



A Pocket Guide to Royal Navy Charities

Support for the entire Naval Family

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The Royal Navy is championed by a range of charities, each with their own specific area of support. Our collective aim is to cooperate and collaborate as closely as possible so that we can best meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

In particular, we wish to ensure that we work together to tackle missed and unmet need.

Together, these charities provide support in the following categories:

- Individual Support and Benevolence Funding
- Pastoral Support
- Membership and Comradeship Activities
- Advice, Support and Advocacy
- Amenities Funding and Group Welfare Grants
- Cross-cutting Support



Individual Support and Benevolence Funding



Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity

rnrmc.org.uk

Helping to reduce or ameliorate some of the consequences and disadvantages that come from service in the Royal Navy as well as to honour that service to the nation. The nature of operational tempo, the long periods of separation and people's experiences ashore and afloat can have huge repercussions, sometimes quite quickly and often many years later.

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Naval Children's Charity

navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Support for children and families in crisis and in need of financial support delivered by professional caseworkers.



Sailors' Children's Society

sailorschildren.org.uk

Giving every disadvantaged child of a seafarer the opportunity to fulfil their potential via the provision of financial, emotional and practical support.



RMA The Royal Marines Charity

rma-trmc.org

Offering support, stability and friendship to the entire Royal Marines Family. Our membership is made up of Cadets, recruits, serving and veteran Royal Marines and their relatives; those who have served alongside the Corps or who share our values and ethos.



Women's Royal Naval Service Benevolent Trust

wrnsbt.org.uk

Providing advice and financial support to those women (both officers and ratings) who served in the Women's Royal Naval Service. Financial support can be a regular charitable payment or a stand-alone grant for items such as training, fuel, medical aids etc., or in some cases both.



Royal Navy Officers' Charity

rnoc.org.uk

Providing individual benevolence grants to eligible serving and former RN Officers and their families. Beneficiaries range from Children to Centurions with grants covering assistance with Education Costs to Care homes and end of life care and the fully range of circumstances in between. The RNOC also provides long-term financial support in the form of annuities to beneficiaries both the UK and overseas. Funds can be made available within 48 hours in urgent cases.



Royal Naval Benevolent Trust

rnbt.org.uk

RNBT spent almost £2.5 million on grants and RCPs in 2021/22 assisting 2,172 applicants across a spectrum of fundamental needs that include food, clothing, accommodation, fuel and utility bills, disability aids, training for second careers, house repairs and household goods, respite holidays and help with all manner of financial difficulties. RNBT has already reviewed areas where they may be able to assist families struggling with increased utility bills, for example by assisting with home insulation. Serving personnel and their dependants last year received £76k of support.



Royal Navy Sailing Association

rnsa.org.uk

Providing sailing opportunities to drive esprit de corps, physical fitness and wellbeing to improve military efficiency.

Pastoral Support



Aggie's

aggies.org.uk

Providing pastoral support to serving RN personnel (including RM and RFA) and their families through 41 pastoral workers in 21 locations including naval bases, air stations, training establishments and RM units.



Royal Navy Officers' Charity

rnoc.org.uk

Working alongside sister organisation the Association of Royal Navy Officers (ARNO), support is provided in the form of ARNO at Home, which partners members who may need telephone company or practical support. Set up during lockdown, this forms a valuable membership service which enhances wellbeing and combats loneliness. In addition ARNO assists with funeral costs and administration arrangements.



Naval Children's Charity

navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Support delivered by caseworkers directly to families and through working/collaborating with other charities and into communities including our outreach work.



Naval and Military Bible Society

nmbs.org.uk

Supporting Service personnel through the provision of Bibles and other Christian resources. We believe that God's Word should be freely accessible and freely given. Literature is provided on request at no charge.

Cross-cutting Support



GREENWICH HOSPITAL

SUPPORTING THE ROYAL NAVY SINCE 1694

Greenwich Hospital

grenhosp.org.uk

With flexible charitable objects, we are able to assist in instances when other charities are unable to. As well as funding partners across a range of work and offering bursaries at the Royal Hospital School, with flexible charitable objects, Greenwich Hospital can assist when other charities are unable to.

Urgent Support

If you require immediate support, please contact the following organisations:

If you are a veteran in need of information or support, please contact:

Veterans Gateway: veteransgateway.org.uk

Support: support.veteransgateway.org.uk/app/ask

Phone: 0808 802 1212

Text: 81212

If you are currently serving in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, please contact Naval Service Families People and Support:

royalnavy.mod.uk/community-and-support/advice-and-support

Phone: 023 9272 8777

Freephone: 0800 145 6088

If you are in danger or immediate risk, please contact 999

Membership and Comradeship activities



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Royal Naval Association

royal-naval-association.co.uk

Free to join, our purpose is the fostering of comradeship within the wider naval community. The RNA achieves this through a network of over 250 Branches across the UK and some abroad too, and with a growing membership of some 14.5k like-minded folk who share a common history and are proud of their involvement with the Royal Navy. The RNA fosters comradeship through social gatherings – both, locally and nationally, and, increasingly, a welfare and wellbeing support element. With a broad church across the generations – we now recruit at Raleigh and Dartmouth – one of our main challenges and goals is tackling loneliness including the D&I elements of this as well as the elderly or bereaved.



Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services

wrens.org.uk

Enabling members to maintain a social network with former service colleagues, and providing opportunities to meet and make friends with others from all generations who have the common bond of naval service.

China Fleet Trust

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china-fleet.co.uk

All serving RN, RM, RFA and Reserve Forces are entitled to free membership along with their immediate family enabling access to high quality leisure and recreation facilities.



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Association of Royal Navy Officers

arno.org.uk

ARNO is a 5000-strong membership organisation with a raft of benefits including networking opportunities, sharing of job opportunities, member events, publications, email newsletters, RAC breakdown cover and huge savings to be made via partnership with Reward Gateway. ARNO members in turn help support the Royal Navy Officers' Charity through fundraising, donations and legacies.



Royal Navy and Royal Marine Widows Association

rnrnwidows.org

The RNRMWA offers friendship, support, guidance and comfort to those who have experienced the trauma of bereavement. The Association is run by volunteers, all of whom are naval widows.



Special Boat Service Association

theassociation.org.uk

The SBSA, founded by Members of the SBS in 1998, support serving and former Operators of the Special Boat Service and their families. Our clear commitment to all past, present and future, operators of the SBS and their dependants, is that we will always have their welfare in our sights and will do whatever is necessary to support them in their hour of need.



The Submarine Family

submarinefamily.uk

The Submarine Family brings together all parts of the submarine community: serving, veteran, family and supporter; it provides a framework for fundraising and coordinated support for benevolence, commemoration, heritage and projects which support our 'family' in any way. The Submarine Family is supported and overseen by the RNRMC which provides its regulatory framework.

Advice, Support and Advocacy



RMA The Royal Marines Charity

rma-trmc.org

Accompanying vulnerable veterans in transition and beyond, offering addiction advice and support to the chain of command and individuals, employment and education support to those compulsorily discharged and AFCs/War Pensions tribunals advocacy.



Naval Children's Charity

navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Support by caseworkers directly to families and through working/collaborating with other charities and organisations.



Naval Families Federation

nff.org.uk

Providing support and guidance on matters affecting the daily lives of Naval Service families, acting as an advocate when appropriate to resolve complex issues. As a critical friend, we offer evidence-based feedback to the MOD, Ministers and other Government departments, the Chain of Command and other civilian service providers in order to inform research, policy and shape change.



Royal Navy Officers' Charity

rnoc.org.uk

Providing support and advice on a range of topics by signposting to relevant organisations, working alongside partner charities. Sources of advice are listed on the RNOC website which is a useful resource and starting point for further assistance. Categories of support include financial, family, housing, health and wellbeing and bereavement.



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SAIL

sailine.org.uk

Providing completely free advice service dedicated to all seafarers and their families across the UK with confidential advice on benefits, money worries, charity grants, pensions and much more. SAIL is run by Citizens Advice Greenwich. It's funded by Seafarers Hospital Society, The Seafarers' Charity, and Greenwich Hospital.



White Ensign Association

whiteensign.co.uk

Providing specialist through-life guidance on finance (including Armed Forces Pension Schemes and claims and appeals under Armed Forces Compensation Scheme), resettlement and employment. In so doing, it helps to augment and complement the divisional and regimental systems.



Royal Naval Benevolent Trust

rnbt.org.uk

RNBT provide individual benevolence to those members of the RNBT family in financial need and distress. In addition, RNBT provide holistic support to beneficiaries via the Beneficiary Support Co-ordinators (BSC) by direct one-to-one engagement, signposting and referring to support organisations and charities. Further details can be found on the RNBT website, www.RNBT.org.uk or by contacting Help@rnbt.org.uk

Amenities Funding and Group Welfare Grants



Naval Children's Charity

navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Grants to schools and communities to provide broader support to children not in crisis



Naval Service Sports Charity

rnb.org.uk

Promoting efficiency in the Service through participation in sport and adventurous training, principally through grants to 42 Naval Sports Associations, 5 Naval Regions, Coaching Development and the Talented Athletes Scheme



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Association of Royal Navy Officers

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ARNO members benefit from grants for dinners and reunions in the form of port sponsorship. This has long proved an effective way of sharing the benefits of membership and attracting new members, while supporting special events in the Officer family.



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rma-trmc.org

Offering quality of life grants to units and Corps organisations for welfare, sport, adventure training and regimental life.



