



Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

Front Cover- We are delighted to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the partnership with the Midlands VPPP portfolio. We work with 11 other charities. Together we are achieving more to improve Veteran's mental health and wellbeing. For more information please visit [VPPP](#)

New Patron- Group Captain Paddy McKillop-Duffy MA MSc RAF- More information on page 2.

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*Welcome our new
Patron- Group
Captain Paddy
McKillop-Duffy MA
MSc RAF*

Paddy is still serving in the Royal Air Force and is currently assigned as the Chief of Staff of the Headquarters Defence Medical Services. In a military career spanning nearly three decades, he has undertaken various staff, clinical and operational appointments at home and overseas. He lives in Worcestershire with his wife Sain and family – they spend much of their time being managed by their 2 Romanian Shepherd dogs!

On joining STEPWAY CIO as a Patron, Paddy commented: “I am both humbled and excited to be given the opportunity join STEPWAY as a Patron and to be able to support Dawn and the team in their incredible work with our Veteran community. STEPWAY’s values very much chime with my own and I look forward to an exciting future supporting the team in expanding their work and developing more partnerships... [More info](#)

Going for GOLD! – STEPWAY have been nominated for the ERS Gold Award after receiving their Silver in 2021- the Armed Forces Covenant. The results will be announced in May 2023-



We welcome two new Trustees-

Marie Kearny [Bottom left] Is the LGBT + representative. Marie Joined the WRAF in 1971 as an Assistant Air Traffic Controller, left in the rank of Sergeant. after 22 years’ service.

Graham Greenberg- [Bottom middle] Is the AFVBC representative. Ex Royal Tank Regiment and then international sales in the far East.

For more information about our Trustees and how to contact them, please click here- [MEET THE TEAM](#)

Brendan Taylor (Paul's son) has come on board with his fantastic idea for a Mushroom farm! Plans are moving forward, and the funding application is in! **WATCH THIS SPACE!**



Paul Taylor our Community Project Lead with Phil Volunteering from Keyline are very excited about the 1K funding received from Worcester City Council, environmental department to continue with the Beekeeping Project- This year it is all about Biodiversity and education. Classes will start in early April- For more info and/or if you wish to become involved, please contact Paul direct on – **075229 65645**

Oldbury Community Project-

Carol Goult the Community Project lead has been working in both the garden and at the Wellbeing Centre this month. Working alongside Sandwell Council with funding applications for the WALK and TALK project- More news to follow! With Ray the Project manager away in sunny OZ this month, Carol has hit the floor running with upskilling her IT skills! Proudly showing off all the courses she has completed on the Combat Stress platform and through HR- Bright. For more information on these free courses, please contact – Dawn Turner on **079306 57568**

If you would like to become involved with the Community Garden, please call Carol direct on – **07773 625573**



BANTER AND BREWS-

It has been a busy old month when it concerns the Banter and Brews- They are proving to be the talk of the town! Literally! We are featured in the ASDA magazine Feb edition, and can be found in every store throughout the UK. Pick up yours today! Or to read online, click here- [ASDA READ](#). You will find us on pg. 94-96. Special thank you to Ellen Crooks the ASDA Community Champion, Cape Hill who nominated us and volunteers at the Wellbeing Centre. More info [click here](#)



PULL UP A CHAIR AND FIND YOUR SENSE OF BELONGING

Working closely with 'Fighting with Pride' Our VPPP partner.



From the left- Tina Dales-Operations Director, Tom Bourne-Volunteer, Jade Turner-Welfare Manager, Gemma Warden [Fighting with Pride] Marie Kearney, Trustee.

STEPWAY have recently gained a volunteer Mentor Tom Bourne and Trustee Marie who both represent the LGBT+ Community. Together they make a formidable team!

<https://www.fightingwithpride.org.uk/>

Career Transition Partnership Job and Careers Fair-Telford

Tina Dales-Operations Director and Daley Gibbon-Caseworker attended the CTP Employment Fair in Telford earlier this month and gained lots of contacts. Well done



both for making more people aware of the Armed forces Covenant and the support STEPWAY can provide.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Courses, Presentations and Workshops

MARCH- Friday 3rd – Monthly morning workshop and afternoon training course. FREE course equipment, lunch, and refreshments provided.

STEPWAY Veterans HUB, The Trinity, Worcester WR1 2PN. 1000 – 1500

For more information and to reserve your FREE place on a course or to book a company presentation, please click [HERE](#)

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