

LOWLAND RFCA MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK



CONNECTING DEFENCE
WITH SOCIETY

WE ARE LOWLAND RFCA

Lowland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (RFCA) is a Government agency that works with the Ministry of Defence to support and promote the Reserve and Cadet Forces in the Lowlands of Scotland.

We are part of a UK-wide network of thirteen RFCAs, and are supported at a national level by the Council of RFCAs.

The RFCAs are contracted by the Ministry of Defence, the Royal Navy, the British Army, the Royal Air Force, and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to carry out essential regional tasks.

These services include:

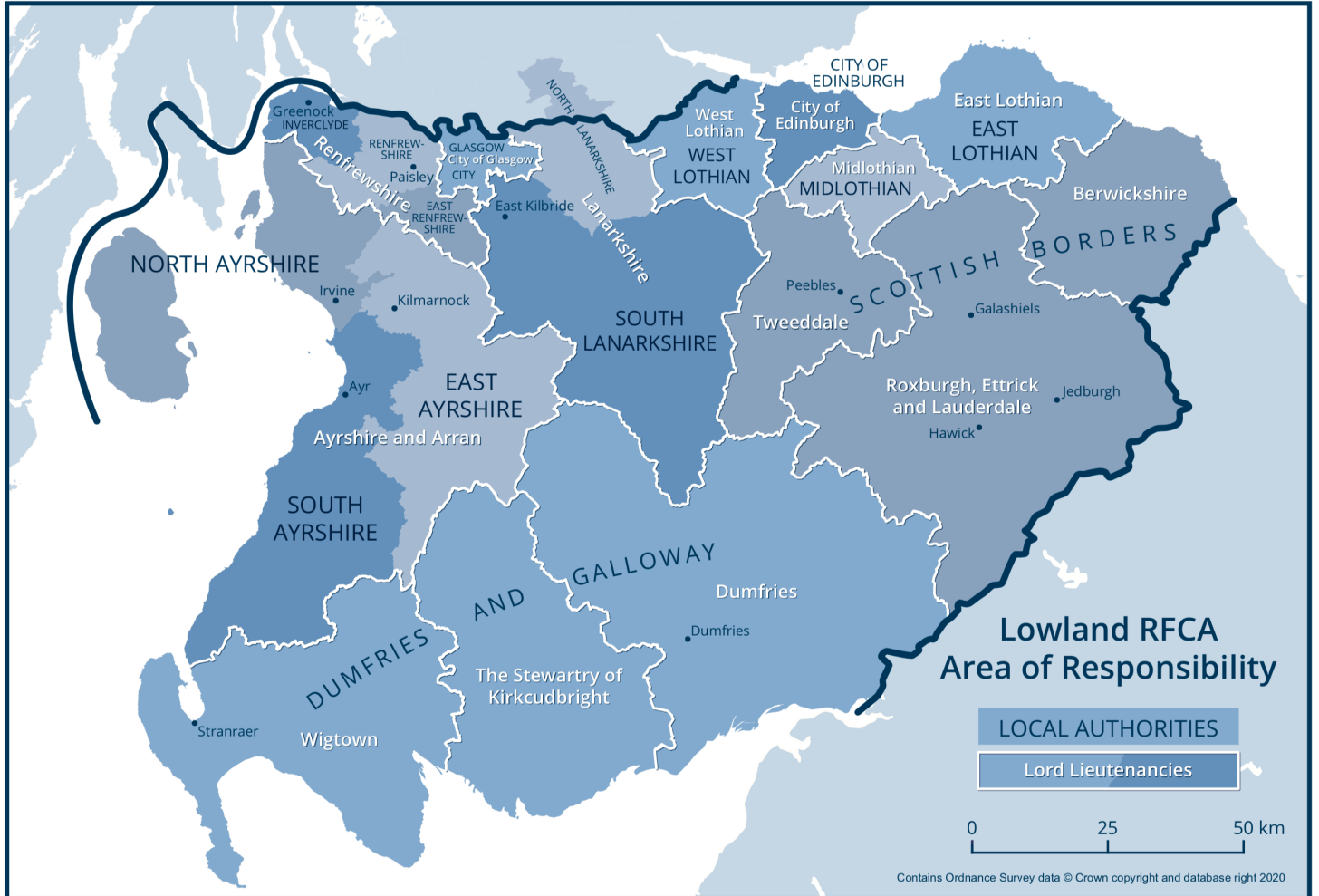
- Facilities Management of the Reserve and Cadet Estate (Lowlands: 345 buildings on 132 sites)
- Employer and Community Defence Relations
- Cadet Administration

The Association is supported by a permanent team of professional staff, headquartered in Glasgow, with outposts in Ayrshire, Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

Our Association membership includes 175 experienced individuals with a professional or personal interest in Defence. These include the Commanding Officers of Reserve and Cadet units in the region, as well as serving or retired Reserve and Regular personnel and representatives from local government, employers, employees and education.



OUR AREA



Scotland is served by Lowland RFCA and Highland RFCA. Highland RFCA covers everything north of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and Lowland covers everything south to the border.

Whilst our patch includes Scotland's two largest cities, it also encompasses 70 towns, as well as many rural communities.

Lowland RFCA supports thousands of Reservists and Cadets in this area.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

As an Association, we enable a network of Defence-minded people in the Lowlands, who connect and promote the work of the Armed Forces across their professional, community and recreational networks.

Members should be prepared to provide the Association with advice and input about local issues that might affect Reserve Forces and Cadets in their communities. They should also be prepared to offer assistance (usually through advice, wider networking or membership of our committees) with issues that may be within their field of interest or experience.

The Association's Board and its sub-committees have executive responsibility for the governance of our Association's work, and comprise the following:

- Association Board
- Finance Committee
- Estates Committee
- Employer Committee

Depending on your experience and expertise you may be asked to serve on one of these committees.



PLAYING YOUR PART

Whilst many of our members are co-opted into the Association by nature of their military position, there are plenty of non-military members who simply wish to give something back to the Defence community.

If you think you might have a part to play, please get in touch with our Head of Engagement, Colin Vooght.

As well as at least two meetings a year, we would also ask members to advocate for Lowland RFCA in their various spheres of influence. An easy way to start doing this is on social media. Simply follow our accounts and engage (like/share) with our content and news stories.



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