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My name is Michael Allott and my son Jonathon (Jonny) died in Afghanistan on 5th March 2010 whilst serving with the 3rd Battalion The Rifles [3 Rifles]. Jonathon Michael Allott was born in North Shields on 31 May 1990 but moved to Bournemouth as a child.

It is only now that something so tragic has happened that I feel I need to raise funds specifically for 3 rifles as they support the families of the fallen and injured soldiers and also celebrate my son's life. I am organizing a Charity Family Fund Raising Day involving Rugby Match's between **North Shields Rugby Football club** and **3 Rifles** and **North Shields Rugby (U18)** v **Newcastle Falcons Academy** on Sunday 30 May 2010. All proceeds raised will go to 3 Rifles who have just come back from deployment in Afghanistan they had the highest fatalities of which 18 were from the North East. 60% of the battle group are from the NE and Yorkshire.

I am contacting you along with other retail and domestic businesses within the North East and sports clubs around the country asking for donation/raffle prize that could be raffled/auctioned on the day to help with our fund raising.

If I can now give you more background on Jonny and myself.

For the past 23 years I have been a club member of North Shields RFC, I was a player and now a spectator of the game. Jonny was a keen sportsman but in particular would come and watch me play and at every opportunity would support Newcastle Falcons when back in the North East.

On 16 November 2008 Jonny enlisted to join the army and was sent for training at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick, completing this at the end of May 2009. He joined 3rd Battalion The Rifles in Edinburgh in June 2009 and joined B Company for their pre-deployment training. Jonny deployed to Sangin, Afghanistan in September 2009 where he was employed as a front man in his patrol, responsible for clearing the ground of improvised explosive devices. His platoon was working out of a patrol base in the centre of Sangin alongside their Afghan national army partners providing security and reassurance to the local population. Jonny died from his wounds following an I E D blast whilst deployed on an operation to insert a new patrol base. Please access the link below for more information on Jonny.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/MilitaryOperations/RiflemanJonathonAllottOf3RiflesKilledInAfghanistan.htm>

I would appreciate if you could give this your utmost attention.

For more information regarding 3 Rifles Swift and Bold Wristband Appeal access the following link

<http://www.swiftandbold.org/jonathon-allott.html>