



# The Colonel's Fund Scots Guards

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## FUND RAISING APPEAL – THE COLONEL'S FUND, SCOTS GUARDS

The Regiment is facing a significant challenge and needs your help.

The rate of operational deployments and the nature of those deployments (for example, Iraq and Afghanistan) are resulting in a much higher rate of casualties across the Army – fatal and non-fatal, physical and mental - than has been seen since the Falklands Conflict. Some mental casualties will not become apparent for many years, even decades.

The resulting need for service charities, such as SSAFA and the Army Benevolent Fund, to manage and to deal with the welfare issues of casualties and their families is likely to increase considerably and almost certainly beyond the ability of those charities to meet such demands. There is, thus, the likelihood of greater demands on unit welfare funds – particularly those units which are most utilised operationally.

As an Armoured Infantry battalion, and with a Light-Roled company, the Scots Guards are likely to find themselves among the most frequently deployed parts of the British Army. The 1st Battalion recently returned from its second six-month tour in Iraq, and Right Flank from a tour in Afghanistan. With casualties in single figures, the Regiment was extraordinarily lucky this time. The Battalion has already been warned-off for its next operational tour...

The demands on Regimental welfare funds, already increasing, are likely to continue to do so in line with commitments for the foreseeable future. To be in a position to meet these demands, the Regiment needs to raise a substantial sum of money. To this end, we are launching an appeal. HRH The Colonel has kindly agreed to be Patron of the appeal, and for it to be called 'The Colonel's Fund'. The fund will provide welfare for those Scots Guardsmen and their families who suffer as a result of their service on operations, covering those aspects of welfare not provided for by the Government or the Army.

The appeal campaign will last one year. It is focused on the Regimental family and 'friends of the Regiment', and is not intended to compete with Army-wide charities. The attached brochure gives further details of the appeal, and of how to give money. There is also an appeal website [www.scotsguardscolonelsfund.com](http://www.scotsguardscolonelsfund.com) where you can learn more and donate online.

What can you do? 'Give money' is an obvious and welcome contribution and there are many ways in which you can do this. But even more welcome would be your initiative and active engagement in raising money – by coming up with a scheme, large or small, which suits your circumstances, involving yourself and others in a fund-raising activity. We would just ask that you let the Regimental Adjutant or Project Officer ([appeal@scotsguardscolonelsfund.com](mailto:appeal@scotsguardscolonelsfund.com) or 0845 4749528) know of your intentions, and keep them informed of progress so that we can report it on the website and support your endeavours.

The Colonel's Fund will make a real difference to the lives of Scots Guardsmen and their families in the future. It is, thus, your opportunity to really 'make a difference'.

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Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Stewart  
Chairman, Scots Guards Association

Colonel Alastair Mathewson OBE  
Regimental Lieutenant Colonel

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