

North Essex & Suffolk Veterans Support Group

Annual Report

North Essex and Suffolk Veterans Support Group formed in June 2021 with 18 members we now stand at close to two hundred. Due to the success of the group, we have had to move premises as we have outgrown the venues we were using. It became apparent in October 2024 that we needed to relocate to a bigger venue and Mistley Village Hall ticked all the boxes for us. We approached Suzanne Strunkey as our first point of contact who liaised with the village hall management committee and our group to get all the dates in, and the booking secured. The caterer Bradley Rabbat also came highly recommended, and we secured the services of Complete Event catering for all the group's events.

The Group made the move in January 2025 with a record 61 attending breakfast and can honestly say it has been a great move for our group. We hosted a Burns Supper in January with over 50 members attending a beautiful formal evening. With a beautiful three course meal and entertainment of poetry, singing and our Piper. The Village Hall is the perfect venue for our veterans and due to its amenities', our group is comfortable and able to move forward in an all-inclusive space that caters for all our needs as a growing organisation. All our disabled veterans have full access which is paramount in the work that we do.

We organise all our work within the Mistley community, all the services at the War Memorial and welfare for our veterans. Having the use of Mistley Village Hall is a valuable resource that our group is pleased to be able to utilise. We have with Suzanne and Brads help secured all our dates for 2026 and look forward to our future at Mistley village hall.

Our work continues daily in our local community, and we look forward to our future at Mistley Village Hall. We have to say a huge Thank You to the Mistley Village Hall Management Committee for making our move to Mistley Village Hall an easy process and look forward to working together for our local community in the future.

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Co-Founders

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