

# **Community Covenant**

## **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN


BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE

**We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to  
honour the Armed Forces Community Covenant.**

## Signatories

Signed: 

Name: Brigadier Neil Baverstock OBE MA

Position Held: Commander

**Signed on behalf of 145 (South Brigade)**

Date: 25/6/13

Signed: 

Name: Pam Worsfold

Position Held: Chair of Basingstoke  
Voluntary Services

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary Sector**

Date: 25.6.13


Signed: 

Name: Group Captain Dominic Toriati

Position Held: Station Commander

**Signed on behalf of RAF Odiham**

Date: 25/6/13

Signed: 

Name: Cllr Mrs Cathy Osselton

Position Held: Cabinet Member for  
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**Signed on behalf of Basingstoke and  
Deane Borough Council**

Date: 25.6.13

Signed: 

Name: Colonel Rod Lambert

Position Held: Commandant of Hampshire  
and Isle of Wight ACF

**Signed on behalf of South East Reserve  
Forces' and Cadets' Association**

Date: 25/6/13

Signed: 

Name: Andrew Hiscutt

Position Held: Regional Welfare Manager

**Signed on behalf of Service Personnel  
and Veterans Agency**

Date: 25/6/13

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Basingstoke and Deane

and

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

and

the Charitable and Voluntary Sector

and

other members of the civilian community

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

2.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Basingstoke and Deane and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Basingstoke and Deane.

2.3 For Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and partner organisations, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.4 For the Armed Forces community, the Community Covenant encourages and supports the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

## **SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS**

### **Aims of the Community Covenant**

3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community

3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

## **SECTION 4: MEASURES**

While there are no armed forces bases in Basingstoke and Deane there are a number of serving forces personnel who live within the district. In addition there are veterans, reservists, cadets and their families.

In order to assist the armed forces community to access services and support to which they are entitled, partners will:

- 4.1 build links between the armed forces, partner organisations and the wider community in the borough
- 4.2 publicise that a community covenant has been signed
- 4.3 nominate a council officer lead and a councillor champion
- 4.4 set up a dedicated armed forces page on the council's website
- 4.5 ensure that staff within partner organisations are aware of the needs and issues facing the armed forces and give consideration to these in planning and providing advice service (eg when reviewing the housing allocations policy)

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# THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom  
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of  
the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.