

**SUPPORTING THE
RECOVERY OF
WOUNDED,
INJURED AND SICK
VETERANS
THROUGH GOLF**

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**EXPANDING IN
SCOTLAND**



OUR AIMS

LONG-TERM GOLF PARTICIPATION

Giving attendees the chance to learn and develop golf skills - taking the game up as a leisure activity and with our assistance joining their local golf club - a big step in their re-integration to society.

IMPROVING MENTAL-WELL BEING

Offering active, outdoor exercise which provides a focus. Like-minded individuals can talk openly about their issues and share best practice on how to deal with their own recovery.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

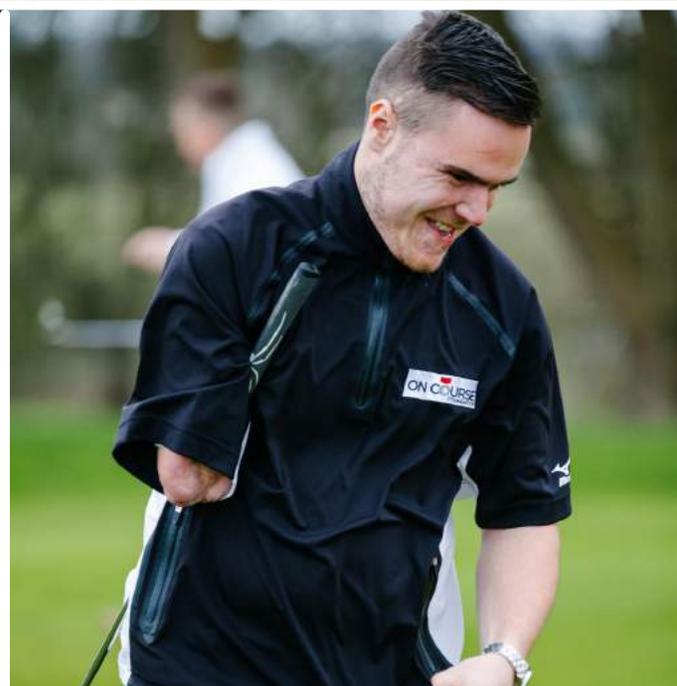
Part of our 'transition pathway', the process will make beneficiaries more employable to organisations within or outside the golf industry.

ABOUT US

On Course Foundation continues to support the positive provision of wounded, injured and sick Service personnel and veterans - supporting their recovery through confidence building golf events and opportunities for employment in the golf industry.

WHY GOLF?

The resumption of our core golf programme in July 2020 has proven that golf is one of a few sports that can be played whilst socially distancing AND on a level playing field, improving not only physical but mental strength too.



OUR STORY SO FAR

250

confidence building events
delivered since 2010.

850

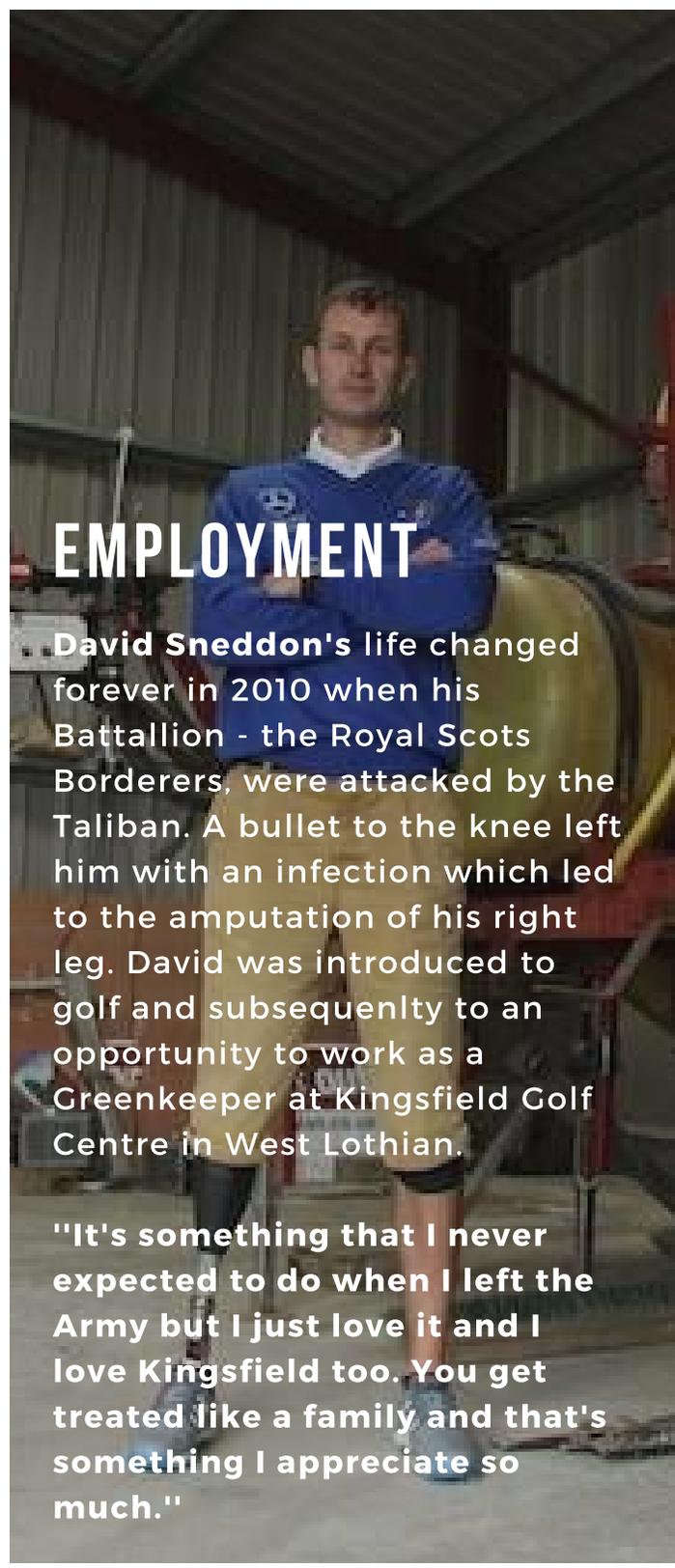
beneficiaries introduced to our
golf programme.

84

beneficiaries placed in long-term
paid employment positions.

72

pence per £1 spent on charitable
activities in 2019-20.

A man with a prosthetic right leg, wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki shorts, stands in a golf clubhouse with his arms crossed. The background shows a wooden structure, possibly a clubhouse or storage area.

EMPLOYMENT

David Sneddon's life changed forever in 2010 when his Battallion - the Royal Scots Borderers, were attacked by the Taliban. A bullet to the knee left him with an infection which led to the amputation of his right leg. David was introduced to golf and subsequently to an opportunity to work as a Greenkeeper at Kingsfield Golf Centre in West Lothian.

"It's something that I never expected to do when I left the Army but I just love it and I love Kingsfield too. You get treated like a family and that's something I appreciate so much."

A woman in a light blue and black golf jacket is captured in a golf swing on a green. She is wearing dark pants and blue shoes. The background features a large green bush and a clear sky.

GOLF PARTICIPATION

Julie Porter reached the rank of Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps, however, her career came to a premature end due to a diagnosis of Scheuermann's Disease. Having played hockey all of her life, Julie was introduced to On Course Foundation and in her words wanted to try 'something different'.

"I have recently joined Binny Golf Club in West Lothian. As a mum it's a break away from everyday life - meeting new people and exercising in the fresh air. I just feel so much better afterwards."

A man in a light blue polo shirt and dark pants stands on a golf course, holding a red flag on a white pole. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a golf course under a cloudy sky.

MENTAL WELL-BEING

A Lance Corporal in the 1st Battallion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, **Chris Paterson's** military career was cut short due to a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from experiences serving in the Bosnian War. Previously a keen golfer, Chris was re-connected to golf through On Course Foundation whilst receiving treatment at Combat Stress.

"It's just a great group of people with amazing coaches who have given me the drive to get back on the golf course. It's helped me to settle down and enjoy being out of the house again."

HOW WE DO IT

THE 'TRANSITION PATHWAY'



Activities of pathway





OUR THREE YEAR TARGETS

- 150 new beneficiaries.
- Sustainable programme of 15 confidence building events.
- New events in Ayrshire, West of Scotland, Central Scotland, Borders, Perth & Kinross, Fife and the North East.
- 15 beneficiaries placed in long-term employment.
- Appointing a part-time Operations Assistant.
- Signposting with 75% of veterans charities.
- 70 'On Course Foundation friendly' venues on database.

REASONS TO EXPAND IN SCOTLAND

- Only 79 (9.5%) of our beneficiaries are based in Scotland.
- Only three (7.5%) of our events are delivered in Scotland.
- Current events are delivered in two regions only - West Lothian and Fife.
- Boasts more golf courses per head of population than any other country.

THE ONLY GOLF SPECIFIC MILITARY CHARITY IN THE UK

ABOUT ME

Originally from South Ayrshire, I (middle) previously worked at Turnberry Golf Club as an Events Coordinator.

I moved to London in 2015 to work for On Course Foundation as a Regional Events and Employment Manager in the South of England, joining a small team of four full-time and two part-time staff.

Although transferring to a fundraising role in 2017, I continue to deliver a proportion of the events programme.

I am now based in South Ayrshire and have been tasked with growing our Scottish based programme, raising awareness of the Foundation and reaching further deserving beneficiaries. Any assistance that you can offer would be greatly appreciated.



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OUR PARTNERS

We continue to work alongside various charities and organisations to support our beneficiaries.



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