



# Beyond The Battlefield

## Annual Report 2024

# 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
- We have 26 volunteers



# 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 offer a space for veterans who find themselves homeless.

The centre will be developed and refurbished and will include the following

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

# Memberships



breastfeeding  
welcome here



VETERANS  
GATEWAY



Statutory inspections by Tourism Northern Ireland are required to take place on a 4 yearly cycle.



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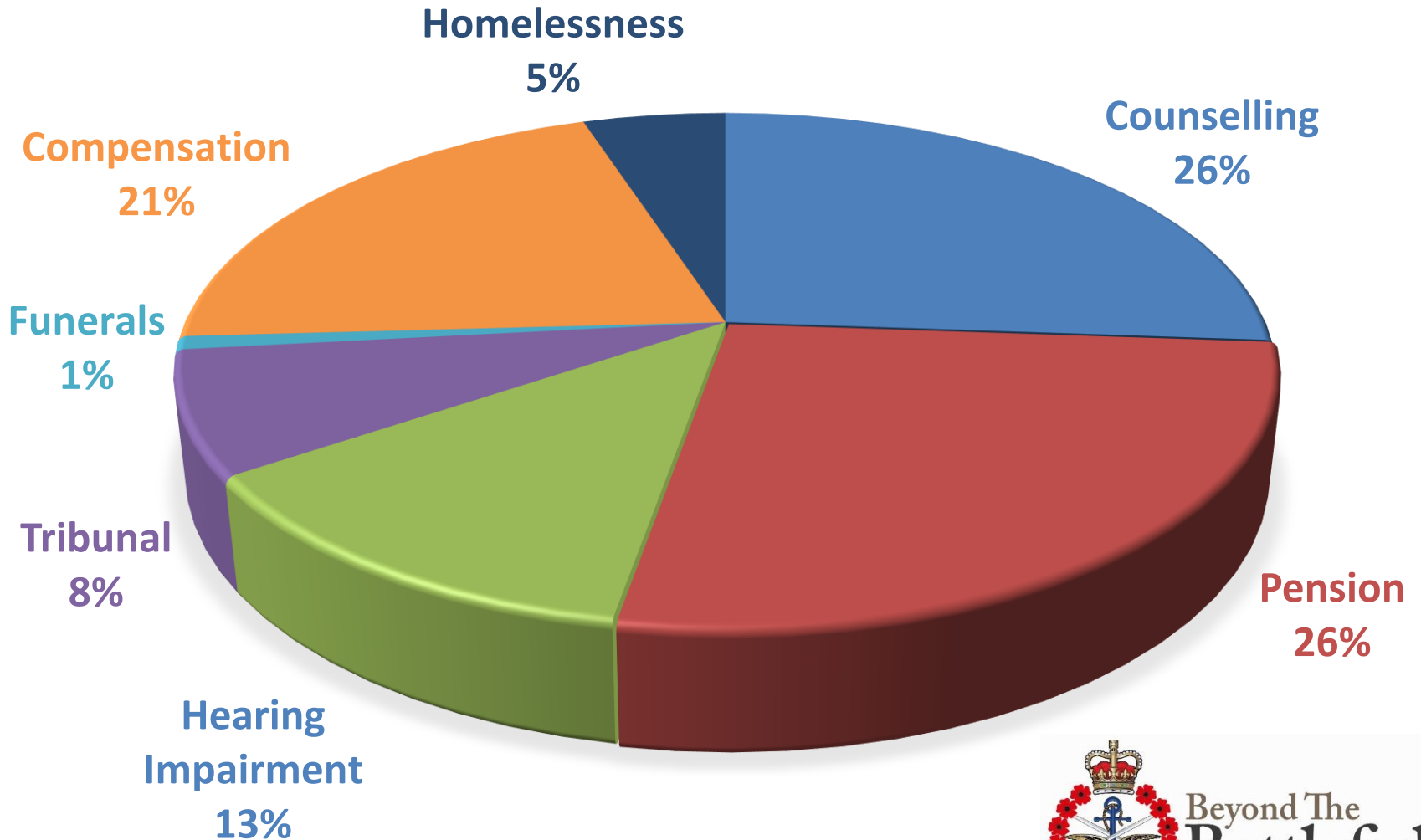
NIVSC  
Northern Ireland  
Veteran Support Charities



Northern Ireland  
Veteran Housing Strategy  
Group

# Client Presenting Issues

January to December 2024



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# Main issues discussed in counselling

January – December 2024

- Self esteem
- Mental ill-health
- Family conflict
- Family breakdown
- Drug / Alcohol Abuse
- Physical Health
- 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



# What We Achieved This Year

- ✓ Expanded Mental Health & Counselling Support
- ✓ Harbour House: Safe Haven for homeless veterans
- ✓ £200,000+ in Grants Secured
- ✓ Increased Veteran Outreach & Engagement



# How We Made It Happen

## Funding & Grants





- The Rank Foundation - for training & salary support
- Screwfix Foundation - for facility improvements
- Department of Health- Mental Health Support
- Armed Forces Covenant Fund - for counselling & operations
- Veterans Foundation - leadership & advocacy



# THANKS TO ALL OUR FUNDERS







# Where the Funds Went

-  Mental Health & Counselling
-  Housing & Homelessness Support
-  Veteran Engagement
-  Facility Upgrades



# What's Next?

-  Expand Counselling Services
-  Secure More Permanent Housing
-  Strengthen Collaborations
-  Expand Harbour House



# Harbour House Future Plans



## vision for a Retreat



. trellis to the side of wall to privacy.



Shelter Built around corner



Deborah  
2022

## Planting

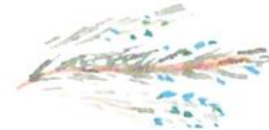
On trellis of retreat; Jasmine, Roses and honeysuckle for all day scent and pollinators.

## Around Retreat

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

## 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



# Harbour House Future Plans



Seating Area

around 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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# Thank You to Our Supporters!

-  The Rank Foundation
-  Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust
-  Veterans Foundation
-  Mental Health Support Fund
-  Screwfix Foundation
-  B&Q Neighbourly
-  Vodafone Foundation
-  LFT Charitable Trust
-  Albert Hunt Trust

And a thank you to those people and organisations who ran events and our volunteers who donated their time and skills and raised funds for YOUR veterans throughout the year.





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SUPPORTING  
THOSE WHO  
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