

FAQs

What is The Great Tommy Sleep Out?

The Great Tommy Sleep Out is a fundraising challenge designed to support RBLI and the estimated 6000 veterans that are experiencing homelessness in the UK right now.

We encourage you to brave a cold and wet night to sleep out under the stars and tell your loved ones all about it. The challenge doesn't replicate rough sleeping, but it does give you an idea of the situation too many of the nation's heroes find themselves in.

You can spend one night out or five, tent or no tent. Everyone has different abilities and the challenge is up to you.

When do I Sleep Out?

Choose any night from the 1st March to hold your Sleep Out.

Where should I Sleep Out?

The safest place to hold your Sleep Out is at home or in your garden. Some participants have previously slept on their balcony or even in their garage! When choosing a location please think about risks, accidents or legal issues. It is important to make sure you have permission of the land/property owner before planning your event. For more advice, check our 'Sleep Out Safely' document.

Can children take part?

Yes, we would love young people to get involved, but they will need a responsible adult (over 18) to register on their behalf and oversee the Sleep Out.

Can I fundraise as part of a team?

Yes you can! Spread the word to family, friends and co-workers to join you. You can take part in separate locations or together and can even start a team fundraising page on Just Giving here: www.justgiving.com/thegreattommysleepout2022

It's important that every member of the teams aims to raise the target of £150 per person.

When will I receive my beanie and fundraising pack?

To receive a fundraising pack, you must register for one here: <https://givp.nl/erf/tNZymSQd>

Fundraising packs cost the charity money and can only be sent to participants that have opened a fundraising page.

How do I raise money for my Sleep Out? What if I don't reach the fundraising target of £150?

We ask everyone taking part to try to raise a minimum of £150. The money you raise helps us deliver the vital services to vulnerable veterans that might be experiencing homelessness or battling conditions like PTSD.

If you're worried you won't reach your fundraising target, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. We can give you lots of tips and ideas to help.

If you don't make the target though, you won't be made to make up the difference. All we ask is you try your best!

I have been given a cash donation, what do I do?

You can either add this to your online fundraiser yourself, so your other sponsors can see how well you are doing, or you can pay it straight in to our bank account here:

Barclays Bank Plc. Branch 13 Fremlin Walk
Maidstone, Sort Code 20-54-29, Account number 20914436.

Please do not send cash in the post.

How will my sponsors know that I completed the challenge?

You can update your sponsors before and after the event by sharing photos and thoughts on how your night went.

What is the difference between RBLI and The British Legion?

RBLI is a separate charity, both in governance and finance, from the Royal British Legion. We receive no funds from the annual poppy appeal and fundraise ourselves with events like The Great Tommy Sleep Out, to deliver our own unique and wide ranging services for veterans and their families.

If your question hasn't been answered here, please email us at fundraising@rbli.co.uk



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