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Total raised so far

£4,455.00

Total plus Gift Aid: £5,212.50

Raised offline: £730.00

Story

David Benest sadly died of heart disease on 10 August 2020. David's wife Genevieve and sister Jacquetta have expressed a wish that In Memorial donations be made to the Ulysses Trust.

David retired as a colonel in 2009, after an active and successful career in the British Army. Settling in the village of Manningford Abbots in Wiltshire, he realised that getting daily newspapers delivered in the area was a major difficulty. For some of the older local residents this represented a serious hardship. Something needed to be done!

In 2015, he offered his services as a paperboy to a local newsagent. His motivation was to provide a much-needed service to his local community but, to his surprise, he was paid for his work. Straight away, he decided to donate his earnings to charity, and chose The Ulysses Trust.

Established in 1992, The Ulysses Trust provides support and financial assistance to members of the UK's Cadet Forces and Volunteer Reserve, undertaking challenging outdoor activities and other adventurous expeditions. As a former cadet, David knew first-hand how beneficial the cadet experience could be in shaping the lives of young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Trust would never be able to do what it does without the support of people like David. His dedication and countless early morning starts at 05:00 AM on most days of the week in all weathers was a great example of the grit and determination required of cadets on their expeditions. To provide a much-valued service to his local community whilst raising funds for charity also wonderfully reflected the values that the Trust seeks to impart to its beneficiaries.

In total David raised over £10,000 for The Ulysses Trust. It seems fitting that his fundraising can continue, via this memorial page, to support a cause that he cared about so deeply.

Photo courtesy of Gazette & Herald.

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The Ulysses Trust

Supporters

Jul 4, 2021

James and Mary Henderson

Very pleased to support The Ulysees Trust in your memory David.

£100.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

May 4, 2021

David Blanchad

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

Feb 7, 2021

Stephen and Julia

We were very sad to recently learn of David's passing. A fine gentleman and great company.

£25.00
plus £6.25 Gift Aid

Jan 23, 2021

Denise and Richard

So shocked and sorry to hear of David's passing. A very kind and friendly man and always there to help others, he will be missed very much. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

Jan 4, 2021

Joe and Liz Poraj-Wilczynski

In loving memory of David. A dear friend and neighbour who will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

Dec 19, 2020

Rajesh Bhasin

Very shocked and sorry to hear of David's untimely passing. I knew David at Keele. A very principled , guy who was good fun to be with. I hope these charitable causes are carried on in his memory.

£100.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

Oct 28, 2020

Anonymous

£60.00
plus £15.00 Gift Aid

Oct 27, 2020

Cherrill

So many good memories

£60.00
plus £15.00 Gift Aid

Oct 12, 2020

Robert Compton

I doubt David would have remembered me, but we were friends as boys in Claygate. We both passed the 11plus but lost touch when he went to the RGS Guildford and I went to Rutlish School. I saw his obituary and realised who he was. RIP David.

£10.00
plus £2.50 Gift Aid

Oct 12, 2020

David C

£100.00

2-Oct-2020

Robert

£30.00
plus £7.50 Gift Aid

23-Sep-2020

Nigel de Lee

Happy to comemorate the good and productive life of a scholar soldier who also had great integrity and the gift of friendship, warm and enduring.

£50.00

22-Sep-2020

Clive French

£50.00

22-Sep-2020

Chris and George.

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

19-Sep-2020

David and Viv Wheen

The funeral was a very fitting tribute to David who certainly made this world a better place. We will certainly miss him.

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

18-Sep-2020

Steve and Kimberley Sargent

We have nothing but admiration for all you have achieved for your country whilst in service. I shall miss our Monday morning chats. Thank you for being a great neighbour to my Grandparents and being their 'paper boy'. Rest in peace David x x

£20.00
plus £5.00 Gift Aid

17-Sep-2020

Anonymous

£80.00
plus £20.00 Gift Aid

16-Sep-2020

The Norwegian Military Academy

Thank you David for your dedication to educating Norwegian cadets at the Norwegian Military Academy. Your contribution will be missed. The Norwegian Military Academy

£90.00

16-Sep-2020

Anonymous

£30.00
plus £7.50 Gift Aid

14-Sep-2020

Sue and Geoff Fishbourne

Sadly missed by friends and family

£40.00
plus £10.00 Gift Aid

13-Sep-2020

Anonymous

Rest in peace David and know that you are loved by many.

£0.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

12-Sep-2020

Alison Galvin-Wright

David, a privilege to have known you. You will be greatly missed. RIP

£25.00
plus £6.25 Gift Aid

12-Sep-2020

Jacq

Nothing will dim the light that shone within David's heart and mind.

£100.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

12-Sep-2020	Viv A light in shining armour.....	£100.00 plus £25.00 Gift Aid
12-Sep-2020	Anonymous	£60.00 plus £15.00 Gift Aid
11-Sep-2020	Tony Flanagan Remembering a very special man.	£30.00 plus £7.50 Gift Aid
11-Sep-2020	Sue Lymposs Rest in peace David and thank you for all you have done for this country & for your community. Sue & Richard	£30.00 plus £7.50 Gift Aid
10-Sep-2020	Chris Finch	£50.00 plus £12.50 Gift Aid
9-Sep-2020	Marlene Davie David did a splenid job raising so much for the charity	£20.00 plus £5.00 Gift Aid
9-Sep-2020	Sally and Adrian Watson-West In memory of our dearest friend	£100.00
9-Sep-2020	Jo Andrew Clemence	£30.00 plus £7.50 Gift Aid
9-Sep-2020	David Chaundler	£100.00 plus £25.00 Gift Aid
9-Sep-2020	Anonymous	£30.00 plus £7.50 Gift Aid
9-Sep-2020	John Chaplin An inspirational leader and a role model of integrity and values.	£500.00 plus £125.00 Gift Aid
8-Sep-2020	Anonymous We were at Uni together then served in 2 PARA, remaining friends and colleagues for over 40 years. You are sorely missed and I send my greatest respects and sincere condolences to Ginny.....for those who remember in 2 PARA; Free Ronnie!	£50.00 plus £12.50 Gift Aid
8-Sep-2020	Richard Williams David. As mentor and senior, you set an example of the very best standards moral leadership. You consistently shone as a selfless 'gentleman leader' and a true servant of the Toms and the country, making both better as you went along. Thank you. Richard	£300.00
8-Sep-2020	Philip Evason ex10 Para	£30.00

8-Sep-2020

Stephen Wright

David was wonderful benefactor towards the Ulysses Trust. He will be sadly missed.

£20.00

plus £5.00 Gift Aid

8-Sep-2020

Shimwell Van de Vate

In memoriam.

£50.00

plus £12.50 Gift Aid

8-Sep-2020

Knut Werner-Hagen

Vi vil ikke glemme deg, David!

£0.00

8-Sep-2020

Anonymous

Thinking of you today David as the world says goodbye to you but we will always have good memories of the great times we spent with you and a huge admiration for all you achieved in service to your country. Thanks for the memories... GILL, BILL & PIP

£50.00

plus £12.50 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Mark and Bridget

In fond memory of David, with grateful thanks for your advice and friendship over the years. We will particularly remember you for your integrity, loyalty, honour, sense of duty and strength of character. You made a real difference.

£0.00

plus £12.50 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Hector

Rest in peace old friend.

£30.00

plus £7.50 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Anonymous

£20.00

plus £5.00 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Kate and Sebastian

£50.00

plus £12.50 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Anonymous

£0.00

plus £1.25 Gift Aid

7-Sep-2020

Anonymous

£15.00

plus £3.75 Gift Aid

6-Sep-2020

Elisabeth Rambridge

£0.00

6-Sep-2020

Caroline Cornell

A small tribute to a very brave man.

£15.00

plus £3.75 Gift Aid

6-Sep-2020

Alison and Neil Baverstock

In fond memory of a brave soul

£30.00

plus £7.50 Gift Aid

5-Sep-2020

Alex
Rest in peace David, our condolences x

£100.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

5-Sep-2020

Jenny and Chris Gibson

A true gentleman and a force of nature. We were privileged to know him

£30.00
plus £7.50 Gift Aid

5-Sep-2020

Sue Blum

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

5-Sep-2020

Bevan

We'll miss his lively debate, his cooking and his company. RIP, David

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

5-Sep-2020

Frances Bowen

£25.00

4-Sep-2020

Susie Wintr

Happy memories of a special man

£25.00
plus £6.25 Gift Aid

4-Sep-2020

Helen Parr

Thank you David for your help and support during the writing of my book. It was a privilege to get to know you.

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

4-Sep-2020

Georgina Allen

£25.00
plus £6.25 Gift Aid

4-Sep-2020

Alan James Lorna Lloyd

Remembering an admirable Keele student.

£25.00
plus £6.25 Gift Aid

4-Sep-2020

Richard and Rebekah

Goodbye David, our kind and much loved neighbour of many years.

£100.00
plus £25.00 Gift Aid

4-Sep-2020

Nick Kurth Chairman of The Ulysses Trust

David's support to The Ulysses Trust was fantastic and the Charity has been extremely grateful for his endeavours. He was an example to us all.

£30.00
plus £7.50 Gift Aid

2-Sep-2020

Philip Neame

Farewell, David. Good to see you still raising money for the Ulysses Trust, from the other side! A good, generous and colourful comrade...

£50.00
plus £12.50 Gift Aid

None yet. [Create or link an existing fundraising page.](#)