

What is Armed Forces Day?



Armed Forces Day aims to raise public awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in HM Armed Forces. The day is an annual opportunity for the nation to Show Your Support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, and from veterans to cadets.

What kind of Armed Forces Day event can I hold?

Armed Forces Day events can come in any size or shape, from national and regional celebrations, local events organised by councils, ex-Service organisations, community groups and schools or individually arranged street parties or barbeques. Parades of veterans, cadets and/or currently serving personnel are very popular, as are presentations of veterans badges.

Where can I hold my Armed Forces Day event?

It all depends on what kind of event you're going to hold. How many people are likely to attend – is the venue big enough to hold them all? Events in the city centre attract the people who are already going there – shoppers and their families. Less central events may need more advertising and marketing. Small events can take place in town halls, public buildings, schools, churches and community centres.

Who can help me to organise my Armed Forces Day event?

Anybody who has the time and desire to help is good to have on board! The larger your event, the more people you will need. It is a good idea to include people with a range of skills and connections: for example, a teacher could be a good conduit to local schools, or the local Royal British Legion could help you to involve veterans in your area. Local councils, their officers and elected members could also be useful contacts.

Where can I fly my flag?

People are flying their flags on flag poles in the garden, from windows and anywhere else they can think of.

Is there any funding available?

Event organisers, should in the first instance contact Mr Gareth Legg

When is Armed Forces Day 2011?

Armed Forces Day 2011 will take place on Saturday 25th June.

Will the deployed forces know we are doing AFD?

The MOD will ensure that the public support being demonstrated by you and your friends will be shown to our forces in Afghanistan and other locations around the world wherever they are deployed.

from the AFD website

Nearer to home

In Greenford, the Royal British Legion Club will be open from 10.30am - 4.00pm with Wi Sports activities, various stalls around the Club plus refreshments. Then again from 7.30pm - 12 midnight with a Buffet.