



# Armed Forces and Community Covenant

Between

The Public, Private and Voluntary Sectors in  
Cumbria, the Civilian Population of Cumbria

And

The Armed Forces in Cumbria

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## Section 1: Participants

1.1 This Armed Forces and Community Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families, working and residing in Cumbria

And

Those organisations listed at Appendix 1.

## Section 2: Principles of the Armed Forces and Community Covenant

- 2.1 The Armed Forces and Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces and 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 and Community working and residing in Cumbria and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces and Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Cumbria.
- 2.3 For Cumbria 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 and 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 and Community, the Community Covenant encourages the integration of service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces and Community to help their local community.

## Section 3: Objectives and General Intentions

### Aims of the Community Covenant

- 3.1 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces and Community and make it easier for service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the Ministry Of Defence, from statutory providers

and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

- 3.2 The Armed Forces and 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 and Community.
- 3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces and 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.
- 3.4 Recognise the status of serving soldiers and veterans through public events and other public support.

## Section 4: Measures

### **The Partnership will undertake:**

- 4.1 Attendance of an overarching Cumbria Partnership Working Group to co-ordinate and direct implementation of mutual support between the Armed Forces and the community within Cumbria.
- 4.2 To collaborate and jointly deliver a joint communication strategy in order to ensure that key services are effectively signposted and information is disseminated to members of the Armed Forces Community.
- 4.3 To encourage the recognition of the Armed Forces through such activities as Freedom, Homecoming and Remembrance Parades and support to the annual Armed Forces Day.
- 4.2 The working group will assist the community within Cumbria to access the £30M Community Covenant Fund, in order to deliver financial support to projects at the local level which strengthen the ties or mutual understanding of the Armed Forces and Community and the wider community in which they live.
- 4.5 To seek out and promote examples of Best Practice from other parts of the Country in order to improve the understanding of and optimise opportunities for Armed Forces personnel, Veterans and their families within Cumbria.
- 4.6 To work in collaboration with NHS Services in Cumbria to ensure timely and effective treatment to Armed Forces personnel and Veterans in line with need.

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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.

**APPENDIX**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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

Signatories – on behalf of:

Abbeyfield Society

Accent Foundation

Allerdale Borough Council



Anchor Trust

Barrow Borough Council

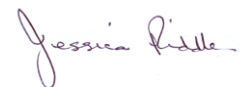


Brampton Community Centre

Brathay Trust



Carlisle City Council



Copeland Borough Council

 Joan Huxley.

Cumbria Army Cadet Force

Lt. Col. 

Cumbria Constabulary



Cumbria County Council



Cumbria CVS



Cumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner



Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



Cumbria Probation Trust



Cumbria Reducing Offending Partnership Trust



Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

Derwent and Solway Housing Association

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Eden Carers

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John Watson

NW Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee

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Places for People

RAF Benevolent Fund

Riverside



Royal British Legion

SaBRE



Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association



South Lakeland District Council



South Lakes Housing

Stonham Housing Association

The Soldiers' Charity



The Therapy Centre, Carlisle

Two Castles Housing Association

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Veterans Breakfast Club

West House

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Westfield Housing Association Ltd