An Armed Forces Community Covenant

Between The Unitary Authority and on behalf of the people and civilian community of North East Lincolnshire with representatives of the Charitable, Health Service, Academic, Housing, Police, Probation, Business and Voluntary Sectors

and The Armed Forces Community in North East Lincolnshire

This, a voluntary commitment and enduring covenant of mutual support between The Civialian and Armed Forces Communities

Adopted on the 14th day of July 2011

On this the 11th day of the 11th Month 2011

We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to honour the Armed Forces Community Covenant
North East Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant

Adopted 14th July 2011, Signed 11th November 2011

We act to serve those who have and continue to serve our Nation; we act to Support the whole Armed Forces Community in North East Lincolnshire and will serve unremittingly in their cause!

Cllr Alex Baxter J.P.
Veterans Champion
North East Lincolnshire

Bill McCann
Armed Forces Executive Committee
North East Lincolnshire

Vice Chairman, Yorkshire and Humber
Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee

Chairman, Royal Air Forces Association
Grimsby & Cleethorpes
“Our Armed Forces are second to none. The demands we impose on them in the course of their duty are unique. These obligations set them apart from others who serve and protect society.”

Prime Minister.

“Our Armed Forces are a force for good. Working with them is a privilege. It brings home just how much is being asked of them and how difficult their lives can be. They risk injury and death as they provide the security, space and expertise necessary for others to rebuild their countries. Around the world every day they demonstrate their courage, dedication and professionalism in the service of their country - They are a credit to the nation”.

Secretary of State for Defence.
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PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between our civilian community and our 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.

The purpose of our Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in North East Lincolnshire; and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of our 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 North East Lincolnshire.
For North East Lincolnshire 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.

For our 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.
OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS

Aims of the Community Covenant

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.

It aims to encourage all parties within our 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 Ministry of Defence, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector.
Organisations already work together in partnership at local level within North East Lincolnshire and are signatories to the Covenant.

The Community Covenant 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.
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ACTION AND REVIEW

North East Lincolnshire has a long and established history in working closely with its Armed Forces Community. It is agreed:

- The formation of a signatories working group to identify practical steps which can be taken to support the aims of the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

- At least once a year, the signatories will review the measures that they are taking to implement the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant and if further actions would be helpful.

- To develop opportunities through the aims of Armed Forces Community Covenant for regeneration and the building of sustainable links with the Armed Forces and Civilian communities in North East Lincolnshire.
The signatories working group will provide leadership, decision making, and oversight for initiatives and measures which support our Armed Forces Community in order to evidence this Community Covenant.

Organisations and Signatories:

The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of North East Lincolnshire - Councillor Susan Pickett
On behalf of Her Majesty the Queen - The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire - Tony Worth
The Member of Parliament for Great Grimsby - Austin Mitchell
The Member of Parliament for Cleethorpes - Martin Vickers
The Chief Constable of Humberside Police - Chief Constable Tim Hollis CBE QPM
On behalf of the Royal Navy - Commander David Mealing, Royal Navy, MSc BEng(Hons) CEng MIET MRAeS
On behalf of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Yorkshire and the Humber - Major General David S Jolliffe CB
On behalf of the British Army - Colonel Sam Sykes TD, Deputy Commander (South) 15(North East) Brigade
On behalf of Yorkshire and Humber Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee - Colonel (Retd) Tony Phillips MBE
President of the Royal Air Forces Association - Air Marshal Sir Dusty Miller KBE
President of the Royal Air Forces Association Grimsby & Cleethorpes - Air Commodore Neil Gammon MA MSc BSc CEng FRAeS FCIM RAF
On behalf of the Royal Air Force - Wing Commander A Sandilands
Veterans Champion North East Lincolnshire & Vice Chairman Yorkshire and Humber Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee - Councillor Alex Baxter JP
Armed Forces Executive Committee & Chairman of the Royal Air Forces Association Grimsby & Cleethorpes - Bill McCann
On behalf of the Royal British Legion - Gordon Oxby
Deputy Leader North East Lincolnshire Council - Councillor Mick Burnett
For North East Lincolnshire Council, Strategic Director - Rob Walsh
Chief Executive Northern Lincolnshire & Goole Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust - Karen Jackson
Director NHS Military Health Yorkshire and the Humber - Claire Jones
Chair - Shoreline Housing Partnership - Karen Rastall
Director - Humberside Probation Service - Kate Munson
Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire - Paula Grant
For Chamber of Commerce - Simon Brett
Deputy Principal Grimsby Institute of Further & Higher Education - Alan Bird
Franklin Sixth Form College - Trevor Wray
For Communities Together - Caroline Spence
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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.