



THE SAPPER CHARITY

Royal Engineers Association

Newsletter

News and events from across the Corps and Sapper Family

#21 - September 2025

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter!

This month we reflect on planning ahead, protecting those we love, while remembering the communities and causes that shaped our lives.

A legacy is Sapper Spirit carried forward. It says, "I was here, and I still care." By leaving a gift in your will, you continue your Sapper story - ensuring your legacy selflessly supports the Sapper family, even when you're gone.



Your Legacy. Their Lifeline.

October is Free Wills Month, and the Royal Engineers Association - The Sapper Charity - is proud to once again partner with Farewill, the UK's top-rated will writing service, to offer you the opportunity to write or update your will completely free of charge.

For many of us, writing a will is something we put off. Yet it's one of the most meaningful acts we can take for our loved ones - and, if you choose, for the wider Sapper family. A gift in your will to the REA is more than generosity. It is a legacy of service, ensuring that no Sapper or their family faces hardship alone.

Legacy gifts are essential to the Sapper Charity. They allow us to play our part alongside families, services, and other charities - offering timely grants, counselling support, and home adaptations that restore independence, and helping ensure no Sapper feels forgotten.

Consider this story

A retired reservist, struggling with grief after the loss of a sibling and a diagnosis of PTSD, found themselves homeless and overwhelmed by debt. With nowhere else to turn, they came to us. Thanks to legacy-funded grants, they secured safe housing and basic household items. More than that, we were able to connect them with specialist mental health support. Today, they are not only housed but rebuilding their life with hope for the future. That transformation was possible only because someone, years earlier, chose to remember the Sapper Charity in their will.

Writing your will with Farewill is simple and secure. The online service takes as little as 30 minutes, with every will checked by a legal specialist. For those with more complex needs, appointments can also be made by phone. There is no obligation to leave a gift to the The Sapper Charity, but we hope you will consider it once your loved ones are provided for. Even a small percentage of your estate can make a lasting difference - funding emergency help, restoring independence, or ensuring no family feels forgotten.

This October, take the step that gives peace of mind to you and hope to others. Your legacy could be the lifeline that keeps the Sapper spirit alive for generations to come.

Start your free will today: <https://reahq.short.gy/oXqaRz>

Your Legacy in Action

A gift in your Will can transform lives for the Sapper family.



£5,000

Urgent home adaptations for an injured Sapper, restoring independence and dignity.



£10,000

Mental health support for dozens of Sappers and their families.



£25,000

Sustains a welfare programme for an entire year, providing security and hope.

Tick your will off your to-do list

Write your will for free, and support us by leaving a gift in your will



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Not ready to write your Will just yet?

You can still show your support by making a one-off or regular donation to the Sapper Charity.

Donate

Sapper Sport

Royal Engineers vs REME - 24 Sept.

Watch the rugby highlights here:

<https://youtu.be/vU6oo3rK22I?si=MZkBVlyZp03vU2GI>

Rugby Fixtures 25/26

29th October 25
Royal Engineers vs Infantry
Medway RFC

26th November 25
Royal Engineers vs RA
Medway RFC

10th December 25
Royal Engineers @ Infantry
Harpenden RFC

21st January 26
Royal Engineers vs REME
Medway RFC

18th February 26
Royal Engineers @ RA
Larkhill

4th March 26
Army Corps Finals Day
Aldershot

Football Fixtures 25/26

Men

7 November 25
Massey League 1 - Royal Engineers v R. Signals

5 December 25
Massey League 1 - REME v Royal Engineers

8 December 25
Woolwich Cup Round 1 - REME v Royal Engineers

9 January 26
Massey League 1 - INF v Royal Engineers

27 March 26
Massey League 1 - RAC v Royal Engineers

30 April 26
Massey League 1 - Royal Engineers v REME

1 May 26
Massey League 1 - Royal Engineers v INF

Women

6 October 25
Edwards Cup QF - Royal Engineers v Int Corps

6-10 October 25
League 1 - REME v Royal Engineers

3-7 November 25
League 1 - RLC v Royal Engineers

1 December 25
League 1 - Royal Engineers v REME

9-20 February 26
League 1 - Royal Engineers v RAMS

26-29 May 26
League 1 - Royal Engineers v RLC



Keep up to date with the latest events

Sign up by going to:

<https://www.sappercom.com>



National Standard Bearer

As part of this year's Members Weekend and Corps Memorial Day at Brompton Barracks, the Royal Engineers Association held its Standard Bearer Competition, with entrants from Gravesend, Derby, Wakefield, Glasgow, and Peterborough Branches. The competition was of a high standard, and we are pleased to announce that **Gareth Richards** of the Glasgow Branch was awarded first place. Gareth will now take on the role of National Standard Bearer, representing the Association at all national ceremonial events over the next 12 months.



Football Success!



Congratulations to 75 Engr Regt on becoming the Army Reserve Football Champions!

Train Travel Discount

Don't forget Sapper Veterans can get up to a third off rail travel! The Veterans Railcard is available to all UK veterans and can be used for both leisure and everyday journeys. Apply today at: www.veterans-railcard.co.uk

REA Badge of Merit Award

This prestigious award, together with a certificate, is bestowed to members who have given particularly meritorious service to the Royal Engineers Association. Branches may wish to note that the closing date for submission of Badge of Merit online nominations is **1st November 2025**.

Each Branch may make one submission annually. If you wish to nominate your Branch member for this award, please sign in to the members area using the link below to access the online Badge of Merit nomination form:

<https://members.reahq.org.uk/>

Leave a lasting legacy

Write your will for free, and support us by leaving a gift in your will.



Get started today



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Upcoming Events

2nd October 2025
Royal Hospital Chelsea Tour

4th October 2025
Ride to the Wall

9th November 2025
Remembrance Sunday - Cenotaph March Past

29th November
Chilwell Winter Ball

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