

## The RAF Benevolent Fund

The RAF Benevolent Fund is the RAF's leading welfare charity with a proud tradition of looking after its own. We are there for all serving and former members of the RAF as well as their partners and dependent children.

The RAF Benevolent Fund has supported the RAF Family, through thick and thin, for almost 100 years.

Each year we assist around 41,000 serving RAF, veterans and their dependants.

Our welfare support is the bedrock of everything that we do. From childcare and relationship difficulties to injury and disability, and from financial hardship and debt to illness and bereavement, we help any member of the RAF Family in a broad range of issues.

We also provide funding for RAF stations, including grants to improve morale and wellbeing.

### **Airplay**

Our Airplay Youth Support Programme was set up to take some of the pressure off serving parents. To date we have funded 76 Airplay facilities that include play parks and multi-use games areas and 27 childcare centres on, or near, RAF stations.

**£1.2m** spent on Airplay youth workers



**3,407** children and young people using Airplay



**1,900** childcare places UK-wide

### **Veterans**

We support both young and older veterans and immediate family members with everything from injury or illness, to financial hardship, disability, emotional wellbeing, transitioning back to civilian life and living independently. We can consider any request for assistance and we provide a tailor-made approach to each individual situation.