



# **Community Covenant**

## **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPAL, PUBLIC, PRIVATE,  
CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS OF LANCASHIRE

THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF LANCASHIRE

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN LANCASHIRE

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

## Signatories

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Royal Navy**

Date:

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Position Held: Leader

**Signed on behalf of Lancashire County Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Army**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council**

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Position Held: County Manager

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

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Blackpool Borough Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of ABF The Soldier's  
Charity**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Burnley Borough  
Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the British Limbless  
Ex-Service Men's Association (BLESMA)**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Chorley Borough  
Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Blind Veterans UK**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Fylde Borough  
Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Combat Stress**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Hyndburn Borough  
Council**

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**Signed on behalf of Help for Heroes**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Lancaster City Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the North West Reserve Forces & Cadets Association**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Pendle Borough Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the North West Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Preston City Council**

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Position Held:

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

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Ribble Valley Borough Council**

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

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Rossendale Borough Council**

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**Signed on behalf of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of South Ribble Borough Council**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Royal Navy Association**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council**

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**Signed on behalf of the Royal Navy Benevolent Trust**

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Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

**Signed on behalf of Wyre Council**

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**Signed on behalf of SaBRE**

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**Signed on behalf of the Citizen's  
Advice Bureau**

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**Signed on behalf of SSAFA Armed  
Forces Charity**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of East Lancashire  
Chamber of Commerce**

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**Signed on behalf of the Federation of  
Small Businesses**

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**Signed on behalf of Job Centre Plus**

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**Signed on behalf of the Lancashire  
Association of Councils of Voluntary  
Services**

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**Signed on behalf of  
Lancashire Constabulary**

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**Signed on behalf of Lancashire Fire and  
Rescue Service**

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**Signed on behalf of Lancashire Forum  
of Faiths**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Lancashire Probation  
Trust**

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**Signed on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant  
of Lancashire**

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**Signed on behalf of the National Health  
Service**

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**Signed on behalf of the North &  
Western Lancs. Chamber of Commerce**

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**Signed on behalf of One Lancashire**

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Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of**

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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 Lancashire

And

Lancashire County 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 Lancashire and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Lancashire.

2.3 For Lancashire 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.

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.

2.5 Lancashire County Council also wishes to acknowledge the work accomplished by our partner councils in the county's cities and boroughs to establish these principles in their specific communities.

## **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 Ministry of Defence, from statutory providers and from the Private, Charitable and Voluntary Sectors.

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 Service community into civilian life.

#### **SECTION 4: Measures**

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

4.2 Each Partner shall examine and monitor their policies for observance with the principles set out in this Community Covenant and to ensure that both the Armed Forces and civilian communities within Lancashire 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 military profile within Lancashire with a view to identifying specific need.

4.3.2 Making information about services available to the Armed Forces community more widely and easily available.

4.3.3 Identifying and supporting projects that meet the objectives of the Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

#### **CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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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.