



"HONOURING THEIR SACRIFICE"

Mission Possible in pictures

Our project honoured veterans' service and enabled them to meet as comrades.

Honouring their sacrifice

Our trip to Elvington,
Yorkshire Air Museum.



Veterans included some who flew Halifax bombers; and others who served in Dakotas. Veterans of WW2 and Canadian and UK Korean vets.

“A good day out”



Vets join the ukelele group to keep us entertained at Kelham Island Museum.

“Everybody likes to dance”



“Remembering our youth”



“A great social at the Sheffield Christmas party”

“Bradford vets enjoying a pint, having a laugh and sharing their wisdom”



We shall not forget

In March 2018, intergenerational work was carried out in a primary school in Leeds along with 2 classes of Year 6 students (60 in total) who had studied WW2 as part of their curriculum. Two of our veterans aged 96 and 99 years respectively and their carers attended and the experience for both veterans

and children were excellent. The children brought in family memorabilia to share during the sessions.

The sessions were very informative and interactive. The event was filmed by Leeds Live and reported in the Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire Evening Post.

“You never know where these things might lead you. The schoolwork has been great. It’s nice to pass things on and the kids are interested”.

Mr S (ex RN).



“It was a brilliant morning; we were laughing at the submarine tales and it made me feel like a veteran”

Mr B (ex RN)



Mapping Leeds, reminiscence and shared experience

Making new friends



Armed Forces Day



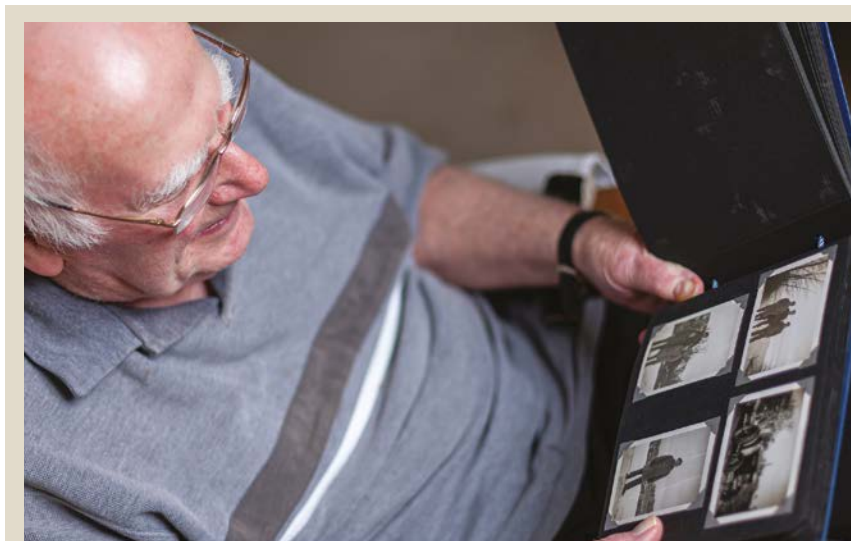
"A chance to make new friends and enjoy a good day out".



Improving lives, supporting independence

Peter Barker

Peter is 86. He carried out National Service in the RAF, based mostly in Northern Ireland. He now has difficulty with mobility due to Parkinson's. Age UK has supported Peter to obtain higher rate Attendance Allowance and a Blue Badge.



Leonard Neesom

Leonard is 95. He served in the Army's Royal Artillery 42nd Lowland Division

Now he experiences difficulty with mobility due to arthritis, heart disease and heart failure.

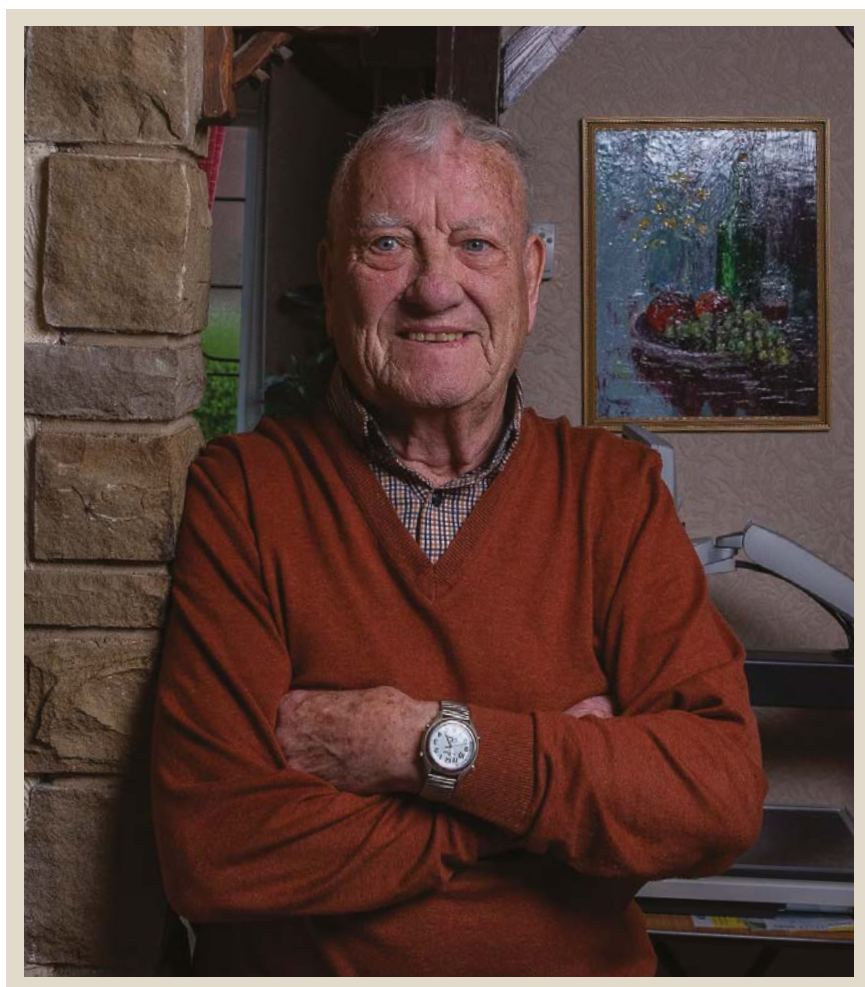
Age UK supported Mr Neesom to secure the higher rate of Attendance Allowance and to apply for a City-Wide Care Alarm. We also supported him with housing benefit and a council tax support application, which was initially refused due to an alleged "incorrectly late submission". Following our intervention, housing benefit and council tax support has been awarded.



John Dowling

John is 89. He spent three years based at RAF Lichfield followed by three in the Ghost Squadron. John is an 89 year old widower who lives alone in a house. Due to John's health issues, he experiences increased pain and dizzy spells when mobilising. As a result he uses a walking stick to maintain his balance and support in accessing the community. He lives with arthritis and chronic heart failure. John uses a walking stick at all times to prevent falling. John's daughter, Pat, contacted Age UK for support to apply for the higher rate of Attendance Allowance.

Age UK was able to support John to achieve a range of outcomes, financial and practical, enabling John to increase his level of independence. We supported John in an application to SSAFA to fund a mobility scooter, storage and charging point; for a Carer's Bus Pass; to secure the higher rate of Attendance Allowance and a Blue Badge. We referred John to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue for a home safety check.



Dennis Coy

Mr Coy was 90 years old when he was involved with our project. He Served from 1946-1949 in the Army, Ordnance Corps.

He is sight impaired and uses specialised equipment to view photos and reading material which was provided by Blind Veterans.

He is actively involved with his local Neighbourhood Network and accesses Call In Time - Age UK's Telephone befriending service.

A close-up portrait of an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair. She is smiling warmly at the camera, showing her teeth. She has visible wrinkles on her face, particularly around her eyes and mouth. She is wearing a dark grey or green cardigan over a light-colored, possibly yellow or cream, collared shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage or a garden. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting her features.

Margaret Gradwell

Margaret is 99. She worked at Bletchley Park and Kedleston Hall. Margaret is housebound due to difficulty mobilising, resulting from arthritis, stage 3 chronic kidney disease and back pain. Age UK supported Miss Gradwell to secure the higher rate of Attendance Allowance.