



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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

Signatories

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
Community**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Nottinghamshire
County Council**

Date:

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Armed Forces
Charities**

Date:

Date:

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS

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 Nottinghamshire

And

Nottinghamshire County Council

SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

- 2 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.
- 3 Nottinghamshire has many current and historical connections to both regular and reserve forces. Within the county are the Chetwynd Barracks, RAF Syerston and several former RAF bases. These are supported by cadet organisations from all three services, and organisations such as the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association, the Army Benevolent Fund, the Royal Air Force Association and the Parachute Regiment Association, all of which represent the interests of Military veterans within Nottinghamshire. Many veterans have also chosen to live in the county.
- 4 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Nottinghamshire 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, ex-Service and reserve personnel their families and widow(er)s in Nottinghamshire.
 - For Nottinghamshire County Council the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community and to record the important contribution that it already makes in respect to the armed forces, including events on Flag Day and Armistice Day
 - 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

- 5 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
- 6 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.
- 7 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

- 8 Through this covenant we will seek to work together to
 - i. encourage the local community to support the Armed forces and its personnel in Nottinghamshire and provide opportunities for them to show that support.
 - ii. promote awareness and understanding of issues affecting the Armed forces community in the wider community.
 - iii. enable military personnel and their families to access services and facilities within the wider community.
 - iv. support military personnel and their families re-settling or re-locating to Nottinghamshire, including ensuring that children from Armed forces families are not disadvantaged.
 - v. promote access to suitable employment and training opportunities for those in transition or preparing to leave active service.

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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.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Actions to honour the Community Covenant Pledge

i. encourage the local community to support the Armed forces and its personnel in Nottinghamshire and provide opportunities for them to show that support.	the County Council will support <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Flag Day▪ Armed Forces Day▪ Armistice Day▪ The Poppy Appeal
ii. promote awareness and understanding of issues affecting the Armed forces community in the wider community.	the County Council will explore opportunities for collaboration with the service charities in the delivery and signposting of services
iii. enable military personnel and their families to access services and facilities within the wider community.	the County Council will explore opportunities for co-operation with the service charities in the delivery and signposting of services
iv. support military personnel and their families re-settling or re-locating to Nottinghamshire, including ensuring that children from Armed forces families are not disadvantaged.	the County Council will explore and report options for collaboration with the armed forces' transition processes and the signposting of services and opportunities to those re-settling or re-locating to Nottinghamshire
v. promote access to suitable employment and training opportunities for those in transition or preparing to leave active service.	the County Council will bring forward one or more community projects as part of the community covenant grant scheme to promote closer ties with, or a greater understanding of, the Armed Forces within local communities.