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 **Poppyscotland** provides support to anyone who has served in the Armed Forces, either regular or reserve, including widows/widowers and the dependants of those that have served.

 Over **one million people** make up the **veterans' community** in Scotland. That is one in five of the Scottish population.

 Recent research indicated that some **350,000 members** of the veterans' community had experienced some form of **personal difficulty**, such as mobility or financial problems, with as many as 135,000 experiencing multiple and complex needs.

Rory Simpson (second from right) and family.

Poppyscotland helped Rory by purchasing a specially-adapted electric wheelchair after he was seriously injured in a road accident. Rory was eligible for Poppyscotland's help as his father served in the Army.

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Poppyscotland supports the veterans' community in Scotland in a number of areas:



We ease **financial distress** by providing grants to meet immediate need.

- Last year we provided direct financial assistance to nearly **1,300 individuals** across Scotland.
- Their needs ranged from **mobility aids** to **household goods** and from **property maintenance** to **respite**. In all cases we were there to help them.
- We funded our own **occupational therapist** service. This service provides speedier **access to mobility aids** than was previously available.



As well as funding the **Royal British Legion Scotland's Pensions Appeals and Advice Service** we have embarked on an exciting partnership with **Citizens Advice Scotland**, which aims to meet the advice needs of veterans through improved access to Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland.



We support organisations across Scotland that deliver specific services in support of the veterans' community. These range from **employment advice** to **housing for the homeless**, **care for the elderly** to **treatment for veterans with mental health conditions**.



We provide **employment opportunities** for 29 veterans with disabilities at **Lady Haig's Poppy Factory**.



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