

The Friends of SSAFA Forces Help, East Dorset Division

The Friends of SSAFA Forces Help (East Dorset) was formed on 3rd April 1996 and are currently a small group of volunteers whose time is devoted to raising funds on behalf of the Dorset Branch. Since forming, the Friends have raised over £40,000. This success is due to the joint effort of our small committee and group of volunteers. We are always looking for more volunteers from any walk of life and background to become willing hands in the running of our fundraising events and to ensure that our important work continues. We plan and carry out a few fundraising events each year; the principal one being the annual Military Band Concert at Canford School in July which is now in its 11th year.

In the last year we raised £6,000 some of which was able to be used locally for caseworkers. In the last 5 years we have raised £24,000.

The Friends (some of whom do not come from a military background) meet on the first Wednesday bi-monthly at Wimborne Town Hall Committee Room. Our meetings are held in February, April, June, August and October.

Some of our recent events other than the Military Band Concert include Curry Lunch and Garden Open Days but we are always looking for new ideas.

If you feel you can spare a few hours to support our friendly group we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact either Debbie Phipps or John Eyre to find out more.

Future Events

Military Band Concert

Layard Theatre - Canford School

Friday 9th July 2010

For tickets contact Sally Cadec 01929 471038

Chairman – Debbie Phipps 01202 632858

Secretary – John Collop

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