



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT AND BOROUGH
COUNCILS, NHS, POLICE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE
AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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

Signatories

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Community:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of the Borough Council of Wellingborough:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Daventry District Council:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Kettering Borough Council

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Corby Borough Council:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of East Northamptonshire District Council:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Northampton Borough Council

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

**Signed on behalf of South
Northamptonshire District Council**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

**Signed on behalf of Northamptonshire
Police**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

**Signed on behalf of Armed Forces
Charities**

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Name:

Position Held:

Date:

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary
Sector**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

**Signed on behalf of the Business
and Commercial Sector**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

Signed on behalf of the NHS

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Date:

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 Northamptonshire

And

Northamptonshire County Council, District & Borough Councils, NHS, Police

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 Northamptonshire 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 Northamptonshire.

2.3 For Northamptonshire County 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.

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 Northamptonshire Community Covenant

3.1 The Northamptonshire 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 Specifically the aim of this Community Covenant is to:

- encourage the local community to support the Armed Forces community in their area;
- nurture public understanding and awareness of the issues affecting the Armed Forces community;
- recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community;
- encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces community into local life; and
- encourage the Armed Forces community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement.

3.4 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

In order to achieve the outcomes of the Northamptonshire Community Covenant, partner agencies will work together to identify and deliver relevant actions. These will need to be regularly updated when actions are complete and when new issues / actions are identified.

An action plan will be agreed and will form an appendix to this community covenant pledge which can be updated at appropriate intervals. The Action plan will initially address the following areas, but these will be reviewed / updated as the Community Covenant is developed further and as key issues emerge:

- Governance & Co-ordination of the Community Covenant
- Housing
- Health & Wellbeing
- Employment & Skills
- Education, Children & Young People
- Community involvement and integration
- Communication and awareness raising

Note: As part of the development of a Northamptonshire Community Covenant, partner agencies will have to work together and with military representatives to identify key issues and specific actions that will be implemented to achieve the aims of the Community Covenant.

The measures identified in the draft action plan appended to this document are included purely as a starting point and will need to be developed further by the partner agencies;

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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.