

Good afternoon

Earlier this year, we wrote to let you know that the National Memorial Arboretum would become the Royal British Legion National Remembrance Gardens. I am writing to confirm that this change has now taken effect.

The new name reflects the RBL's longstanding relationship with and support of the site. The RBL has been the parent charity since 2003, and the name recognises the role it has played in supporting and sustaining this special place.

While our name has changed, our purpose remains the same. The site is home to more than 430 memorials commemorating service and sacrifice in the Armed Forces, Emergency Services and civilian organisations, and they will remain central to the purpose of the National Remembrance Gardens. We will continue to commemorate service and sacrifice on behalf of the nation, host significant moments of Remembrance and provide a dedicated place for remembrance, reflection and learning throughout the year.

You will now begin to see our new name and branding reflected across our communications, website, signage, and promotional materials. Visitors, memorial holders, supporters, and partners can continue to expect the same commitment to remembrance, the same warm welcome and the same focus on preserving and sharing the stories represented across our memorial landscape.

There will be no changes to the basis of arrangements for memorials and, as owners, you remain entirely responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, and safety of your memorial. If memorials are not maintained and become a safety hazard the terms of the Memorial Application and Amendment Policy SOP 44 (available on our website) will apply and the memorial may be removed.

All rights and obligations under any current memorial agreement were assumed by the Royal British Legion on the 1st April and The Royal British Legion will continue to honour the terms of the agreement without interruption. The terms, validity or performance of your agreement will not be affected. If you have a current, signed, and valid maintenance agreement with the site the arrangements for your memorial will continue .

If you are not able or do not wish to carry out your maintenance obligations, we do offer a service to do this for you by prior agreement, if you would like to discuss this service, please contact Paul Johnson pjohnson@britishlegion.org.uk or myself AAnsell@britishlegion.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support. Your contribution has helped make this nationally important place what it is today, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with you as the Royal British Legion National Remembrance Gardens.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Ansell

Head of Estates