

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Autumn edition to keep you up to date with all HighGround's news.

The highlight of late Summer for me was a visit to the King's Troop while they were on their holidays in Norfolk to talk to them about land-based employment – and I made a new friend!

Anna BC
Founder and Executive Director



Anna visits the King's Troop.

FRIENDS OF HIGHGROUND

FHG is the voluntary arm of HighGround which supports and promotes the work of the Charity through fundraising and community awareness initiatives both locally and nationally.

The Vision is to create a network of Friends who will promote and facilitate the work of HighGround.

Whilst the majority of our fundraising still comes from grant-making trusts and foundations, by starting the Friends of HighGround our aim is to diversify our funding sources to include more corporate and personal donations.

To that end we have drawn up a [Wishlist](#) which we update quarterly. We don't have a designated Fundraising department and rely on the Friends of HighGround to help us raise our current annual budget which is £315,250 and help us build our Reserves. Friends who volunteer to have a stand at events need a banner, branded tablecloth, collecting tins and leaflets which we call our 'show pack' – this all costs money.

We have welcomed more than 15 new Friends of HighGround since our last newsletter and on 7th September, Anna and Andy were honoured to be invited to the unveiling of the new [Friends of the Tenth](#) memorial near Somerby in Leicestershire which commemorates the men from The 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment who left from there to join the Battle of Arnhem in 1944.

We have volunteered to help maintain the landscape around the memorial and if you know anyone who would be interested in helping the Friends of HighGround to do this, Anna would be delighted to hear from you.

Thanks to Jon and Jeff who took a stand for us at North Devon Show, and to Team Brian who spent a blustery July weekend on a stand at Ipswich Maritime Festival – both events resulted in new Friend sign-ups which is brilliant.

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Unveiling of Friends of the Tenth Memorial Somerby.

RURAL WEEKS

Our Autumn Rural Weeks programme at Bicton started with a visit from Colonel Chapman, the new Commandant of Royal Marines Commando Training Centre Lympstone and we were delighted to welcome Steve Ensell from [BAL](#) as a new presenter.

We are very grateful to the Soldiers' Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, Greenwich Hospital and the Royal Marines Charity for their continued support of Rural Weeks.

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Visit to Bicton of Colonel Chapman, Royal Marines Commandant, Lympstone.

HORTICULTURAL THERAPY

DMRC Stanford Hall is now operating at FOC or Full Operating Capability and we have welcomed visitors including George Plumtre from the National Gardens Scheme, our dear friends Karl and Sarah from Sutton & East Surrey Water, Mick Brown from Chatsworth and David Richardson from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

We are all so proud of what is being achieved at Stanford Hall and as we say goodbye to Group Captain Griffiths and await our new Commanding Officer, time to stop and remember those who helped to make this incredible journey possible. Thank-you all.



The CO with Andy and the RSM on her farewell round.



David Richardson with Jane.



Karl and Sarah.



George Plumtre.



Andy with Mick Brown.

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FUNDRAISING

The [Wishlist](#) which is updated regularly with items which we need to raise money for such as coldframes for Stanford Hall, was given a huge boost by Liz Brown and some Friends who walked along the Thames Path for us.

As well as Liz's Walk4HighGround, we thank Coed Helen Holiday Park in Wales who organised a family fun day on August bank holiday, and all those who take HighGround collecting tins for their offices and the lady in Rutland who gave us a magnificent £650 from the sale of cream teas when she opened her garden for the National Garden Scheme – you are all brilliant!!



Liz and friends Walking 4 HighGround.

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HORSEFERRY ROAD

Huge welcome to Sue Harper who has joined the Board of Trustees, and we are delighted to announce that thanks to the generosity of The Royal Foundation, Jemma Jones will be joining us as Rural Business Improvement Manager in January, to help us prepare for our first Rural Employment Manager who will be joining Team HighGround in 2020.

Our Development Board met in September, and we welcomed several new members which is terrific news.

All small steps but very important ones, as we seek to develop and improve the service we provide for those who have served their Country with Life beyond the military – Outdoors.



Sue Harper.

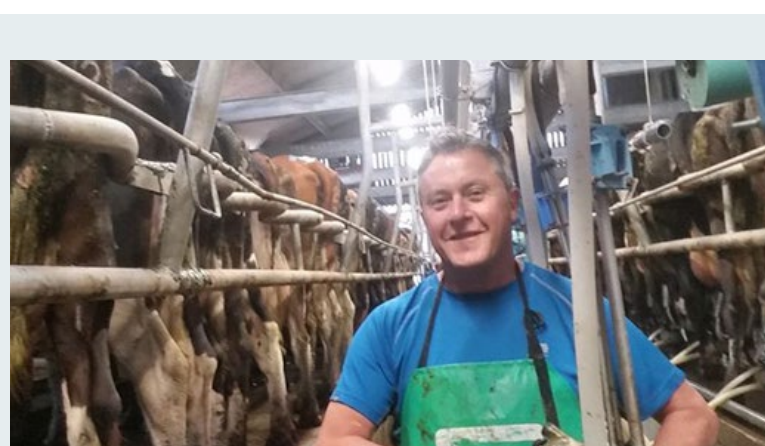


Jemma Jones.

GOOD NEWS

Huge congratulations to Tim who joined us for a Rural Week earlier in the year and has now been accepted by Bristol University to do an MSc in Construction Project Management.

Read his story and other inspiring stories in our Good News section.



Tim on one of HighGround's recent Rural Weeks.

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GDPR AND OUR STANDARDS

GDPR came into effect on 25th May 2018. We had an extremely busy run up to this date, but our small team were able to pull out all the stops and get things in place in time. As a charity we take GDPR and the security of your information very seriously. To this end, we have ensured that all of our data processors comply rigorously to keep everything secure. You can read about our Standards [here](#).

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