



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## Central News – January 2023

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### Important dates

18 January 2023	Membership Council Meeting
3-4 March 2023	County Chairs Seminar

## Happy New Year



Following the RBL's centenary, 2022 was the year we focused on further developing the membership offer and started to establish the foundation for the future of membership to ensure we are ready for the next 100 years. We look forward to sharing more of this work with you later this year.

In 2023 we will continue our work on improving the membership experience.

As we are welcoming the new year, we have much to look forward to, including:

- Upcoming County Conferences
- Further work on the membership experience and future of membership, with a new senior team in place
- Hybrid Annual Conference to take place in Torquay on 19-21 May
- Other engagement and informative events such as meet-ups, county seminars and online events

We look forward to you joining us on this journey and we thank you for your ongoing support.

## Take our Central News Bulletin one year survey

The Central News Bulletin is a monthly e-newsletter sent to Branch and County Officers aiming to share administrative updates and deadlines and other news that might be of use to Officers.

This is the 12th edition of the Central News Bulletin and we'd like to collect and analyse feedback and comments about this e-newsletter from those who receive it, to ensure it meets its purpose and your needs.

Please take this [short and anonymous survey](#) to let us know what you think about the Central News Bulletin and how we could improve it for you.

## Trustee Elections – Final Reminder for nominations

Just a reminder that if you'd like to apply to be an RBL Trustee then please contact your Branch Officers directly. The nominations close on **13 January 2023** and the ballot runs from 13 March – 4 May 2023.

As a trustee, you would join the Board of Trustees, lead the RBL and be legally responsible and accountable for everything that RBL does. Trustees ensure that the charity continues to fulfil its charitable aims, is well run, and complies with all its obligations. Could you be one of them?

If you're curious to find out more, then visit our Board of Trustees web page [here](#).

## Annual Conference

As part of the Annual Conference every year, Members have the opportunity to ask a panel, consisting of Membership Council Members and Senior RBL Managers, questions about all aspects of their membership.

During last year's conference 23 questions were asked and answered covering a wide range of topics relating to Members' experience.

All Members can submit their questions in advance by sending them via email to [annualconference@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:annualconference@britishlegion.org.uk) or you can also ask your questions on the day.



## County Conferences

In the next couple of months, our Counties, Districts and Women's Section will be holding their annual Conferences. If you have not yet nominated your Branch delegate please ensure that you do so; the Conferences give Members the formal opportunity to review the performance of the formation, conduct County elections and put forward motions for this year's Annual Conference. They are also a chance to hear the latest updates from the RBL and connect with fellow Members.

We'd like to wish you all successful and productive Conferences. Please find below a table with dates for upcoming County Conferences. For more information please contact your Membership Engagement Officer.

Counties/Districts	Dates	Counties/Districts	Dates
<b>January</b>		<b>February</b>	
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	07/01/2023	<b>Bedfordshire</b>	04/02/2023
<b>North Wales</b>	07/01/2023	<b>Devon</b>	04/02/2023
<b>Essex</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Norfolk</b>	04/02/2023
<b>Gwent</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	04/02/2023
<b>Kent</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Wiltshire</b>	04/02/2023
<b>North &amp; East Yorkshire</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Spain South</b>	04/02/2023
<b>Shropshire</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Oxfordshire</b>	11/02/2023
<b>South &amp; West Yorkshire</b>	14/01/2023	<b>Greater London</b>	18/02/2023
<b>West Lancashire</b>	14/01/2023		
<b>Worcestershire</b>	14/01/2023		
<b>Cornwall</b>	15/01/2023		
<b>Lancashire</b>	15/01/2023		
<b>Berkshire</b>	21/01/2023		

<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Cheshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Derbyshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Greater Manchester</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Hampshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Isle of Man</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Leicestershire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	21/01/2023
<b>South East Wales</b>	21/01/2023
<b>South West Wales</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Sussex</b>	21/01/2023
<b>National Branches</b>	21/01/2023
<b>Dorset</b>	22/01/2023
<b>Staffordshire</b>	22/01/2023
<b>Spain North</b>	24/01/2023
<b>Warwickshire &amp; Birmingham</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Women's Section</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Herefordshire</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Northumbria</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Republic of Ireland</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Suffolk</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Surrey</b>	28/01/2023
<b>Somerset</b>	29/01/2023

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