

NEWS RELEASE
Council hosts veterans coffee morning

A new coffee morning for older veterans will be coming to the district, in a partnership between Blaby District Council and Age UK Joining Forces in Leicestershire.

Joining Forces is a project delivered by Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland, partnered with the armed forces charity SSAFA. The project aims to provide a range of support to veterans born before 1950, their families and carers and has been made possible through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund.

The first coffee morning for veterans to enjoy good company and free refreshments will be on **Wednesday 27 March, 10am-12pm**. The event takes place in Blaby District Council's Council Chamber, Desford Road, Narborough, LE19 2EP.

Anyone living in the District of Blaby, born before 1950 and who has served in the British Armed Forces (including National Service) is welcome to attend with their spouse, family or carer. There is no minimum length of service required.

All guests will receive a warm welcome, refreshments and information and advice from the Joining Forces team.

Councillor Mark Jackson, Armed Forces Covenant Champion, said: "We are delighted to be able to support this important initiative and the local Joining Forces team by hosting the monthly coffee morning.

"Events like this give us the opportunity to affirm our commitment to supporting service men and women who give so much for their country. We will be truly honoured to welcome our veterans next month."

Michaela Forty of Joining Forces said: "Many people do not consider themselves veterans, but if you have served in the British Armed Forces, including National



Service, for any length of time and you were born before 1950 we would very much welcome you to our new Blaby Veterans Coffee Morning.

“We are delighted with the support from Blaby District Council and look forward to working with them to support older veterans living in the district.”

For more information about the coffee morning and other support available for veterans, contact Joining Forces by calling 0116 261 4606 or email joiningforces@ageukleics.org.uk. Details about the Council's commitment to the local armed forces community are available at www.blaby.gov.uk/armed-forces-support.

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