



*SAFCO is a Vehicle for Collective and Collaborative  
working for Community Benefit.  
Managed by volunteers and supported by many.*

**Making Stockport the Best Place to be a Veteran**

*We are Better, Stronger Together*

## Amanda Peers (Chair) Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO)

SAFCO is a collective of associations, businesses, statutory, voluntary and community organisations and individuals who came together to benefit the Armed Forces Community in Stockport:

- enabling better collaboration and partnership working,
- influencing and informing decision making
- Improving the lives of our community, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Our management committee and trustees are all volunteers, a range of people from different walks of life who bring a wealth of skills, knowledge and experience to steer the organisation in the direction determined by our members through consultations and discussions that take place at our bi-monthly members meeting's.

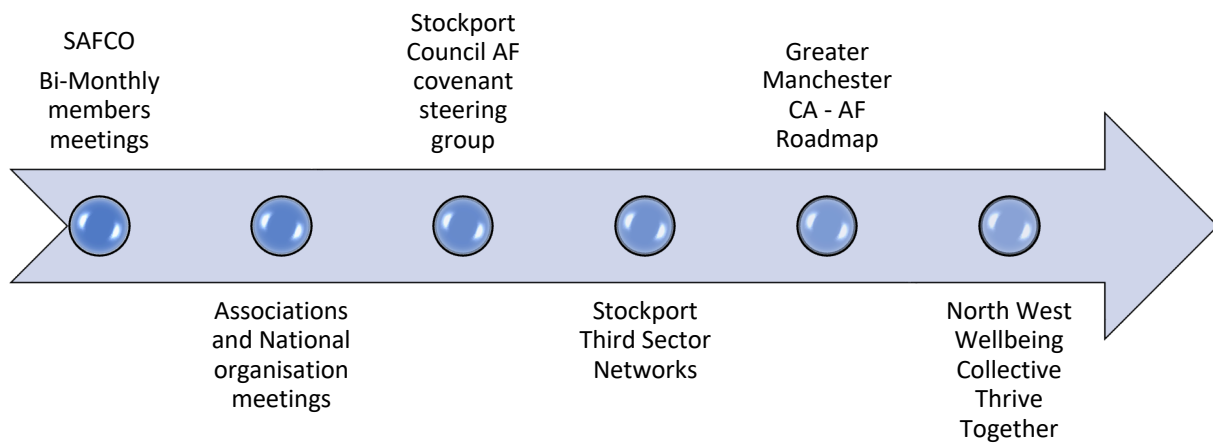
As Chair of this collective, I am proud of the progress we have made in a relatively short time, to better connect and support our community. We became a constituted community organisation in June 2023 and so much has happened since then.

SAFCO is nothing without its members, if you have or are still serving and you live in Stockport, then you are a member.

Additionally we have many different organisations who have the best interests of our community at heart, delivering projects, social activities, groups and associations and those who support our events such as Armed Forces Day and the spectacular VJDay80 concert held in August 2025, we welcome new members directly from the community and allies from across the borough, including businesses and organisations who support our priorities and who are willing to collaborate and work collectively to benefit our community.



SAFCO management team participate in a number of forums and groups.

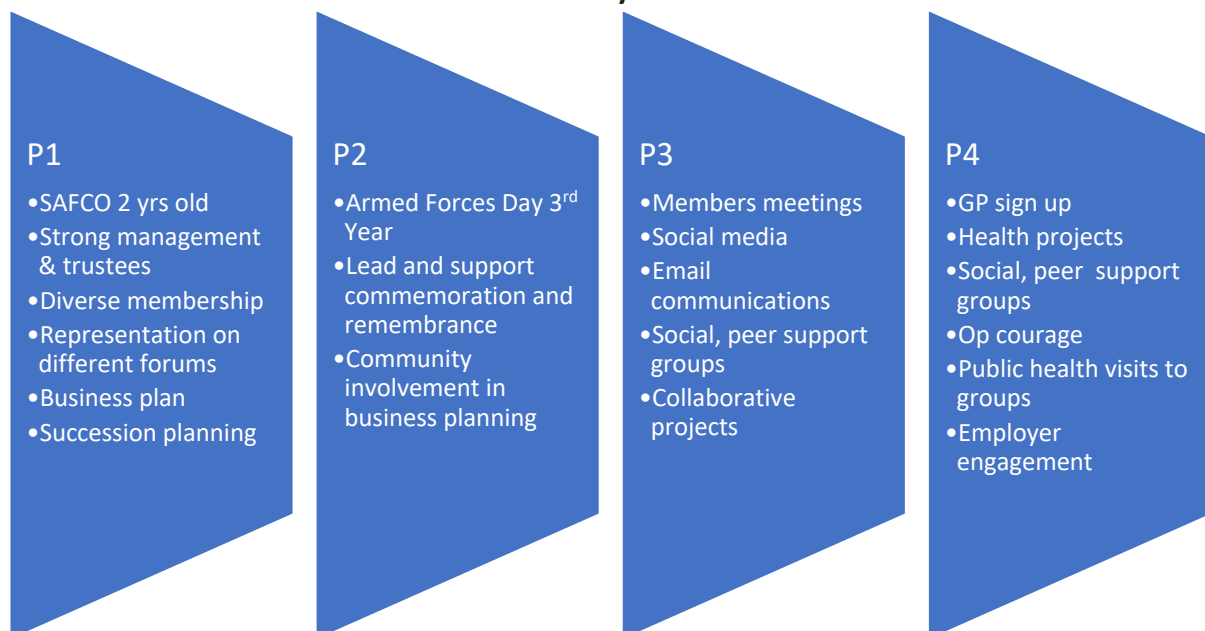


This enables us to share concerns and issues raised by our members and also to share our successes and secure commitment for projects that support the priorities in our business plan. Through these forums we are able to influence decision making, strategies and policies.

### Our Priorities



### Our story so far



Groups and Social Activities across the borough, brought to you by SAFCO member organisations.

Monday	AF Pool & Darts SCFC Community Trust	Weekly 6:00 – 7:30 pm Salisbury Club, Brinnington	Free Pool and Darts Snacks to purchase at community cafe	Mark Ward <a href="mailto:m.ward@stockportcounty.com">m.ward@stockportcounty.com</a>
Tuesday	SAFCO AF Community Hub RBL Pure Innovations	Weekly 11:00 – 2:00 Hazel Grove Civic Hall London Road Hazel Grove	Social group, speakers, Free Hot food and drinks (donations welcome)	Amanda Peers & Maurice Perkins <a href="mailto:Forces.support@pureinnovations.co.uk">Forces.support@pureinnovations.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Maurice.perkins@outlook.com">Maurice.perkins@outlook.com</a>
	Neurodivergent Ex Forces Park Brunch meet up Disability Stockport	Weekly 10:30 – 12:30 Etherow Country Park cafe	Refreshments to purchase at café, 10% discount for AF .	Gav Jones <a href="mailto:Gavin.jones@disabilitystockport.org.uk">Gavin.jones@disabilitystockport.org.uk</a>
Wednesday	Veterans Walk and Talk SCFC Community Trust	Weekly 10-12 Woodbank park Offerton	Free Discount drinks in Pure cafe	Mark Ward <a href="mailto:m.ward@stockportcounty.com">m.ward@stockportcounty.com</a>
Thursday	Naffi Break	Weekly 10-12	Free hot drink and biscuits	Mark Ward
	SCFC Community Trust	Stockport County FC Hardcastle Road	Additional food available to purchase	<a href="mailto:m.ward@stockportcounty.com">m.ward@stockportcounty.com</a>
Friday	Veterans morning at the produce hall Veterans Food Company	Weekly 10-12  Produce hall, Stockport market	Free hot drink, food to purchase	Julie Holland <a href="mailto:Julie-holland@hotmail.co.uk">Julie-holland@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	Veterans Football SCFC Community Trust	Weekly 6-7pm Power League	Free	Mark Ward <a href="mailto:m.ward@stockportcounty.com">m.ward@stockportcounty.com</a>
Saturday	AF&V Breakfast Club – social activity & peer support	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10-12 The Mickerbrook, Councillor Lane Stockport	Food and drink to purchase	Paul Lomas, Maurice Perkins <a href="mailto:Maurice.perkins@outlook.com">Maurice.perkins@outlook.com</a>
	Armed Forces and Emergency Services Breakfast Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month The Bulls Head, Hazel Grove	Food and drink to purchase	David Warrington <a href="mailto:hazelgrovesecretary@rbl.community">hazelgrovesecretary@rbl.community</a>
	Meet n Chat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month The Blossoms, Stockport	Bar Social	Maurice Perkins <a href="mailto:Maurice.perkins@outlook.com">Maurice.perkins@outlook.com</a>