'd been out a while and three who were just making the transition – and I'm still in touch with them. But in many ways the best thing about HighGround is its after-care. I came away with three or four things I really wanted to pursue and the people at HighGround pointed me in some really useful directions, setting me up with contacts and referring me to specialists in those fields."

David is now looking to combine his interests in bee-keeping, kitchen gardening and deer management.

"For a time I was looking at six years' training, which for a man in his mid-50s felt a stretch. But HighGround set me up with a deer manager I can train with, and I hope to have my deer stalking certificate, level 2, within a year. After that, the aim is to work as a deer manager on a freelance basis."

David feels he's belatedly found his vocation thanks to the inspiration of HighGround, and to Greenwich Hospital for funding them.



Funding an advice and support service

Citizens Advice for naval personnel

The grant details

Greenwich Hospital part-funds Seafarers' Advice & Information Line (SAIL), an in-depth casework service for seafarers and their dependants, in partnership with the Seafarers Hospital Society and the Seafarers' Charity. SAIL is a Citizens Advice Bureau for seafarers, and is based in Greenwich. This last year, from April 2021 to March 2022, it has supported 326 Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel and their families.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE
GREENWICH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
EMMA KNIGHT

Greenwich Citizens Advice Bureaux have been running SAIL since it started in 1996. Although we're a phone and email service and very rarely have any face-to-face contact with our clients, we establish important relationships with them and hold follow-up sessions with them several times a year. Let me tell you the story of Mary – not her real name – as an example of the support we offer.

Mary, a commonwealth citizen serving with the Royal Navy since 2019, contacted SAIL to ask for help claiming a disability benefit – she has mobility issues following an injury during a field exercise and uses either

crutches or a mobility scooter to get around. Although the application was submitted early 2022, the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has still not made a decision, but we have advised Mary that she should receive the highest rate of this benefit.

Mary next contacted SAIL about her immigration status, concerned that she might not be able to stay in the UK and would be unable to access the health service specialists she needs in the Caribbean.

Mary had been told that she would not be able to apply for indefinite leave to remain (ILR) if she were to be discharged before completing four years' service, because her injury occurred in general service and not active deployment. Our research revealed this not to be true: Mary could apply for ILR but would need to meet certain criteria about, for example, the seriousness of her injury and the need for future treatment. We advised her that she appeared to meet these criteria.

The specialist immigration solicitors we directed Mary to confirmed our advice and agreed to provide a specialist to help Mary present her evidence to the Home Office and, we hope, to reach a successful conclusion.

At SAIL we offer advice on claiming benefits, debt relief, employment issues, housing, tax and national insurance, and family or relationships. We also offer advocacy and negotiation with third parties such as the DWP and creditors, helping clients to apply to charities when they have fallen on hard times. Since Greenwich Hospital became involved in 2016, we have had just under 6,000 new clients

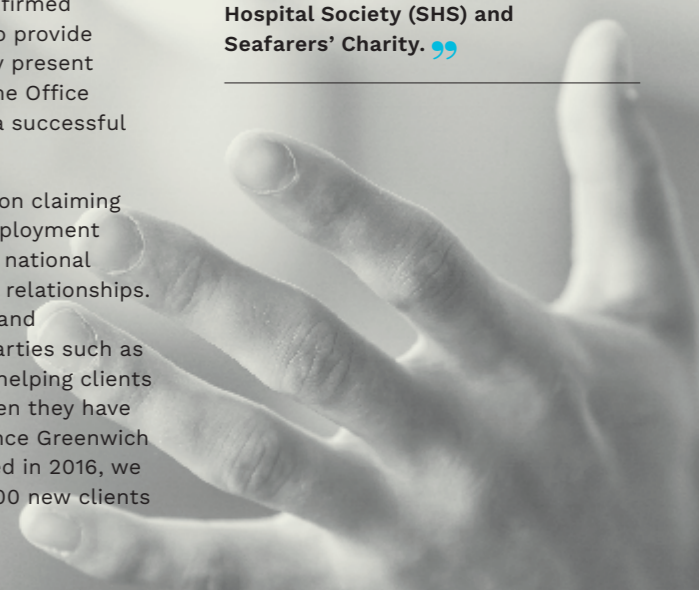
and dealt with more than 25,000 issues on their behalf.

This is an incredibly important service and one that is hugely appreciated by our clients. In a recent survey, 96% of respondents reported that the advice they'd received from us had made a positive difference to their confidence, their peace of mind and their well-being.

One Royal Navy Veteran from Folkestone commented: **"What a fantastic advice line. That adviser – wow! – he helped me so much. Such a kind and caring person. You're very lucky to employ him and all your staff."**

And the wife of a Royal Marines veteran said, **"My adviser was most helpful and I really appreciate her advice and support. She made me feel that I wasn't alone and gave me practical advice on how to challenge my son's college and their policy."**

Needless to say, we couldn't do this without the support of our funders, and we are immensely grateful to Greenwich Hospital, the Seafarers Hospital Society (SHS) and Seafarers' Charity."



Joint funding with the RNRMC

Funding 'Care for Veterans'

The grant details

Greenwich Hospital worked with the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) this year, awarding £1.375 million in joint funding to charities and organisations working with our shared beneficiaries. The RNRMC is the Royal Navy's principal charity and a key partner for our work.

Care for Veterans, who provide residential nursing care, rehabilitation, respite, and end-of-life care to physically disabled ex-Service personnel and their families, received one of these grants in 2021-22.



ROYAL NAVY VETERAN ANTHONY 'TONY'

Current resident, Anthony, was a Steward in the Royal Navy for 20 years and served in the Gulf War. In 2018, a stroke left him with weakness in his right side and expressive aphasia, a condition that causes difficulty with communication and language. He also has a through knee amputation on his right lower limb. After becoming isolated in his home in Hampshire, Anthony decided to move to Care for Veterans in 2020.

Initially, Anthony was reluctant to join group activities and preferred to keep to his own company. With time, encouragement and sessions spent with the physiotherapy, rehabilitation and care teams, Anthony began to make amazing improvements.

Lead Physiotherapist Vilma Gaucyte shared that "Since admission, Tony gradually got involved in multiple therapeutic sessions, including physiotherapy. Tony has improved his bed mobility and transfer skills so he can perform these functional movements safely and independently. He has also been attending upper limb exercise group sessions to work on his right arm weakness and prevent functional deterioration and pain. Over the years, Tony has significantly improved his speech and other communications skills, so now, we can hold an entire conversation with him."

Anthony has been able to regain enough independence and confidence that he has applied for an assisted living placement which will eventually see him discharged.

“ I have been here for two years now, and I've developed myself. I wash myself in the morning and everything. It's like I'm normal, despite the wheelchair. ”



Joint funding with RNRMC

Other projects we jointly funded with RNRMC in this reporting year included:

- The Naval Children's Charity
- The Royal Navy Benevolent Trust
- Sailors' Children's Society
- Turn to Starboard
- Veterans Aid
- Walking with the Wounded

Supporting naval families

School educational bursaries

The bursary details

The Royal Hospital School (RHS) is an independent day and boarding school for boys and girls in Suffolk, founded in 1712 by Greenwich Hospital to educate the children of deceased, wounded, injured or sick sailors. Greenwich Hospital still owns the school and provides bursaries annually for children with a qualifying naval connection.

In the 1990s, Nigel, Izzy's father, had been an Engineering Officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA), providing logistical and operational support to military operations. In 2013, now a single parent with two daughters, he heard an interview on local radio with the then RHS headmaster, Mr Lockwood, who was talking about bursaries to support seafaring families. Inspired, Nigel applied for a bursary for his elder daughter, Izzy.

Nigel says the bursary scheme enabled him to give his children the independent school education he'd wished for them (both are now at the RHS) and that he had never thought all those years in the RFA would play such an important part in his children's education.

Izzy came to RHS in year 7 and, although she had worried about boarding at first, she started to



really enjoy RHS, particularly the academic opportunities and the co-curricular activities. She feels well supported, enjoys gig nights at school and has made a lot of friends. And the boarding lifestyle that initially worried her now really suits her, giving some stability to her life and education.

Izzy has achieved a lot at RHS: she was part of Model United Nations and debating in year 7, won Best Speaker for Debating in year 8, was head of house in 2021/22 and is currently a prefect and a member of the International Relations Society. She achieved good passes at GCSE and is currently studying A levels in English, history and psychology with predicted grades A*, A and B. **Her longer term ambition, when she leaves school in 2023, is either a degree apprenticeship with a firm of solicitors or in marketing, or a university degree in International Relations.**



Educational bursaries

Our educational bursaries for this reporting year included a wide range of beneficiaries:

- 25 bursaries to children of serving or former serving personnel to study at university, including the universities of Durham, Greenwich, Newcastle and Portsmouth – and with Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music
- 21 bursaries to serving personnel towards the cost of a degree or an access course through the Royal Navy's Learning and Development Organisation
- 47 bursaries to pupils at RHS

Supporting sailors to study as they serve



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
KIRSTY TAYLOR

Further educational bursaries

The grant details

Working with the Royal Navy's Learning and Development Organisation (LDO), Greenwich Hospital supports around 33 Ratings (usually Leading Hands and Able Rates) in any one year with a bursary towards the costs of a degree or access course. Each year, we offer bursaries towards nine degrees and three access courses. The bursary is for tuition fees and worth £2,000 a year for up to nine academic years of study: the maximum one applicant can receive is £12,000.

It's hard enough doing a six-year course part-time when you're holding down a demanding job. It's harder still when you are a single parent, even more so when you are the full-time carer for your mother. And let's not even think about how hard it might be if you no longer have the funds to complete the course, having already used up your enhanced learning credits.

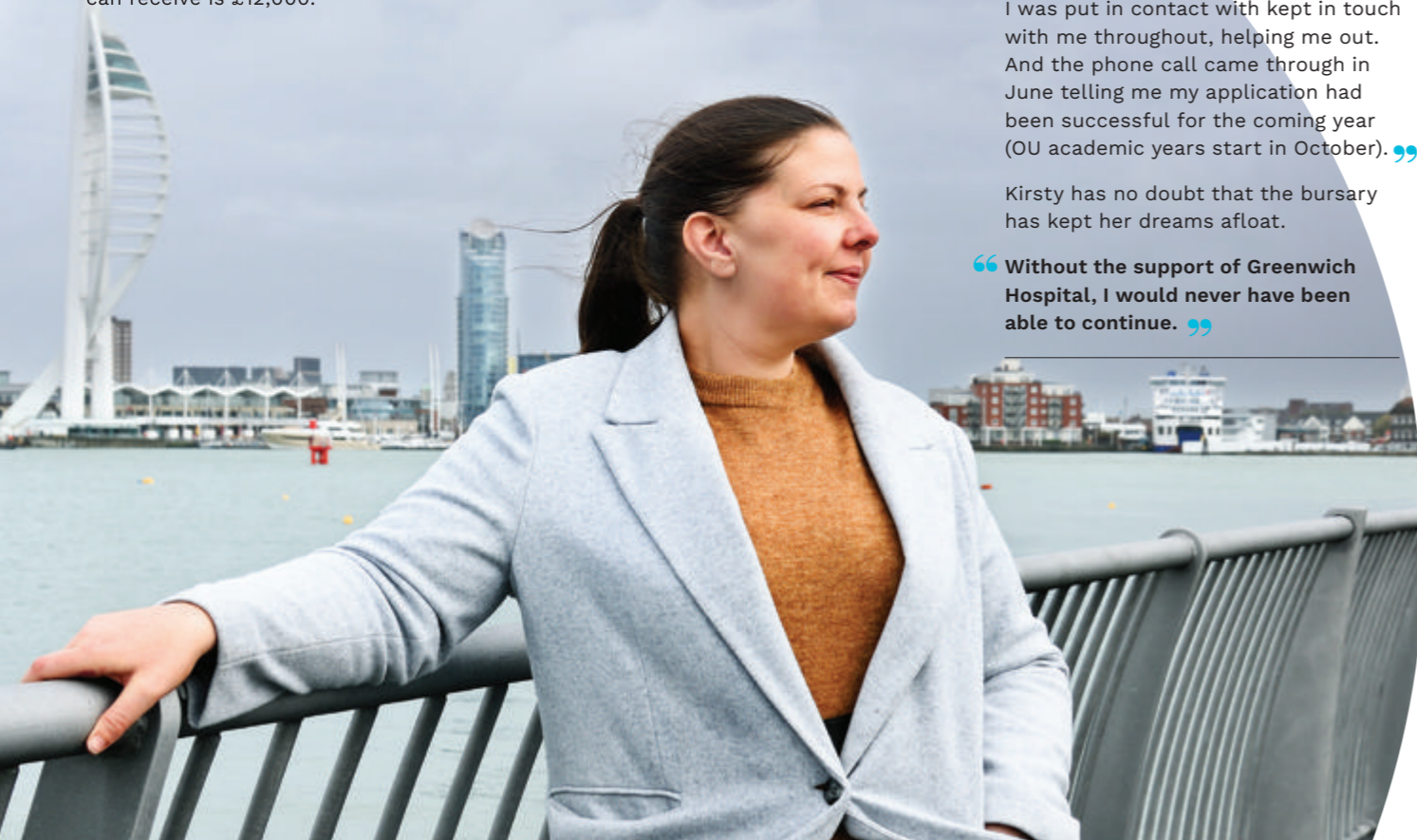
This was Kirsty Taylor's position when she was halfway through her Psychology and Mental Health course with the Open University. Her plan had always been to continue to work at the Institute of Naval Medicine when she left the Royal Navy – scheduled for 2025 – but to do so as a civilian, with a focus on Human Factors training and stress management techniques. She already volunteered for Give Us a Shout, providing crisis support management in any spare time she had, and it was this area of work she was interested in. But before that there was the small matter of finding the funds to pay for the next three years of her course.

Kirsty researched potential funders. The first she approached came to nothing but she then came across Greenwich Hospital and noted the "other bursaries" available through its education support. Bursary awards of £2,000 a year for three years seemed the perfect fit, so she began to make enquiries.

“The actual application process was really straightforward. The LDO Officer I was put in contact with kept in touch with me throughout, helping me out. And the phone call came through in June telling me my application had been successful for the coming year (OU academic years start in October).”

Kirsty has no doubt that the bursary has kept her dreams afloat.

“Without the support of Greenwich Hospital, I would never have been able to continue.”



Being there for veterans in later life

Housing communities with a common background

The funding details

Greenwich Hospital provides three sheltered housing schemes: Greenwich Court in Southsea, Greenwich Place in Saltash, and Trafalgar Quarters in Greenwich. These offer independent living and, with 91 flats in total, they provide high-quality accommodation to former serving personnel aged over 60, and to their spouses, partners, widows and widowers. Greenwich Hospital works with the Church of England Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Clubs (CESSAC) – an accredited, outstanding provider of sheltered housing – to provide professional management of these schemes.



Grants in kind

We let properties to two charities – Seafarers Hospital Society and Alabaré Christian Care & Support – at a peppercorn rent. Greenwich House, in Hampshire, is one of Alabaré's Homes for Veterans.



ROYAL MARINE VETERAN
KELVIN WOODBURNE

Kelvin Woodburne served as a Marine for ten years in Palestine, Malta, Hong Kong and Suez. A little more than ten years ago, now in his 80s, he recognised that he should probably look for accommodation in sheltered housing. Trafalgar Quarters in Greenwich has been his home ever since.

“There are others who've been here longer than me – one woman has been here since the scheme was first established 21 years ago. They're brilliant landlords, Greenwich Hospital – if only they were all like them! They don't just subsidise our rent; they lay on activities (we've got a visit next week from an accordionist), they give us a Christmas outing and they do the things you'd expect a landlord to do – changing baths to walk-in showers, putting in new kitchen fixtures – but promptly and to a really quality standard. I have a high regard for them.”

Kelvin volunteered at the nearby National Maritime Museum into his 90s and was rewarded for his service there with a free ticket provided by Greenwich Hospital (“worth £350!”) to the re-opening of the Painted Hall in the Old Royal Naval College.

“It's typical of the way they treat us – I really appreciate it.”

He also acted as a hugely successful recruiter for Trafalgar Quarters at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel until



Above: Trafalgar Quarters. Bottom: musical entertainment at Trafalgar Quarters.

mobility issues made it difficult for him to get about. Now that he spends more time in his flat, Kelvin says it helps that residents have a shared background.

“We're all ex-service and have that in common, so we all get on pretty well really.”

Maybe it helps too that Trafalgar Quarters are a stone's throw from the river Thames, and just behind the Trafalgar Tavern, both of which, to this retired Marine, seem neatly appropriate.





Top: Northern Estates. Middle: Greenwich Market in the Greenwich Estate. Bottom: Holbrook Estate.



How we fund our grants

Greenwich Hospital's income comes from our property portfolio and financial investments. The property portfolio, much of it under our stewardship since the early days of the Hospital, provides an income stream from rents. Together with the income received from financial investments and, where justified, capital sales, it contributes to the support we are able to provide to our beneficiaries.

Our property portfolio

The estates in the property portfolio are the Greenwich Estate, including Greenwich Market, which is managed by Knight Frank LLP; the Northern Estates (comprising property in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, and the Scottish Borders), managed by Savills; the Holbrook Estate in Suffolk; and land in Essex owned by the Travers Foundation, a part of the Hospital Group, managed by Strutt & Parker.

Our investments

Greenwich Hospital has a direct financial investment in the Pollen Estate in London and holds quoted investments which are managed by Newton Investment Management.

Greenwich Hospital Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel provides expert advice on the management of these investments for the best interests of those we are here to help.

Who we support

Here are some of the organisations we supported in the year 2021–22.



In addition, Greenwich Hospital supported charities working with its beneficiaries in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines family through its block grant to the RNRMC, including the Navy Children's Charity, the RNBT and the Sailors' Children's Society.



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If you'd like to find out more and see whether we can help you in your work with serving and former serving Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel, and their families, please do get in touch with our Charity team.

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