AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF THE RIBBLE VALLEY

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN THE RIBBLE VALLEY

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

Signed:
Name: Brigadier NO Fitzgerald MBE
Position Held: Commander 42 NW Brigade
Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Community

Signed:
Name: Martin Walker
Position Held: Lieutenant Royal Navy
Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Community

Signed:
Name: Michael Turner
Position Held: Lancashire County Chairman Royal British Legion
Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Charities

Signed:
Name: Cllr Richard Sherras
Position Held: Mayor - Ribble Valley Borough Council
Signed by the Mayor of the Ribble Valley Borough Council

Signed:
Name: Karin Wilson
Position Held: President Clitheroe Chamber of Trade & Commerce
Signed on behalf of the Business and Commercial Sector

Signed:
Name: Dr Karen Massey
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Signed on behalf of the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group

Signed:
Name: Christine Grimshaw
Position Held: Managing Director Ribble Valley Homes

Signed:
Name: Mark Underhill
Position Held: CE NW Reserve Forces and Cadet Association
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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 the Ribble Valley Council Area

And

Ribble Valley Borough Council

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 the Ribble Valley 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 Ribble Valley

2.3 For Ribble Valley Borough 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 that 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 are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity that integrates the Service community into civilian life.

SECTION 4: Measures

4.1 Ribble Valley Borough Council will appoint a Councillor as the Armed Forces Community Champion to coordinate and report annually on the Covenant.

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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.