FUNDRAISING

Company and individual donations have, in the past, enabled the Trust to carry out its work and meet its charitable purposes. We are heavily dependant upon the generosity of individuals, organisations and companies to meet our financial commitments.

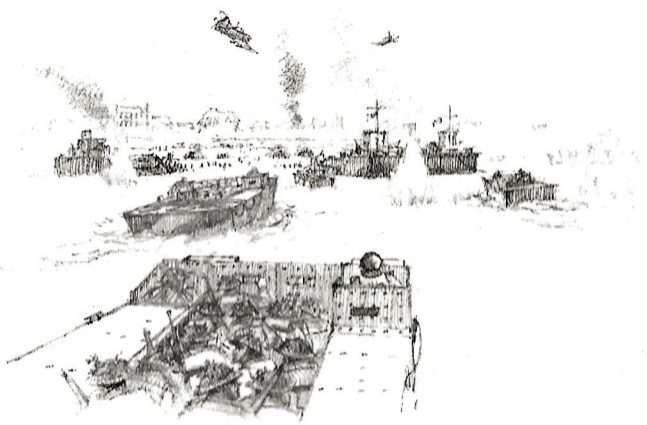
To ensure that the maximum amount possible from funds raised are used for the benefit of the veterans and the education projects, we operate without any central office or employed staff and only claim essential expenses for Trustees when engaged on work for the Trust.

We welcome support from individuals and groups wishing to raise funds in the name of the Spirit of Normandy Trust and will do all we can to provide support with leaflets and information as needed. We do ask that individuals or groups wishing to raise funds using our name contact us before using the registered name of the Trust, or using our registered logo

Donations can also be made through Just Giving using this QR code
Leaving a donation in a Will is a great way to assist the Trust whilst reducing liability for Inheritance Tax, as all charitable bequests are deducted from the value of the estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated.

Personal donations can be made by cheque to the address listed, or can be made through the Just Giving website or by using the QR code below.
If you need advise on making a donation or wish to discuss how such a donation would be used, please contact us using the email address info@spiritofnormandy.org.uk

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THE SPIRIT OF NORMANDY TRUST
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A CHARITABLE TRUST ESTABLISHED TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT TO PRESERVE FREEDOM IN 1944

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Spirit of Normandy Trust was founded in 1994 to:

- Provide welfare support for veterans of D Day and the Normandy Campaign
- Perpetuate the memory of the historical importance of the Normandy Campaign

More information about the Trust can be found at:

www.spiritofnormandy.org.uk



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WELFARE

Our welfare support has included providing funding towards aids to make the twilight years of the veterans as safe and comfortable as possible, including panic alarms, stair lifts, and wheelchairs. Requests for assistance should be routed through **SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity**, telephone number 0845 260 6780 or through their website www.ssafa.org.uk.



A large part of our welfare work, more recently, has been to organise and undertake annual pilgrimage trips to Normandy for veterans from all services who took part in D Day and the battle for Normandy.

We escort veterans to commemorative events across Normandy every June, focussing on the key areas of remembrance for them. We work in partnership with the local Mayors and lead organisations to deliver ceremonies in key locations and also ensure that time is made for veterans to visit locations that are particularly significant for them.

Throughout the year we take veterans to events and visits to provide ongoing interest and encouragement to them. Whether it is a Normandy Pilgrimage or an event or outing in the UK, we always ensure that we provide the right level of resources for their comfort, care and safety.

One of the high points of the year is for the veterans to attend the annual Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph in November.
Our ethos is clear. We strongly believe that the veterans have already paid the price, so we ensure that they are not charged for anything when they attend events or pilgrimages with us through the year.



EDUCATION

Our education focus is:

- To imbed the history of WWII in the minds of future generations, emphasising the critical importance of the Normandy Campaign within that context.
- To instil remembrance, ensuring that the sacrifices of those who fought are understood and not forgotten.
- To emphasize the fragility of peace, the futility of aggression, the horrors of conflict, and the need for dialogue amongst all nations to prevent escalation.

Working in close liaison with the Young Historian Project, the Trust awards prizes annually for projects submitted by schools and individuals. Trustees also welcome the opportunity to visit schools and address students about relevant topics and attitudes.

The Trust is gathering archive material on veterans to assist in the perpetuation of their stories both in presentations and, hopefully, as part of future permanent exhibitions in relevant museums.

THE SPIRIT OF NORMANDY TRUST YOUNG HISTORIAN PRIZES

Entries of projects will be judged annually by the Young Historian Project, a committee of educators chaired by Dr Trevor James in conjunction with Dr Jane Ainsworth, Director of the Young Historian Awards Scheme. The committee members, like SONT Trustees, are volunteers and judge submissions in various categories before making recommendations to the Trust. Details of entry can be found in the education section of the SONT website.

Entries are accepted under three age group categories: Primary, Key Stage 3 and Senior. At the Primary level we would expect most entries to come from collaborative class projects, whereas entries in the older category groups would usually be from individuals.

A winning entry is selected for each age group, and individuals as well as their schools receive a cash prize. Additional prizes can also be awarded for Highly Recommended work, at the discretion of the judges. The General Peter Martin Award, named in honour of the founding Chairman of the Trust, can be awarded if an entry is considered exceptional.

All entrants will receive recognition of participation, and Trustees would be willing to present prizes to winning schools if invited, and where appropriate.