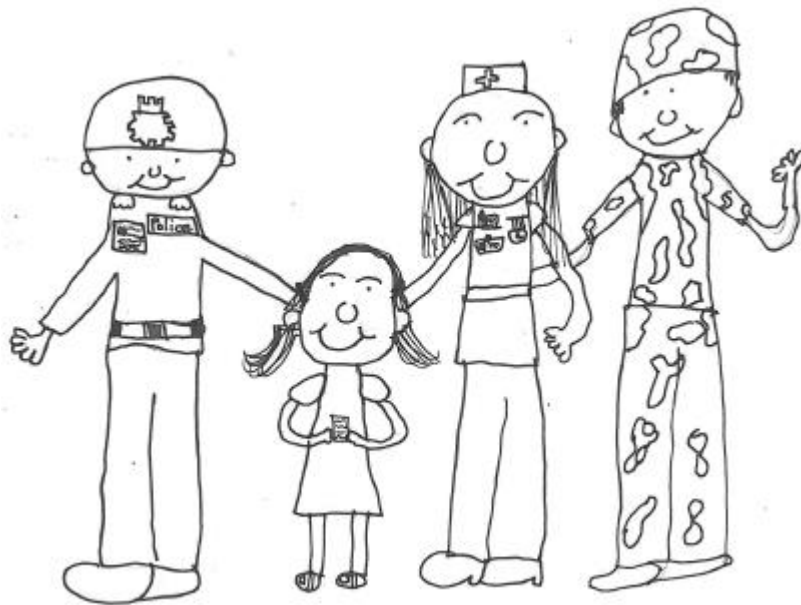


Community Covenant



With thanks to the pupils of Kineton Primary School for the art work.



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENT DISTRICT AND BOROUGH COUNCILS, COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL AND SOLIHULL BOROUGH COUNCIL (THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE SUB-REGION)

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS OF THE SUB-REGION

THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF THE SUB-REGION

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY OF THE SUB-REGION

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

Signatories

Name: Col Tim Seal TD

Position Held: Deputy Commander
143 (West Midlands) Brigade

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

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Len Hardy

Position Held: Veterans Champion

**Signed on behalf of Coventry Veterans
Partnership & Veterans Contacts Point**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Ken Meeson

Position Held: Leader of the Council
Council

**Signed on behalf of Solihull
Borough Council**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Alan Farnell

Position Held: Leader of the
Council

**Signed on behalf of
Warwickshire
County Council**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Alan Farnell

Position Held: Chairman of the
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP

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

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr John Mutton

Position Held: Leader of the

**Signed on behalf of
Coventry City Council**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Les Caborn

Position Held: Deputy Leader of the Council

Signed on behalf of Warwick District Council

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Kathryn Lawrence

Position Held: Mayor of Rugby

Signed on behalf of Rugby Borough Council

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Tony Lloyd

Position Held: Deputy Leader

Signed on behalf of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Tim Miles

Position Held: Governor

Signed on behalf of HM Prison Service

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Cllr Mick Stanley

Position Held: Leader

Signed on behalf of North Warwickshire Borough Council

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Martin Dunne

Position Held: Lord Lieutenant

Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Robin Verso

Position Held: Chair

Signed on behalf of Warwickshire Probation Trust

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Lt Col James Thomas Keating OBE

Position Held: Chairman

Signed on behalf of The West Midlands Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Martin Reeves

Position Held: Secretary
Coventry Partnership

**Signed on behalf of the
Universities in the sub-region**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Andy Parker

Position Held: Chief Constable

**Signed on behalf of
Warwickshire Police**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Derek Maudlin

Position Held: Town Clerk

**Signed on behalf of the Warwick
Town Council**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Martin Reeves

Position Held: Secretary

**Signed on behalf of the
Coventry Partnership**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Col the Honorable
Philip Seccombe TD

Position Held: County Chairman

**Signed on behalf of the
West Midlands Forces & Cadets
Association**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Jane Britton

Position Held: Regional
Manager for Warwickshire

**Signed on behalf of The
Royal British Legion**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: David Owen MBE DL

Position Held: Chairman

**Signed on behalf of Warwickshire
& Coventry SSAFA**

Date: 30th June 2012

Name: Major Bruce Prout-
Richardson

Position Held: President

**Signed on behalf of The
Royal British Legion of
Warwickshire**

Date: 30th June 2012

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant (the Community Covenant) is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire sub-region (the sub-region)

And

Warwickshire County Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Rugby Borough Council
Stratford Borough Council
Warwick District Council
Coventry City Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

And

Warwickshire Police & West Midlands Police

And

The Primary Care Trusts Arden & Birmingham & Solihull Clusters

And

HM Prison Service

And

Warwickshire Probation Trust

And

The Lord Lieutenant

And

The Colleges in the sub-region

And

The Universities in the sub-region

And

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

And

The Business and Commercial Sector

And

The Coventry Partnership

And

Warwick Town Council

And

Other members of the civilian community

(together the Partners)

SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

2.1 The 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 sub-region 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 the sub-region.

2.3 For Warwickshire 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. 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 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 The Community Covenant 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, Community 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 Armed Forces community into civilian life.

SECTION 4: HOW TO DO IT

4.1 The Partners to the Community Covenant shall comprise a partnership to foster close cooperation between the Armed Forces and civilian communities within the sub-region and with the common aim of achieving mutual benefit to all concerned.

4.2 Each Partner shall monitor their own policies for observance with the principles set out in this Community Covenant and to ensure that both the Armed Forces and civilian communities within the sub-region benefit from the arrangement.

4.3 The supporting objectives of the partnership's work will include but are not limited to the following:

- 4.3.1 Monitoring the changing military footprint within the sub-region with a view to identifying need;
- 4.3.2 Making information about services available to the Armed Forces community more widely available; and
- 4.3.3 Identifying and supporting projects that meet the objectives of the Community Covenant.

CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Armed Forces

Contact Name: Sheila Stephenson,
Title: Armed Forces Community Covenant Team (West Midlands)
Telephone: 01743 262 450
Address: HQ 143 Brigade
Copthorne Barracks
Shrewsbury SY3 8LZ

Warwickshire County Council

Contact Name: Greta Needham
Title: Head of Law & Governance
Telephone: 01926 476962
Address: Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall, PO Box 9
Warwick, CV34 4RR

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.