



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.**



Ribble Valley
Borough Council

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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

Position Held: Slaidburn GP and
Ribblesdale GP Lead for Community
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**Signed on behalf of the East
Lancashire Clinical Commissioning
Group**

Signed:

Name: Christine Grimshaw

Position Held: Managing Director
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Signed:

Name: Mark Underhill

Position Held: CE NW Reserve Forces
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**Signed on behalf of local
Housing Association**

Signed:

Name: John Thomasson

Position Held: Volunteer Advisor
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**Signed on behalf of the
Voluntary Sector**

Dated: 24 June 2013

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

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Signed on behalf of

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.