



# **Community Covenant**

**AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

**BETWEEN**

**ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND  
VOLUNTARY SECTORS,  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF ASHFIELD**

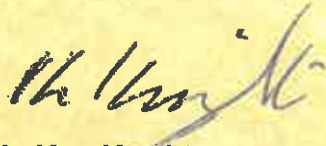
**AND**

**THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN  
ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

## Signatories

Signed:



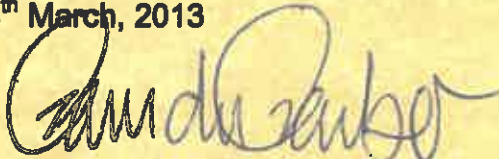
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Signed on Behalf of Ashfield District Council

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

Signed:



Name: Lieutenant Colonel David Dawber

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Signed on Behalf of the Armed Forces Community

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

Signed:



Name: Mr. Brian Dykes

Position Held:

Signed on Behalf of Armed Forces Charities

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

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Name: Mr. Andy Gregory

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

Signed:



Name: Mr. Lee Potter

Position Held: National Partnership Manager for The Prince's Trust and Help for Heroes

Signed on Behalf of Armed Forces Charities

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

**Signed:**

**Name: Miss Tracy Raybould**

**Position Held: Assistant Principal, Portland College**

**Signed on Behalf of the Local Education Community**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

## **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 Ashfield**

**And**

**Ashfield District 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 Ashfield 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 Ashfield.**

**2.3 For Ashfield District 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 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**

4.1 A Civil/Military Partnership Board is to be established to look at the requirements locally and draw up an action plan of suitable measures to be put in place.

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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.**