



# **Community Covenant**

**BETWEEN**

**WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AND**

**THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN WEST SUSSEX**

**16 May 2013**

*Worthing*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

# THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF WORTHING

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

## Signatories

Signed on behalf of Worthing Borough  
Council



Paul Yallop  
Leader  
Worthing Borough Council

Signed on behalf of the Royal British  
Legion in their support of the Military  
Community and promotion of the Covenant



Janet Goldsborough-Jones  
Chairman  
Worthing Branch

Signed on behalf of the Military Community



Charles James  
Mayor  
Worthing Borough Council



Captain AG Layzell  
PSAO B (Royal Sussex) Company 3 PWRR



Tom Wye  
Appointed Champion  
Worthing Borough Council

## **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 the Borough of Worthing; West Sussex

and

Worthing Borough Council

## **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 the Borough of Worthing, West Sussex and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes serving Service personnel, veterans, reservists, and the families of all who live or have lived in the Borough of Worthing; West Sussex.

2.3 For Worthing Borough Council, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring its knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community.

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 support and play an active part in 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 This Community Covenant is intended to demonstrate the Borough Council's willingness to work with others to ensure the Armed Forces Community suffers no disadvantage in accessing public services and to encourage other organisations to make their own explicit statements about their support. Where other Community Covenants exist, this Covenant is intended to strengthen the position in accessing national funding to support projects which help foster and support the ties and mutual understanding between members of the Armed Forces Community and the wider community in which they live.
- 3.4 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and members of 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 West Sussex County Council is part of the Sussex Armed Forces Network, established by NHS Sussex in order to better facilitate the provision of support to the Armed Forces Community across Sussex.
- 4.2 The Council's Champion, as part of the Sussex Armed Forces Network, will monitor progress within the Borough which will be reported annually to West Sussex County Council Cabinet and the Ministry of Defence.

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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 fulfill 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.