

## VETERANS' VOICES

### TO WHOM THIS CONCERNS

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I have known Veterans Voices for over 2 years now, in my professional capacity as Head of Communications and Fundraising at Haig Housing Trust, the UK's leading Veterans housing charity.

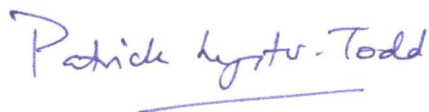
Within this relationship I have become personally acquainted with both Nicky Winter and Billy Steel and can vouch for their managerial competence, professional knowledge and, above all, their commitment and dedication to the needs of Veterans who face various challenges and who need wellbeing support to regain personal esteem and self-worth and to rise above these challenges.

I have attended their programme, as a guest, at Stoll in Fulham Broadway, our sister housing charity, and experienced at first hand the benefits of their work in terms of providing a sense of belonging, shared fellowship and a focus for those who once volunteered to serve their country and, if necessary, to lay down their lives in doing so, and who now need our support.

Haig Housing was also most fortunate, in December 2018, to welcome Veterans Voices to perform at the Trust's annual Festive evening on their headquarters estate in Morden: an event that was much enjoyed by all attending and that, but for a need to cancel our 2019 event at short notice due illness, we would have repeated last month.

We are now looking over the coming months to run a pilot version of their Stoll programme here in Morden where we now have over 340 homes.

I commend the work of Veterans Voices to you and hope that you will be able to provide Veterans Voices with whatever support lies within your capability.



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