



**THE BUCHANAN TRUST**  
**A NATIONAL FACILITY**  
**SUPPORTING**  
**BRITAIN'S VETERANS**

**RURAL HOUSING, TRAINING &  
WORK EXPERIENCE  
FOR VETERANS, SINCE 1918**



## **Our Mission Statement:**

To help those who have served in the armed forces, enabling them to transition into civilian life by offering short term accommodation, accredited training, skills, work experience and employment opportunities in the rural and construction sectors.

## **Our Vision:**

To create a national facility for former service men and women who can live in a community that helps each other to recover, grow, learn and work. The Bosbury Estate will offer:

### **Accommodation**

Residential accommodation for veterans and their families, who have left the services and seeking to successfully transition into civilian life. Some of our properties are fully DDA accessible to aid people with reduced mobility. They are formed in clusters around the estate in order to create a sense of community where veterans can support or learn from each other.

### **Arranging Courses**

The opportunity to learn employment skills through on and off-estate courses, for rural and construction sectors that will help veterans gain future sustained employment.

### **Work Experience & Employment**

The Trust has well established links with local firms, estates and horticultural businesses who provide work experience and employment opportunities.

In the next 2-5 years, the Trust aims to:

### **Other Activities**

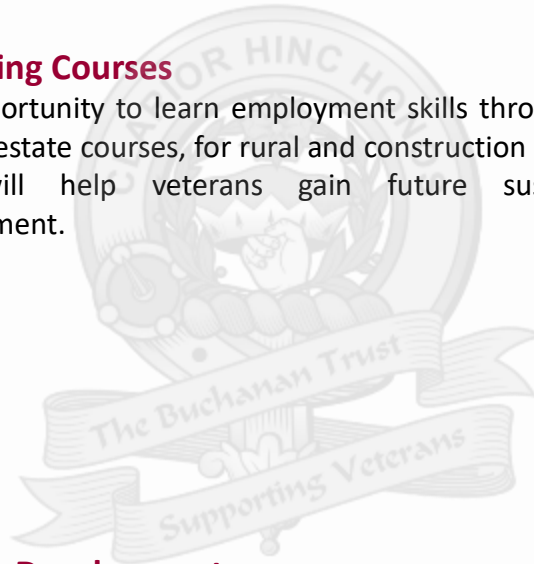
The estate has the potential for a broad range of activities to support veterans in due course. Many of these will be delivered with partner charities and as funds permit. Activities undertaken to date and proposed opportunities include: construction skills, chainsaw, tractor driving, agricultural sprayer, excavator and fork-lift training and various forestry skills.

### **Further Developments**

Through charitable donations, grants and investment, our intent is to further re-model existing farmhouses, buildings and cottages that will be let on Almshouse licences.

### **Expand Beneficiaries Referral Paths**

Further develop robust referrals by building on and developing the Trust's links with other charitable organisations and like-minded, forces friendly employers.



## A Brief History:

The Buchanan Trust was set up on 24th September 1918 in memory of Robert Buchanan's eldest son Alan, who fell at the 1st Battle of Bellewaarde just outside Ypres on 16th June 1915.

Based just outside the village of Bosbury in Herefordshire, the Trust assists with the resettlement of military beneficiaries and their readjustment to civilian life.

**1852** Robert Buchanan born in Glasgow.

**1900** Robert Buchanan, co-founding member of 1/10th Battalion King's (Liverpool Regiment).

**1915** Alan Buchanan, 16th June 1915, aged 25, a machine gunner with the 1/10th Battalion King's (Liverpool Regiment) was killed at The Battle of Bellewaarde.

**1916** The Sailors & Soldiers (Gift for land settlement) Act was passed, allowing the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries to accept the generous gift of - The Bosbury Estate. It was Robert's intention to provide employment and housing to anyone that had served their country and were in need.

**1918** Trust Founded 21<sup>st</sup> September 21<sup>st</sup> 1918.

**1921** Bosbury Estate, Spring of 1921, work on the estate completed, comprising 14 holdings, 21 cottages & 102 acres of land.

**1998** Herefordshire Council take over as Corporate Trustee of The Buchanan Trust.

**2015** On the recommendation of the Charity Commission, Hereford Council advertise for a new Trustee to take control of the Trust.

**2016** May 2016, the current and new independent trustee appointed - The Buchanan Trustee Company Ltd.

**2017** Planning permission was granted and the first vacant property converted into 2 modern flats.

**2018** The Buchanan Trust becomes a registered Almshouse provider.

**2020** Continued Vision - The Trust has continued to implement changes in line with the business plan and the Charity Commissions recommendations to increase the number of ex-military beneficiaries. The plan is to have 20-40 Almshouses on the Estate as well as small business units and farms.



Alan  
Buchanan



Robert  
Buchanan

## Our Governance:

The Buchanan Trust is not-for-profit and governed through a corporate trustee, The Buchanan Trustee Company Ltd, is a registered charity with the Charities Commission and its board of directors is proud to pledge their commitment to The Armed Forces Covenant.

## Our Pledge

The Trust ensures that all trustees/directors are representative and have a suitable skills base. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the Trust takes into consideration any changes in circumstances. All trustees, who are purely voluntary, typically serve a 5 year fixed term, to allow new ideas and experience so that the Trust continues to evolve.

## The Board Structure

### Patron

General Sir Adrian Bradshaw KCB OBE DL

### Chairman

Helen Thomas DL

### Board of Trustees/Directors

Alan Cartwright - Graham Ashcroft MBE - Karl Gilmore - Robert Buchanan - Will Kirby

## Our Supporters

We are proud to work with a number of charities and organisations that help us deliver our vision. Here are some of our supporters and funders.



## Our Latest Project:

The Trust's most recent project has been the building of four new Almshouse cottages completed in 2021. A blend of one and two bedroom properties that cater for veterans and their families, of which two of these units are DDA accessible for people with reduced mobility.

The cottages have already welcomed four further Veterans on to the Trust's country estate, where the properties have been developed in a small courtyard cluster where the beneficiaries form a small community and support each other in a safe and secure environment.



## Our Current Project:

Following the success of the building of our Phase 1, four veteran cottages, The Buchanan Trust secured planning permission for Phase 2, which is a further two, veteran Almshouse cottages.

Following competitive tender, the Trust entered into contract in December 2021, to start the renovation of two existing estate buildings, due for completion in late Summer 2022.

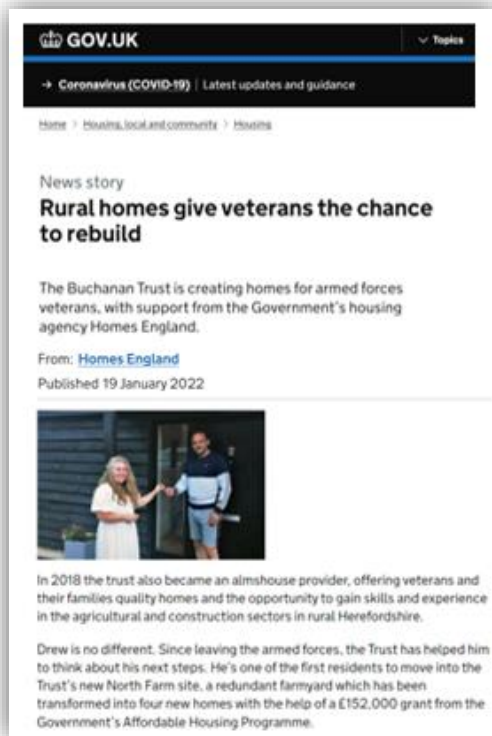


## Good News Stories:

The Buchanan Trust is proud to have the support and backing from various like-minded organisations, who share the same vision of supporting this Nation's Armed Forces Community.

The Trust has and continues to welcome veterans in need, helping to develop their individual development plans, assisting with training and education, gaining sustained employment and eventually making their successful transition into civilian life.

Utilising various media platforms, we share the positive progression of our projects and our veteran beneficiaries who thrive at the Trust.



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### News story

## Rural homes give veterans the chance to rebuild

The Buchanan Trust is creating homes for armed forces veterans, with support from the Government's housing agency Homes England.

From: [Homes England](#)  
Published 19 January 2022



In 2018 the trust also became an almshouse provider, offering veterans and their families quality homes and the opportunity to gain skills and experience in the agricultural and construction sectors in rural Herefordshire.

Drew is no different. Since leaving the armed forces, the Trust has helped him to think about his next steps. He's one of the first residents to move into the Trust's new North Farm site, a redundant farmyard which has been transformed into four new homes with the help of a £152,000 grant from the Government's Affordable Housing Programme.



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A heartfelt thank you to the below companies that clubbed together and provided fabulous local produce to build Christmas Hampers for our Veteran beneficiaries. [...see more](#)



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### ROSS KEMP CUTS RIBBON TO OUR VETERAN COTTAGES.

Wed, 26 May 2021

Friday 26th May 2021 was a momentous day for the Buchanan Trust, with the official opening of our brand new built Almshouse veteran cottages.

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### MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM JOHNNY MERCER MP

Wed, 29 May 2021

We're delighted to have received a message of support from Johnny Mercer, MP for the Hereford, Herefordshire and Wiltshire.

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### THE BUCHANAN TRUST WELCOMES OUR FIRST EVER PATRON

Fri, 03 Nov 2021

The Buchanan Trust is delighted to welcome General Sir Adrian Dreddow, MC OBE DL as our first ever Patron.

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### A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO PAULA MASSEY OF UMT UPCYCLING FOR YOUR DONATION

Wed, 17 Mar 2021

A big shout out to Paula Massey of UMT Upcycling and Creative Re-use Community Enterprise, Inc. based in Telford, Shropshire.

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### A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE SANDY AND ZORICA GLEN CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

Wed, 04 Aug 2021

The Buchanan Trust is delighted to have been selected to receive an exceptionally generous donation from the Sandy and Zorica Glen Charitable Settlement.

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### FUNDRAISING ON ARMED FORCES DAY

Wed, 25 Jun 2021

Karl Ginnery, one of our Trustees, running the Downs Way 100 Miles Ultra-marathon for The Buchanan Trust.

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## Donations

Without continued support and generosity, the Trust wouldn't be able to be there for our veterans at a time when they need us most.

Fundraising for our projects comes in various forms, such as:

- Grant applications;
- One-off charitable donations; and,
- Specific fund-raising events.

The Trust is continually evolving to explore new funding avenues and welcomes like-minded organisations who wish to support.

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