

IMPACT REPORT 2025



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

WELCOME FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This year, we chose to do something different. Rather than creating more pages, more statistics, or more lists of sessions delivered, we focused on what matters most - what has actually changed for the people in our community. Because impact isn't defined by how much we do, but by how much things change for the people we work with.



Chris Brannigan

Rather than trying to capture everything we've done, we've selected two stories. Two individuals, two journeys, and two examples of what can happen when support arrives at the right time and in the right way. We're aware that they do not represent every piece of work delivered across the year, but they do reflect the difference that can be made.

None of this work happens on its own. We are incredibly grateful to our partners, funders, and stakeholders who continue to place their trust in us and support what we do. Most importantly, I want to recognise our team and our Board of Trustees, who bring consistency, care, and real commitment to the people and communities they work with every day.

This report is not about us - it is about real people, and real change in Fylde.



OUR STORY THIS YEAR



AIM

To engage and empower those within Fylde to improve their lives and prospects, while tackling the challenges and inequalities that continue to affect our communities.

FINANCIALS

1st June 2024 - 31st May 2025

INCOME: £628,040

EXPENDITURE: £620,340

OVER

1.1M



**VIEWS ACROSS ALL
SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**



OVER

8,000

**INDIVIDUALS
ENGAGED WITH**



31

**PROJECTS
DELIVERED**



29

**MEMBERS OF STAFF,
17 FULL TIME & 12 PART TIME**

PHIL'S STORY

Meet Phil Ashworth, a 75-year-old Veteran who has been receiving support from the Foundation for nearly three years.

The Foundation is extremely proud of the support we offer to current and ex-servicemen through our Armed Forces programme. Lee Geraghty, our Armed Forces Co-ordinator, has been here for eight years and has developed the programme into what it is today.

Phil opened up to explain the impact the Foundation has had on him because he hopes other people will see his story and understand that it is okay to ask for help.

Phil explained that the Foundation:

"was a lifeline, a complete lifeline.

"I became quite ill and ended up in hospital twice. When you have a breakdown a mental breakdown and you end up in hospital, you are at your lowest point. So, you need help.

"I was in a shell when I was in hospital, a complete shell. I came out lonely."

As a Veteran himself, Lee understands the impact leaving the forces can have on someone and their day-to-day life. Phil is just one of 31 Veterans that Lee sees on a regular one-to-one basis.

Lee highlighted the difference between Phil when he first joined the Foundation in comparison to the Phil today: "He's come on really well, he's gained a lot more confidence, he's coming out of his house more and attending our groups.

"Whereas, when I first met him he was a bit isolated, he wouldn't want to come out, he was happy for me to just come round and have a chat with him.

"With the breakfast clubs and the walk and talk, he's attending them now and I've seen a big improvement with his confidence. He's making new friends as well from all areas of the Armed Forces."



Our Armed Forces group meet up once a week in various different locations for different groups.

As a result of the funding from our partners, BAE Systems, Army Benevolent Fund and Veterans Foundation, We run two breakfast clubs, one at Toby Carvery Salters Wharf and one at Aroma Cafe at Mill Farm Sports Village, a Walk and Talk group at Fairhaven Lake and a NAAFI break also at Salters Wharf in Lytham St. Anne's.

Lee spoke about the purpose of the groups: "It gets them together, it gets the brotherhood and the camaraderie going. They can turn up and have a laugh, and we can take the mick out of each other because it's that brotherhood that we had in the forces."

Phil explained why the groups are so important to him and the others: "When you meet up with the Veterans, you feel at ease so much, you can talk about anything, you don't have to go in depth about what your problems are, you can talk about anything else."

"When you go to the meetings you come out thinking, 'God, I'm worth something' - we're a good laugh."

"Lee, has been a godsend to me

"He comes up once every month and we have a cup of tea and biscuits - we talk about normal things, football, but he's there, Lee."

"It's vital for me that he comes every month; if he didn't come I'd be down in the dumps."

After Lee heard Phil's comments about him, he said: "It means a lot, actually. I personally wouldn't say that I'm a lifesaver, it's my job. I'll take the compliment."

Phil ended his story by emphasising that:

"It's really really special, it's special for me. I'm 75 now, and I'm okay."

No matter what age or how long you were in the Forces for, the Foundation is here to offer a helping hand. Join Phil in attending our groups and see the difference it can make first hand.



**SCAN HERE TO WATCH
PHIL TELL HIS STORY!**



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all our partners throughout the year. If it wasn't for their generosity we wouldn't be able to provide the life-impacting support for our community that thousands of people benefit from every day.



WE THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

