



Beyond The  
**Battlefield**

## **Annual Report 2023**

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# About Beyond The Battlefield

BTB was founded in June 2011

We provide three core services:

- Information and referral
- War Pensions, Compensation and Entitlements
- Specialist Trauma Counselling



# Client Figures



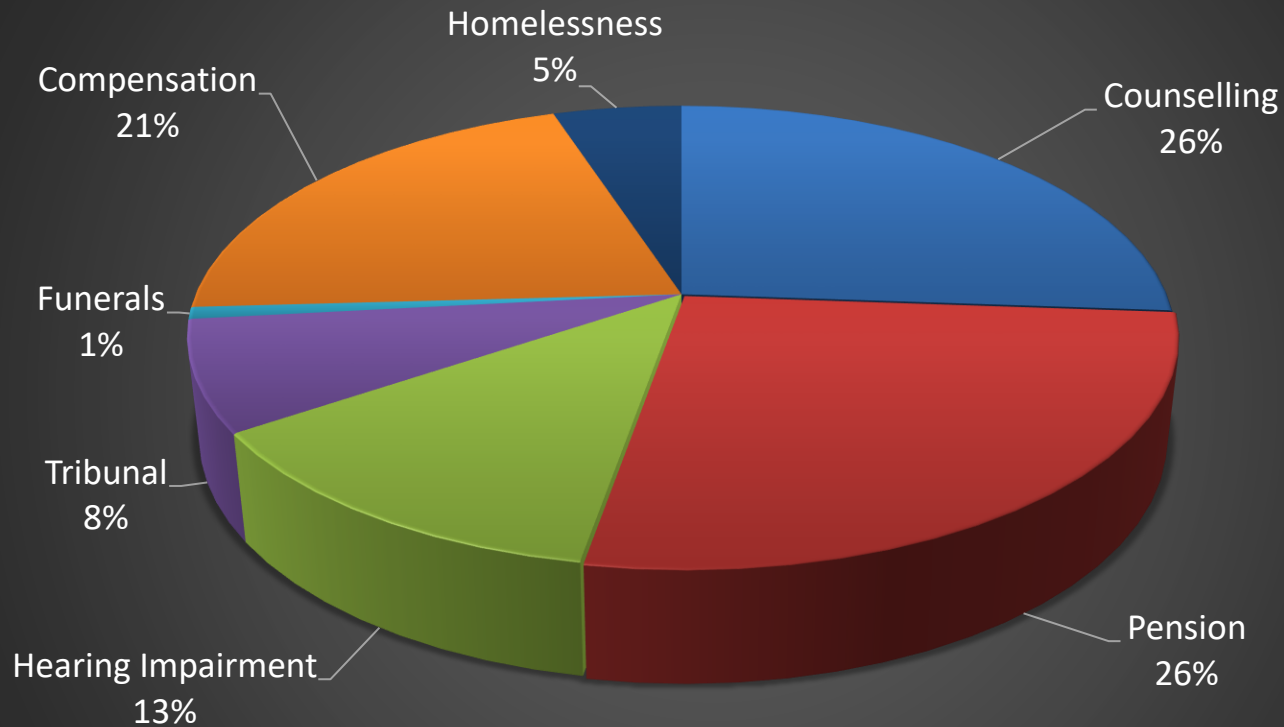
<b>2022</b>	<b>1247</b>
2021	1022
2020	854
2019	498
2018	294
2017	297
2016	279
2015	343
2014	301

# Client Presenting Issues

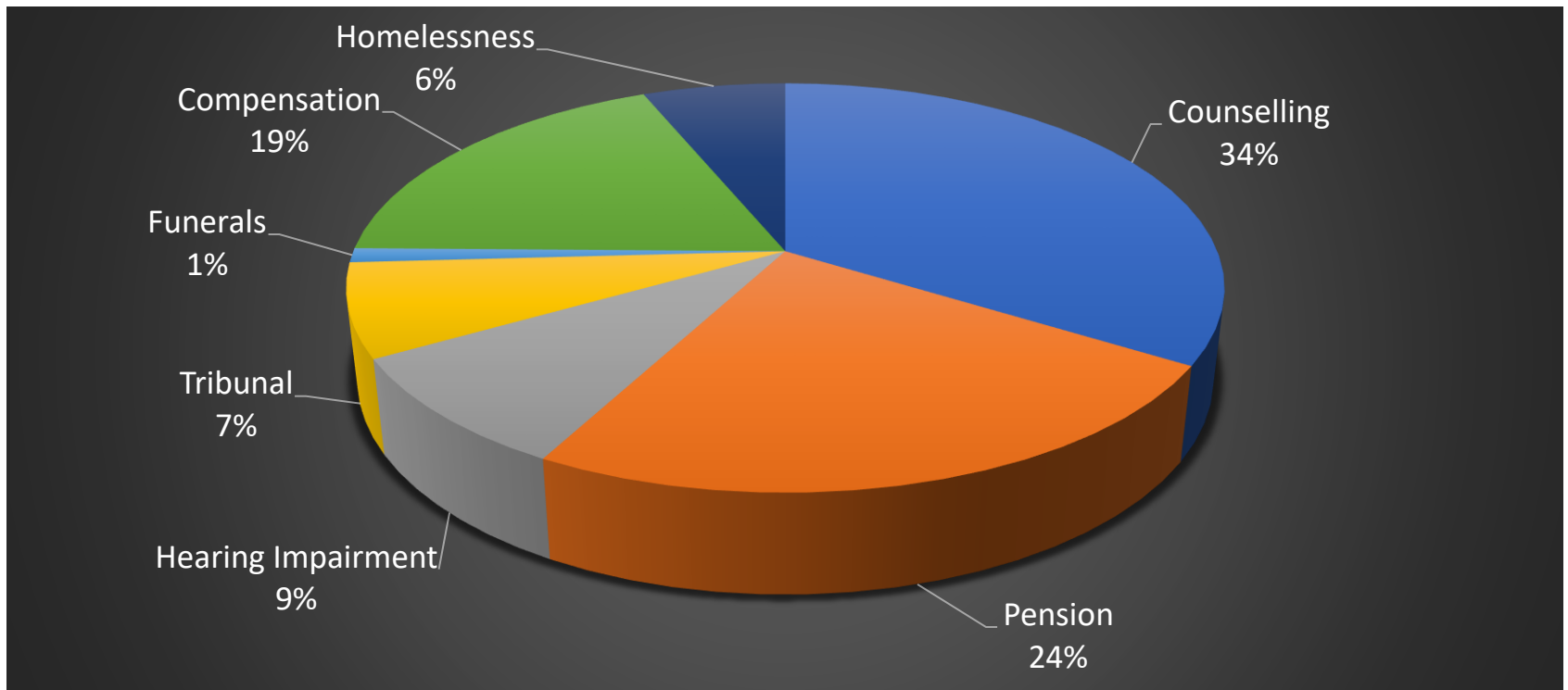


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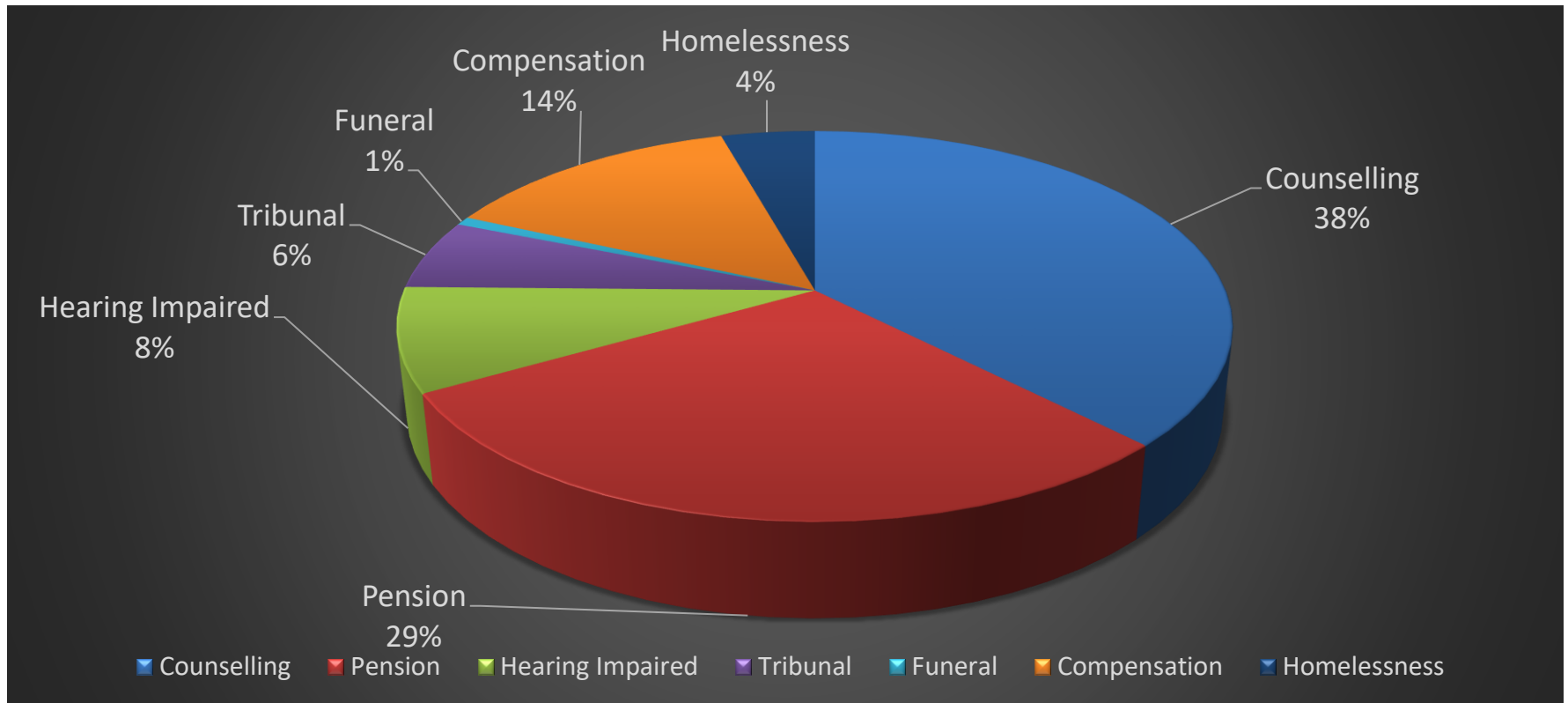
## January to December 2019



# Client Presenting Issues January to December 2020



# Client Presenting Issues January to December 2021



# January to December 2022

- 10,000 leaflets disseminated
- 7,000 cards disseminated
- 10,000 A5 Flyers disseminated



# Main issues discussed in counselling

- Service
- Self esteem
- Mental ill-health
- Family conflict
- Family breakdown
- Drug / Alcohol Abuse
- Physical Health
- Afghanistan withdrawal
- PTSD
- Anxiety
- Self isolation
- Victim anger
- Emotional abuse
- Rape / Sexual Abuse
- Violent abuse

# Barriers to seeking support

- Showing signs of weakness
- Unaware of the support services available
- Fear of losing contact with friends, family's and communities
- Recognising that they require support
- Lack of trust – security issues



# Harbour House



A Veterans Centre has been a long term pipe project of Beyond the Battlefield's. In September 2021 a building was found in Portavogie and a 20 Year Lease was signed for the centre.

Harbour House will offer a safe space of respite for veterans and their families and also offer a space for veterans who find themselves homeless.

The centre was developed and refurbished and includes the following:

- Eight ensuite double-twin bedrooms
- A coffee shop
- Outward bounds centre
- Restaurant with training space opportunity

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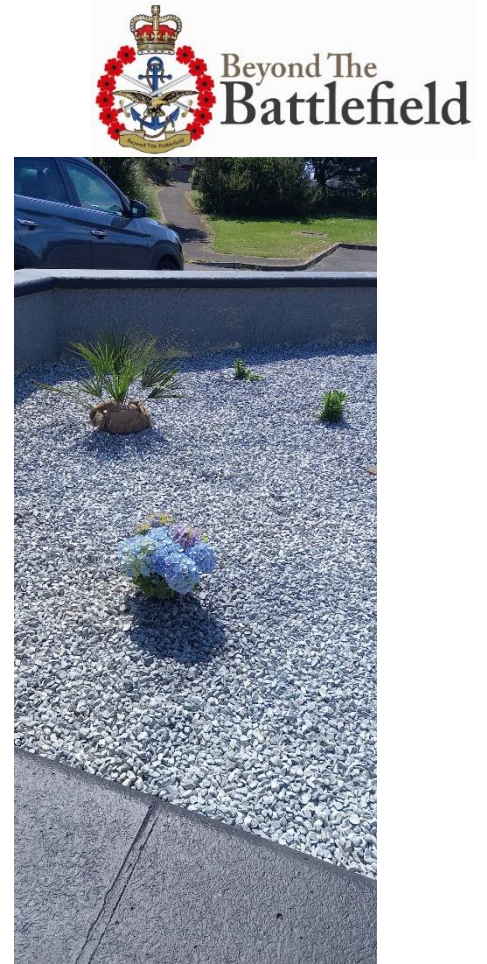
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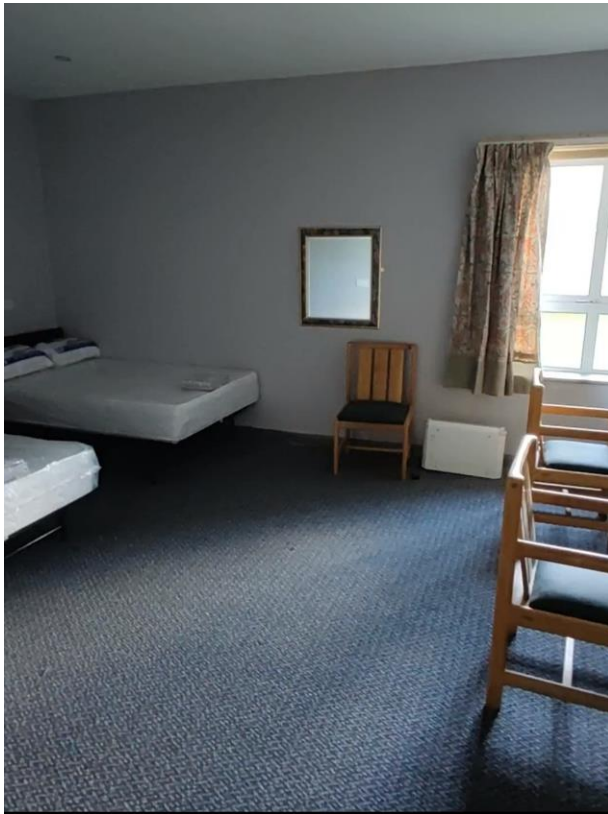
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## Join our river searching project

The project offers: River Searching with magnets; kayaking; fishing and it's all FREE!

Every veteran is welcome, no matter what your ability or where you live in Northern Ireland.

Contact our office for more details:  
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or call us on 02891228389

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# Harbour House Outward Bounds



# Harbour House Future Plans



vision for a retreat



trellis to the side of wall to privacy.

Shelter Built around corner



Planting

On trellis of retreat; Jasmine, Roses and honeysuckle for all day scent and pollinators.

Around Retreat

Hedge of Rosemary, Lavender with a floor of thyme + camomille.

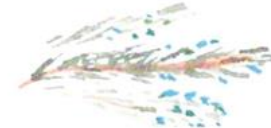


Wall mounted water feature.

Inside the retreat.

- \* Leave space for a wheelchair.
- \* Add a cupboard to the wall to house a book of remembrance
- \* Add a droppable side table.
- \* Heater

Deborah  
2022



# Harbour House Future Plans

1e Area.

Memorial Stone  
seating over the plants  
The visitor is immersed  
sensory planting.

Windows with  
window boxes  
seasonally planted

Chatty area with trellis  
planted with scented  
climbing plants. Jasmine  
Roses.



Sensory table  
wheelchair  
accessible.  
Rosemary, Thyme  
cayenne, mint

Arbour to the front of Memorial  
Stone for a sense of journey + privacy

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