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Review of *We Are The Brits*, the new single of the charity **Afghan Heroes**.

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This heart-warming song, created by John Simons and Anton Lorien in celebration of five serving family members coming home safe from Afghanistan, is a celebration of being British and of the British armed forces with powerful underlying messages.

From the very beginning we hear a single voice representing servicemen and women in emotive lyrics, which demonstrate their bravery past and present, their pride to be British and their pride in fighting for Queen and Country.

Over an underlying drum beat which, for me, conjures a picture of the armed forces marching on parade, the lyrics place images of war and peacetime side by side, reminding us that the things we enjoy in freedom are 'assured by the force of arms'.

There are so many news stories these days about Britain's problems, it is so refreshing to be given a song which celebrates British achievements and tells us that Britain has been, and most importantly still is, Great. *We Are The Brits* is for all of us and reminds us that we are one with the servicemen and women who fight on our behalf every day.

*We Are The Brits* is a brilliant track for a fantastic charity, **Afghan Heroes** which was formed in September last year by the mothers of fallen soldiers who served on the front line in Afghanistan, after they first met each other when they went to collect their sons from RAF Lyneham. The aim of **Afghan Heroes** is to support and help all servicemen and women everywhere, the families of the fallen, and traumatised soldiers who have come back home.

Afghan Heroes has a message for all servicemen and women at home and abroad: **Please, if you are someone currently serving in the armed forces, or know someone who is, who is in need of anything, do not hesitate to get in touch with Afghan Heroes, using the contact details at the bottom of this report. They will do their very best to help you.**

This year the charity sent out over 10,000 parcels to soldiers on the front line. Recently, Afghan Heroes sent a serviceman, who is disabled, a special bicycle so that he can cycle to the North Pole.

Afghan Heroes may be contacted at any time on **0844 5766 771** or via the website [www.afghanheroes.org.uk](http://www.afghanheroes.org.uk)

*We Are The Brits* can be downloaded from all major digital retailers including iTunes, 7digital, HMV, Amazon etc.

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All proceeds from downloading the single will go to **Afghan Heroes**.