

# **Community Covenant**

**AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS AND  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF ISLE OF WIGHT

AND

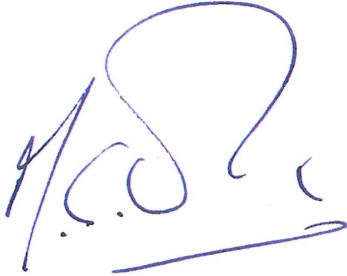
THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT



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

**Signatories**

**Lord Lieutenant**



Major General M S White CB CBE JP  
Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight

**Signed on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council**



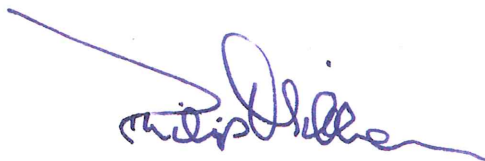
Cllr Major (Rtd) Ian Ward  
Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council

**Signed on behalf of the Naval Service Community**



Captain Aidan Talbott  
Captain of the Portsmouth Naval Base

**Signed on behalf of the Army Community**



Lieutenant Colonel Philip Mileham  
JRLO 145 (South) Brigade

**Signed on behalf of the Royal Air Force Community**



Wing Commander Jon Whitworth  
OC LATCC (Mil)

**Signed on behalf of the Isle of Wight NHS Trust**



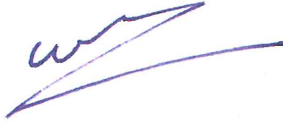
Mr Danny Fisher  
Chairman

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary Charities Sector**



Mr Paddy Noctor  
Trustee Community Action Isle of Wight

**Signed on behalf of SERFCA (Reserve)**



Lt Col (Rtd) Chris Booth  
Chief of Staff South East Reserve Forces  
and Cadets Association

**Signed on behalf of Royal British Legion Isle of Wight**



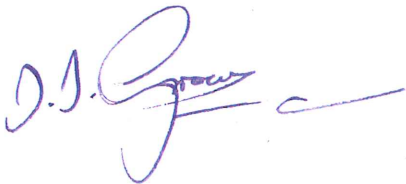
Mr Terry Gandy  
Chairman

**Signed on behalf of SSAFA (Isle of Wight)**



Wing Commander (Rtd) John Turner  
County Chairman

**Signed on behalf of the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce**



Mr David Grocock  
President

**Signed on behalf of IWALC**



Mrs Gill Kennett MBE  
Chairman

**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 Isle of Wight

And

Isle of Wight Council

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

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 the Isle of Wight 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 Isle of Wight.

2.3 For the Isle of Wight 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 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 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces Community is 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: Progress**

4.1 The Isle of Wight Council will oversee the long-term planning and decision making and the support services provided by the Council to the Armed Forces community. The Isle of Wight Council will continue to develop and work closely with the Health Service and other organisations to provide future support that is required for the armed forces community.

4.2 The Council will create a Covenant Partnership Board that will meet at least twice a year to review and implement the accompanying Community Covenant action plan.

4.3 The Covenant Partnership Board's aim will be to establish what progress can be made and to report annually to the Isle of Wight Council, Health & Wellbeing Board and the Ministry of Defence.

## **SECTION 5 ACTION PLAN**

5.1 The Covenant Partnership Board will produce an action plan to ensure the Objectives are being met.

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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.