

RAFA Hartlepool Branch Committee Meeting 8 September 2026

Present

Mr Paul Rodway	Vice Chairman and Publicity
Mrs J Wilson – Pinchin	Treasurer & Membership
Mr I Fraser	Secretary
Mr I Straughan	Welfare Officer
Mr D Stacey	Acting Wings Appeal Organiser

Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

The Vice Chairman welcomed all who attended to the meeting. Apologies Mr S Davis and Mr P McGraghan

Item 2 Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes from the July 2026 meeting were accepted.

Item 3 Treasurer's Report

See Annex A

The current accounts were accepted.as True.

Item 4 Matters Arising and Correspondence

- 1 Letter From Station Commander of thanks for our donation
- 2 2 November at UHNT NTH Flag raising.
- 3 RAFA Walk for fundraising delaying until spring Paul to reply
National Conference one member one vote on line
Email Paul Greenwood on Safeguarding
Request For Standard at Funeral at Durham

Item 5 Welfare Report

See Annex B

Item 6 Wings Appeal

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the total for Wings Appeal 2026 stands at £1389.50 If possible to collect other events

Middleton Grange Friday Saturday 26 September Morrisons Hartlepool Friday 9 October ASDA Hartlepool still waiting for Hartlepool TESCO to respond to request Possibly ASDA Peterlee in December TBC

Item 7 Membership

Janice informed the Meeting As of the 14 July 2026 the Branch Membership stands at.

Life	64
Ordinary	53
Associate	20
Serving	113
Dual	
Total	250

Data cleansing of Branch Membership carried out update has been carried out. This will result in a lower Branch membership but more accurate

Item 8 Publicity

Draft Newsletter has been nearly completed needs an additional item Pull Banner design sent to Sian Cameron to be produced

Item 9 Social events

Breakfast Club is it Toby or Brewers Fayre

4 seasons 21 Nov at Sambuca's

12 December Christmas Meal 13:00 Toby Carvery Approx cost £25 per head £5 deposit

80 Anniversary £500 social inclusion from general fund. 5 places left OC473 has not acknowledged

Organisation of event is going ahead

Item 10 AOB

- 1 AFLG Mike Faccini and Brian Cowie will go to Murton to get an update on Venture Centre 25 Oct Trafalger Day Branch Standards would be welcome Parade at the Navy Museum.25 October HUB Quiz night 21 October 6x4 Flag required for Armed Forces Day to be Flown at the College of FE
- 2 Paul Rodway Contact Steve Davis to take part in the 80 Anniversary
- 3 Battle of Britain Sunday 13 Eshott Paul will be attending
- 4

The meeting closed at 19:10

The next Branch Committee meeting will be on the 13 October 2026 6:30 pm

Annex A

TREASURERS REPORT RAFA HARTLEPOOL BRANCH INCLUDING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 August 2026

ITEM	AMOUNT (£)
CHQ Deposit Account Balance as at 31 March 26	8503
Income Interest for period 1 April – 30 June 26	21
Balance as at 30 June 2026	8524
CHQ New Court Investment Fund as at 31 March 2026	9107
Interest for period 1 April – 30 June 26 (+1.3%)	426
Balance as at 30 June 2026	9533
Total CHQ Deposit Acc & New Fund Investment at 30 June 2026	18,057
Branch General Account Balance as at 30 June 2026	6559.26
Income	0.00
Expenditure Bank charges	0.50
Branch General Account as at 31 August 2026	6558.76
Wings Appeal Account Balance as at 31 July 2026	2500.53
Income ASDA Hartlepool – 15 Aug SumUp ASDA Hartlepool – 15 Aug	456.60 241.81
Expenditure	Nil
Branch Wings Account as at 31 August 2026	3198.94
Welfare Account Balance as at 31 July 2026	3264.47
Income	Nil
Expenditure Cheque	100.00
Welfare Bank Account Balance as at 31 August 2026	3164.47
RAFA Hartlepool Welfare Account Funds £3164.47	

Annex B

Welfare Officer Report 1 – 31 August 2026

Please find my Report below for August 2026.

Branch Welfare Officer & Assistant Welfare Officer/Caseworker(s) (IS & PS):

Home visits – None.

Welfare Telephone Calls (out) – Three.

Welfare Cases – 2 new cases received but terminated by the clients when contacted. One visit to a Branch member in a Care Home.

The case for Funeral Costs from May 2026 has been closed by Welfare Region North (WRN) due to no further responses for information from the Client.

Assistant HWO (PMcG):

New Cases – None.

Well-being Telephone Calls – 10.

Funeral(s) – None.

Caseworker (DS):

New Cases – 1.

Home visits – 1.

Well-being Telephone Calls – 3.

Funeral(s) – None.

A newly qualified Caseworker (ex-WO) has been notified to the Branch, and is being supported by David Stacey.

Welfare/Well-Being Events:

1 August 2026 - RAFA Breakfast Club 15 adults.

Breakfast Club: The final Breakfast Club at the Brewers Fayre will be on Saturday 5 September 2026. On current plans the Breakfast Club will move to the Toby Carvery at Wolviston with effect from Saturday 3 October 2026.

Christmas Lunch: The Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at the Toby Carvery on Saturday 12 December 2026.

RAFA Monthly Meeting & Social Evening:

14 August 2026 – 24.

Branch members continue to support other Veteran related events such as:

HUSCF (Veterans Hub Hartlepool FC) on Monday afternoons (excluding Bank Holidays):

3 August 2026 – 4.

10 August 2026 – 4.

17 August 2026 – 6.

24 August 2026 – 6.

Veterans Indoor Bowls (Indoor Bowling Centre) on Tuesdays (excluding Bank Holidays):

4 August 2026 – 3.

11 August 2026 – 5.

18 August 2026 – 3.

25 August 2026 - 3.

The Not Forgotten Garden Party: Four ladies from the Branch attended a Garden Party on the 28 July 2026 at Hardwick Hall Sedgefield for The Not Forgotten.

HUDSA Caravans Two (adapted) static caravans, owned by the Hartlepool United Disabled Supporters Association are available for hire by members of the Branch through Neil and Carol Appleyard.

One is located on the Haven site at Primrose Valley (Filey), and the other at the Haven site at Grange-over-Sands. Details also circulated via the Branch WhatsApp group. Visitors do not have to have a disability.

Veterans Hub Quarterly Lunch (Indoor Bowls Club):

12 August 2026 – A very pleasant Afternoon Tea was held at the Indoor Bowls Club with 8 Branch Members attending out of a total of twenty-two.

Veterans Quiz Night (Navy Club):

The next quiz will be held in October 2026.