The Colonel's Fund

Impact Report
2025–2026

Once a Grenadier,
always a Grenadier



Why the Colonel's Fund exists

Lifelong care for wounded Grenadiers and bereaved families — going beyond what the MOD and the NHS can provide alone.

Founded in 2007
After the first of three Afghanistan deployments, with HRH The Duke of Edinburgh as Patron

Supporting those affected by every operational tour
Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia and Northern Ireland

No one is turned away
Any Grenadier injured on operations is supported

> *"Truly a lifesaver."* — Gdsm John Dawson

What the Fund pays for

- Ongoing counselling
- Specialist therapy
- Mobility aids
- Home & car adaptations
- Career development
- Respite care
- Adventurous expeditions
- Emergency relief

Who we support today

97
wounded Grenadiers supported

18
bereaved families cared for

66
living with PTSD

52
visited regularly by our Casualty Officer

How our 66 Grenadiers living with PTSD are doing



37 working or coping

27 in ongoing treatment

2 complex

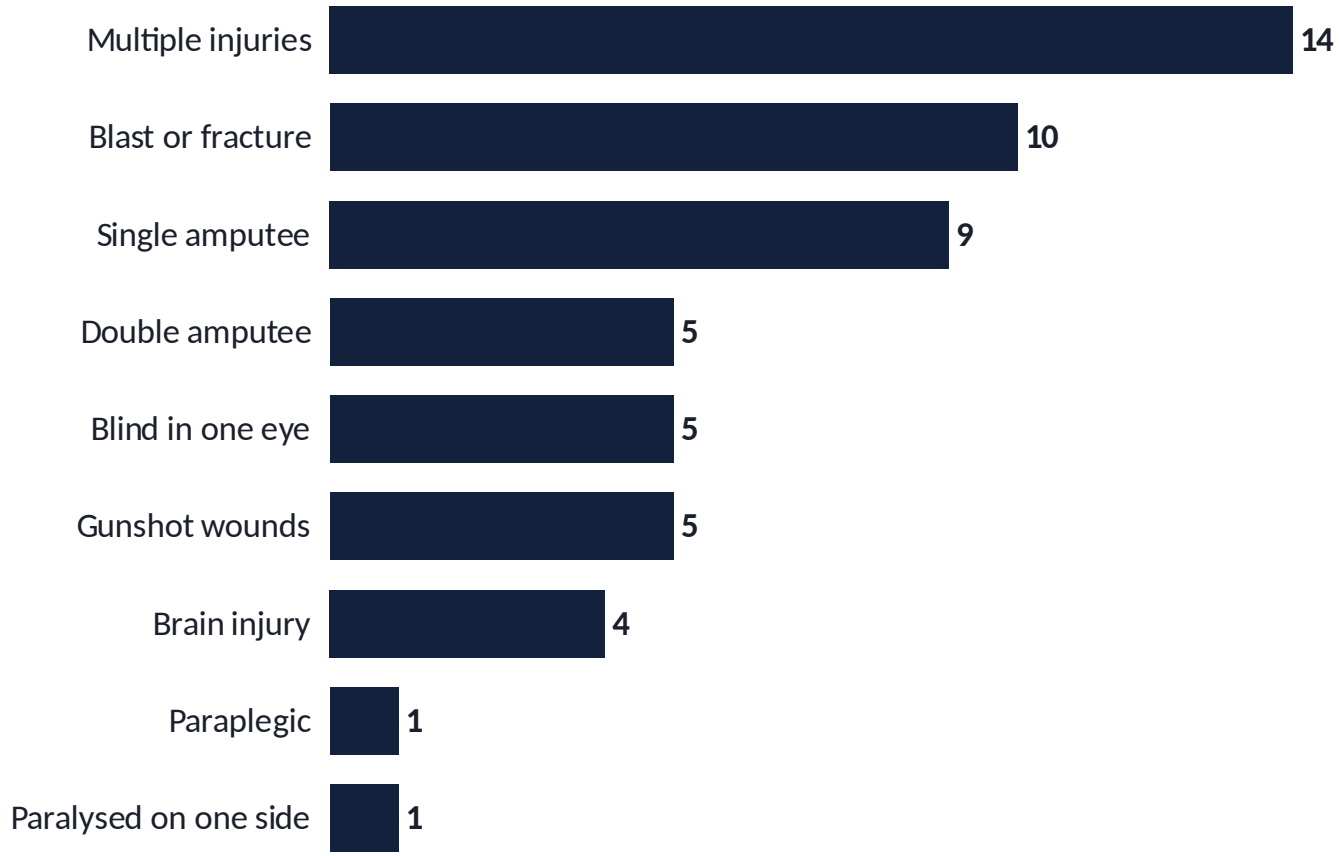
Support is for life. We care for Grenadiers who have served on operations including Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan.



Matt Ellmer
Regimental Casualty Officer
Full-time counsellor, fixer, mentor and friend

The wounds we care for

Physical injuries supported by our Casualty Officer (number of Grenadiers)



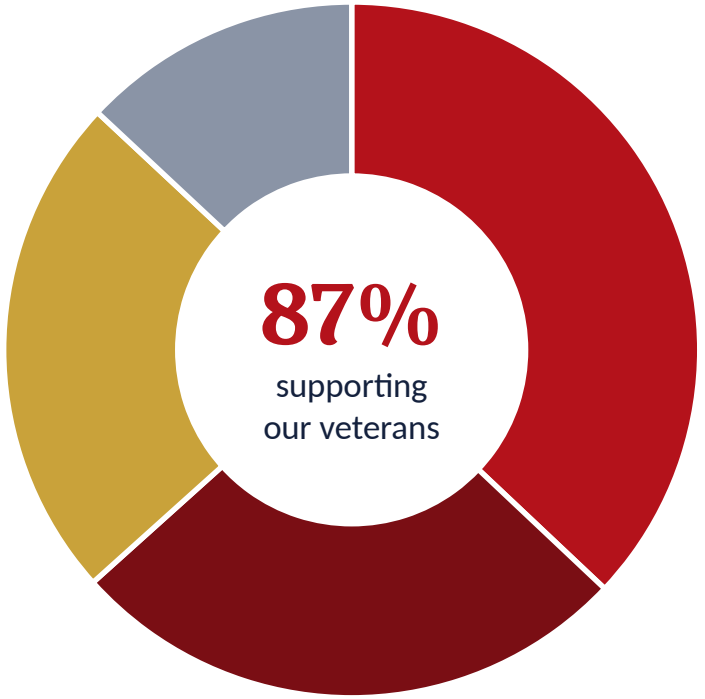
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live with PTSD and the invisible effects of blast trauma — our largest group by far

14 **amputees**
5 double, 9 single

Many Grenadiers live with more than one injury.

Where the money went in 2025



Supporting our veterans: £243,587

- **£103,755 Welfare grants**
  paid to Grenadiers and families
- **£73,666 Casualty Officer***
  52 regular visits, 18 families
- **£66,166 Cost of fundraising events**
  raising the funds that sustain the care

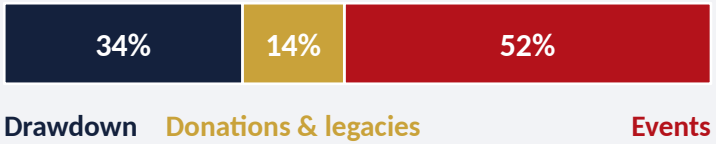
- **£36,522 Administration**
  13% · running the Fund

Total cost in 2025, including events: **£280,109**

87p in every £1 goes to supporting our veterans; just 13p goes on administration.

What 2025 required

Cost of the Fund	**£280,109**
Less sustainable drawdown (3.5%)	**–£94,500**
Less donations and legacies	**–£40,350**
To raise through events	**£145,259**



More than half of the cost of care must be raised from our supporters every year.

* *Full cost including salary, transport and expenses.*

A Fund fit for the Future

£145k

the minimum we must raise every year

And rising

the cost of care grows year on year, so the requirement does too

18

new cases in the last 5 years

Today the Fund depends on a substantial programme of events and the generosity of our supporters. To put it on a sound footing for the future, we must grow our capital base.

£137,906 income from events in 2025, after costs



Charity Clay Shoot

May 2026

35 teams at Holland & Holland



Yukon 700

Completed July 2026

Four expeditions, 3,000 km, 20 wounded veterans



Annual Long Distance Walk

Matt Ellmer

Over 1,000 miles in 7 years

Lives rebuilt in 2025–26



Former Gdsm Scott Blaney

Above-knee amputation after an IED in Helmand, 2007

The Fund paid his university fees to train as a golf professional.

In April 2026, Scott became the first ever disabled amputee to graduate as a PGA golfer, and now coaches at The Belfry.



Former Gdsm Karl Warde

Two Afghanistan tours; medically discharged with PTSD

The Fund backed his boxing coaching qualification.

Karl now volunteers coaching young children — steadier mental health and family life.

Former LSgt Rob Pointon

Shot through his night-vision goggles on Op Herrick 16

The Fund bought a laptop for his daughter, who was struggling at school.

Her schoolwork has been transformed, with Rob — now a full-time carer — able to support her.

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Every year the Fund must raise at least £145,000 to keep that promise to 97 wounded Grenadiers and 18 bereaved families.

Donate
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Stay in touch
Hear about our 2027 events, including the Clay Pigeon Shoot, golf at The Belfry and our sponsored walks

Leave a legacy
A gift in your will secures care for the long term

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