

2026

WALES NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY

Thank you for joining us at Armed Forces Day.

Today is an opportunity for us to come together to recognise, celebrate and thank the Armed Forces community.



Programme of the day



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Welcome



It is my great honour and pleasure, as Armed Forces Champion, to welcome you to Armed Forces Day here in Carmarthenshire.

This event is an important opportunity for us to come together as a community to show our sincere appreciation to members of the armed forces – those serving today, our veterans, and the families who support them.

We are extremely grateful for their dedication, courage and sacrifice, and it is important that we recognise their contribution to our safety and lifestyle.

We hope you will enjoy the celebrations today and join us in showing our respect and support for our armed forces.

Councillor Phillip Hughes

Cabinet Member and Armed Forces
Champion, Carmarthenshire County
Council

A message of thanks



On behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the organisation and hosting of this year's Armed Forces Day.

Thank you to our partners, sponsors, armed forces, charities, volunteers and all the organisations who have given of their time and energy to make this event possible. In particular, we thank those who serve, our veterans and their families for their dedication and sacrifice.

We hope you enjoy the event and join us in celebrating and showing our support for our armed forces community.

Councillor Linda Evans

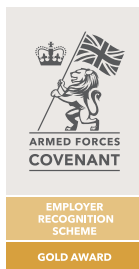
Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council

A word from the Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council



It is a great honour to have the opportunity to welcome Wales National Armed Forces Day here to Carmarthenshire, and to the magnificent site at Pembrey Country Park. The history of our Forces is woven into this area and it is a strong foundation for our commitment as a Council to the Armed Forces community.

As a Gold Award Defence Employer Recognition Scheme employer, we recognise the skills and experiences that the Forces offer in our workforce and community, and we hope that today is an opportunity to further celebrate and mark our thanks.



Councillor Giles Morgan
Chairman, Carmarthenshire County Council

A message from His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed



On behalf of the three Counties of the Lieutenancy of Dyfed, I am delighted to support this very important day for our Armed Forces veterans, cadets, young people and families.

Miss Sara Edwards
His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed

A message from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality – Sioned Williams



Armed Forces Day provides an important opportunity to acknowledge that service in a visible and meaningful way. It is

also a time to reflect on our collective responsibility to ensure that those who have served, and their families, are treated with fairness, dignity and respect. Our First Minister Rhun Iwan Iorwerth made clear his support for the Armed Forces visiting the charity Valley Veterans earlier this month and made clear during the visit that we remain committed to improving access to services, tackling disadvantage, and recognising the unique contributions of the Armed Forces community in every part of the country through our continued support for the Armed Forces Covenant in Wales.

As Minister for Social Justice and Equality, I am particularly mindful of the importance of inclusion and opportunity. We must ensure that veterans and service families are supported to thrive, whether through housing, healthcare, education, or employment, so that their skills, experience and talents continue to enrich Welsh society.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those involved in organising this event, and to the organisations, local authorities and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to support our Armed Forces community.

On behalf of the First Minister, I offer my deepest gratitude to all who serve and have served and my commitment to support Wales' Armed Forces Community.

A word from Air Commodore Rob Woods OBE, Air Officer Wales, Royal Air Force



It is a profound honour to join Carmarthenshire County Council in commemorating Armed Forces

Day 2026.

I extend my deepest thanks to the Council, its partners, and the local communities for hosting this distinguished national occasion, and for

their steadfast commitment to recognising the courage, service, and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community.

The support shown here in Carmarthenshire stands as a testament to the enduring gratitude of our nation. I greatly look forward to attending and joining you all in reflection, celebration, and tribute on this most significant day.

Schedule of the day

11:30 Event opens **Main Stage**

Armed Forces Day will begin with a short parade of standards, led by the Band of the Royal Welsh, including our local cadets and veteran organisations. The parade will march to the stage area to lay their standards, marking the formal start of the opening ceremony.

11:30 **Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of The Royal Welsh and parade** **Parade Route and in front of stage**

12:00 **Opening ceremony** **Main Stage**

Speakers:

- Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council - **Councillor Linda Evans**
- His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed - **Miss Sara Edwards**
- Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality - **Sioned Williams MS**
- Air Officer Wales - **Rob Woods OBE**

12:30 **A400M Atlas flypast**

12:30 - 15:45 **Afternoon entertainment** **Main Stage**

Mari Grug will host performances by Meibion Elli, Kelly Ann Wyatt, Royal British Legion Band of Llanelli (Wales), NHS Hospital notes and talented individuals from Loud Applause Rising Stars.

15:45 **Royal Air Force Falcons Parachute Display Team** ***weather dependant*** **Monksfield**

16:00 **Closing ceremony** **Main Stage**

Speaker: Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council - **Councillor Giles Morgan**

17:30 - 19:30 **Evening entertainment** **Main Stage**

Music provided by Newshan, and performances from former and current Loud Applause Rising Stars members including- Lauren Elizabeth Williams, Liam J Edwards (S4C's Y Llais finalist in 2025) and headlined by West End performer Samuel Wyn Morris.

A400M Atlas flypast



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A versatile airlift aircraft, **Atlas C.1 A400M** provides tactical airlift and strategic oversize lift capabilities. Operating at high-level altitudes up to 40,000ft.

Atlas can carry 116 passengers, or 9 aircraft pallets and 54 passengers, or 66 stretchers, with a maximum payload of 37 tonnes.

The Royal Air Force Falcons Parachute Display Team 2026

Widely recognised as the UK's premier military parachute display team, the RAF Falcons, based at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, display at venues all over Britain and Europe throughout the year.

As an official display team for The Royal Air Force they showcase defence by demonstrating military parachuting capability and engaging with the UK public and other international audiences.

The RAF is responsible for training and supporting all UK Airborne Forces. As well as providing a distinctive demonstration of free fall and canopy skills during the display season, each Falcons team member undertakes continual advanced training as Parachute Jumping

Instructors, in preparation for future employment in support of the Parachute Regiment, the Royal Marines and other specialist units.

Weather permitting the display will go ahead around 15:45.



Stalls

A wide range of stalls are present today, including representation from the armed forces, emergency services, veterans' charities and local community organisations. The stalls will offer an opportunity to learn more about the support available to members of the armed forces, veterans and their families, as well as interactive activities, exhibitions and opportunities to connect with key organisations. We encourage you to take the time to explore the stall area and to engage with the range of services and support available.

307 Squadron Project	Cardiff City Community Foundation (Cardiff City FC Veterans Hub)
203 (W) Mob Med Regt	Carers Trust Crossroads West Wales
157 Regiment RLC	Carmarthenshire County Council
108 Welsh Field Squadron, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, Army Reserves	Ceredigion & Pembrokeshire Leisure
104 Regiment Royal Artillery	Citizens Advice Bureau
74 Military Intelligence	Connected Forces Cymru
39 Signal Regiment	CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission)
Actif Sport and Leisure	Diabetes UK
Adferiad	Dolen Teifi Transport
Age Cymru Dyfed	Dyfed and Glamorgan Cadet Force
Alabare	Dyfed Powys Police
Army Benevolent Fund	Fighting With Pride
Association of Polish Journalists and Writers in Wales "DIALOG"	Forces Employment Charity
Blind Veterans UK	Help for Heroes
British Army Infantry Engagement Team	Helping Homeless Vets
Bulldogs BCA	Hero Paws

HMPPS Wales	Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund
Hywel Dda University Health Board	Royal Air Force Regular & Reserve
Imperial Welsh Squad - UK Garrison	Royal Military Police
Kidwelly Fire Station, Mid and West Wales Fire Service	Royal Naval Association - Carmarthen Branch
Links - Combined Forces	Royal Navy
Llanelli and Carmarthen Sea Cadets	RFCA for Wales
Llanelli Royal British Legion	Scarlets
Llanelli Veterans Association	SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity
Merchant Navy Association Newport	Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales (SSCE Cymru)
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service Community Fire Safety	Tesco
Military Veterans Club Cymru	The Royal British Legion Wales
Mission Community/Redberth Croft CIC	Therapies4services CIC
Mothers Matter	UK Smart Recovery
Neath Port Talbot County Council Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
P commando reenactment group	Veterans Legal Link, Aberystwyth University
Pembrey, Burry Port & District Combined Services Association	Veteran's Refreshment Tent
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association	Welsh Blood Service (NHS)
RAF Valley	Welsh Ambulance University NHS Trust
RAFAC	Wayne John Memorabilia
Reach for the Skies	Woody's Lodge
Reading Force	

Sponsors

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors for their generous support towards this year's Armed Forces Day. Their contribution has been vital to ensure the success of the event and to enable us to celebrate and show our appreciation to our armed forces community.



Proudly supporting our Armed Forces

From serving personnel and veterans to reservists and military families, we're incredibly proud to support the Armed Forces community. That's why, last year, we re-signed the Armed Forces Covenant and launched a three-year partnership between our Armed Forces Network and Help for Heroes.

Over £23m Raised for Armed Forces charities since 2016	First retailer To sign the Armed Forces covenant	Over 20,000 Colleagues connected to the Armed Forces
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Support for Life

Whatever the need, wherever it's needed, RBL can offer the Armed Forces community support for life.

Through expert advice and practical support, we can help with many of life's problems, no matter how many years have passed since leaving service.

Call us today on **0800 802 8089** to see how we can help, or visit RBL.org.uk for more information.



Thank you to **Dolen Teifi** and **Links** for their support in providing transport services to the event. Our vehicles have been provided by Dolen Teifi and our drivers are volunteers with Links.

We would like to thank the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Defence for their financial support towards hosting Armed Forces Day.



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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Meet some of our military teams



Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) – 108 Welsh Field Squadron (Swansea)

An Army Reserve engineering unit based in Swansea, providing skilled soldiers who support operations in the UK and overseas.

Find out more: <https://rmonrem.com/>



203 (Welsh) Multi-role Medical Regiment (MMR)

A specialist Army Reserve medical unit delivering healthcare support on operations, combining emergency care, evacuation and hospital capabilities.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-army-medical-service/203-welsh-multi-role-medical-regiment>



39 Signal Regiment

Army Reserve communications specialists who provide secure IT and communication systems to support operations at home and abroad.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-corps-of-signals/39-signal-regiment>



74 Military Intelligence

Wales' only Military Intelligence unit, responsible for gathering and analysing information to support defence decision-making.

Find out more: <https://army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/intelligence-corps>



157 (Welsh) Regiment RLC

The Army Reserve's only Welsh logistics regiment, responsible for transporting personnel and equipment where it is needed.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-logistic-corps/reserve-units/157-regiment-rlc>



174 Provoast Company, 1st Regiment Royal Military Police

Provides policing and investigative support to the Army, maintaining discipline in the UK and on overseas operations.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/adjutant-generals-corps/provost-branch/royal-military-police>



104th Regiment Royal Artillery – The Welsh Borderers

An Army Reserve artillery regiment supporting frontline operations, with units based across Wales and beyond.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/oyal-artillery/104th-regiment-royal-artillery/>



HQ 160th (Welsh) Brigade

The Army's regional headquarters in Wales, linking military operations with government and communities.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/formations-divisions-and-brigades/standing-joint-command/regional-command/hq-160th-welsh-brigade/>



Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of The Royal Welsh

An Army Reserve band rooted in South Wales' musical heritage, performing at ceremonial and public events.

Find out more: <https://www.army.mod.uk/learn-and-explore/about-the-army/corps-regiments-and-units/infantry/royal-welsh/regimental-band-and-corps-of-drums-of-the-royal-welsh/>



The Royal Navy in Wales: Serving at Home and Around the Globe

Welsh sailors and reservists serve across the globe, supporting national defence and humanitarian operations.

Find out more:
<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/organisation/units-and-squadrons/royal-naval-reserve/cambria>

Site map

FACTORY ROAD

Entrance

Key:

- Main stage
- Military & Emergency display
- Community stalls & exhibitors
- Food & drink area
- Toilets
- First Aid & visitor information, Event HQ
- Litter & waste station
- Parade start point
- Entrance / Exit

Event Field

Parade Route

Disabled Parking

Parachute Landing Zone



Afternoon performance stage

Mari Grug will present the entertainment throughout the day and night, keeping the stage lively and full of energy. Cerith Owens, co-founder of Loud Applause Rising Stars, is our Artistic Director for stage performances, and has led on putting together a diverse programme of talent throughout the afternoon and evening.



Mari Grug



Cerith Owens



Isla Lloyd



Kelly Ann Wyatt



Royal British Legion
Band of Llanelli (Wales)



NHS – Hospital Notes



Meibion Elli



Connor Horton



Rhys Hunter



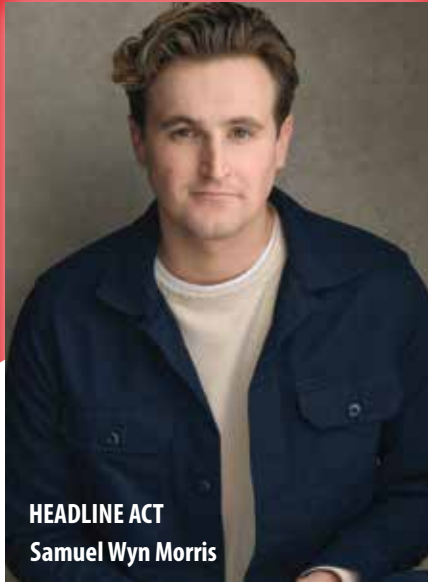
Georgia Barley

Timeline	Performer
12:30-13:05	Royal British Legion Band of Llanelli (Wales)
13:10-13:25	Rhys Hunter and Georgia Barley
13:30-13:55	NHS Hospital Notes
14:00-14:25	Kelly Ann Wyatt
14:30-14:45	Isla Lloyd a Connor Horton
14:50-15:15	Meibion Elli
15:20-15:35	Connor Horton and Georgia Barley

For more information and background from our talented performers visit:
discovercarmarthenshire.com/WalesNationalArmedForcesDay2026

Evening performance stage

The evening concert offers an evening of live music with a fantastic selection of Welsh talent. The band Newshan will open the evening with popular songs in Welsh and English, with performances also by Lauren Elizabeth Williams of LARS and Liam J Edwards, who reached the final of Y Llais in 2025. To close the evening, our headliner will be West End star Samuel Wyn Morris, who promises a memorable finale to the day.



HEADLINE ACT
Samuel Wyn Morris



Liam J Edwards



Lauren Elizabeth Williams



Newshan

Timeline	Performer
17:30-18:00	Newshan
18:00-18:15	Lauren Elizabeth Williams
18:15-18:35	Liam J Edwards (Newshan's band accompaniment)
18:45-19:30	Samuel Wyn Morris (headline act)



GUEST ACCOMPANIST
Menna Rhys

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