



Trooper Stephen Shine

2 Royal Tank Regiment

Stephen lost his left leg and badly injured the right when the tank he was driving in Iraq was hit by a roadside bomb. Despite the injuries, he's not short of grit: he's been determined to carry on his career and has recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. But negotiating the layout of his mother's home in London, both during his immediate recovery and when home on leave subsequently, was tough, tedious and exhausting. Our grant for a simple adaptation has made a practical difference to his quality of life. But as Stephen's Mum, Frances, recognises, giving practical assistance to soldiers is only part of the story.

"There is always a family as well, and they need to be helped, too, because they are the ones looking after the soldier."

FOREWORD

Welcome to our new beginning. 2010 denotes the start of an exciting new chapter for the charity. Building on 66 years of heritage and support for soldiers, former soldiers and their families, we recently undertook a strategic review of our brand, taking into account our current profile, the challenging times that lie ahead, and the public's huge empathy for our soldiers.

We know that to continue to be the principal soldiers' charity we need to evolve. To move with the times and begin responding even more purposefully to the growing needs of our soldiers, supporters and volunteers. Our vision is to continue to be the leading charity in our field, and be foremost in the minds of soldiers, former soldiers and their families should they ever need help.

We welcome the challenges that lie ahead with renewed vigour and look forward to continuing to build, proudly, on the last 66 years of success and support. We feel sure that you will feel the same.

So welcome to the Soldiers' Charity. Challenging and exciting times lie ahead.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR EVELYN WEBB-CARTER KCVO OBE DL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

WE CURRENTLY HELP OVER

4,000 PEOPLE

EVERY YEAR AND NEED AROUND

£7MILLION TO DO SO

WE'VE SET OURSELVES THE TARGET OF RAISING

**£14MILLION A YEAR
BY 2015**

Captain Kate Philp

Royal Artillery

Kate was commanding a Warrior mini-tank in Afghanistan when it ran over a 50kg bomb. Her legs were shattered and doctors at Selly Oak Hospital had no choice but to amputate the left leg below the knee. She's still rehabilitating, but now acts as an ambassador for us, developing our involvement with young people.

WHY WE EXIST

We're here for soldiers, for life.

We exist to offer a helping hand to all soldiers, former soldiers and their families when in need and at all stages of their life.

As we are all too aware from the news, the Army is bearing the strain as a result of the current conflicts, with hundreds of soldiers killed in action in Afghanistan and Iraq. This does not take into account those injured both mentally and physically and the families that have been left bereaved.

The Government can only do so much to help and we are here to fill in any gaps when help is needed.

We are proud of where we have come from, having been set up in the aftermath of the Second World War to cope with the huge numbers of casualties and veterans. It is on this rich history and experience that we draw. We look to the future too, keeping ahead of the game, finding the best ways to give medical, technical and financial support to give the best possible outlook for the men and women who sacrifice so much for us.

£4.7 MILLION

THE TOTAL WE CONTRIBUTED
TO INDIVIDUAL GRANTS
IN 2008/09

£100,000

THE AMOUNT MIKE VALLANCE, ONE OF OUR
LEADING SUPPORTERS, HOPES TO RAISE
SINGLE HANDEDLY FOR US BY 2018

4,000

THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
WE FORECAST TO HELP
IN 2010

66

THE NUMBER OF YEARS
WE HAVE SERVED OUR SOLDIERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

1

OUR SOLE REASON
FOR BEING.
FOR SOLDIERS. FOR LIFE

**YOUR
SUPPORT
GIVES
THEM
SUPPORT**



Lance Bombardier Ben Parkinson

—

7 Para Royal Horse Artillery

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Ben has been described by medical experts as 'the most wounded soldier to survive his injuries', but his determination to recover has humbled and inspired everyone that's met him. A landmine explosion in Afghanistan meant he lost both his legs and suffered brain damage that left him unable to speak; something which he has now overcome. We've given a grant to buy a high tech multi gym to allow him the chance to continue his physio at home.

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