



## **AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

BETWEEN

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL, THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP  
(RUTLAND TOGETHER), INDIVIDUAL RUTLAND ORGANISATIONS

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY OF RUTLAND

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

# **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.

## Signatories

Signed:  Signed: 

Name: Chestfield

Name: NVA

Position: Station Commandant,  
Kendrew Barracks

Position: Chief Executive

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

**Signed on behalf of Rutland County Council**

Date:

Date:

Signed: 

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Name: Lt Col James Skelton MBE

Name:

Position: Commanding Officer  
2 Princess of Wales's Royal  
Regiment

Position: Commanding Officer  
7 Royal Logistics Regiment

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces  
Community based in Rutland**

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Community based in Rutland**

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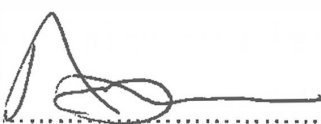
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Name:

Position: Commanding Officer  
1 Military Working Dogs Regiment

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces  
Community based in Rutland**

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Name:

Position: Chair, LSP

**Signed on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership**

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Name:

Position: Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board and Chair of Safer Rutland Partnership

**Signed on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership**

Date:

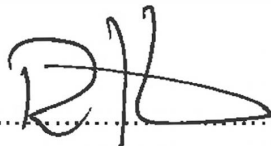
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Position: Chair, Infrastructure Group

**Signed on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership**

Date:

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Position: Chair, Children's Trust Board

**Signed on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership**

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Position: Chair, Sustainable Growth Theme Group and Culture & Leisure Theme Group

**Signed on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership**

Date:

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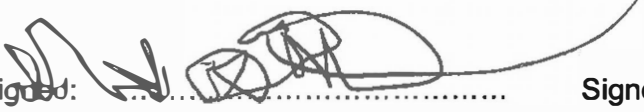
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Name: Cllr Michael Haley

Position: Mayor of Oakham

**Signed on behalf of Oakham Town Council**

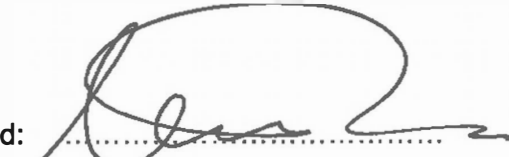
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Mayor of Uppingham

**Signed on behalf of Uppingham Town Council**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: 

Name: Neil Thomas  
Position: Governor

**Signed on behalf of HMP Stocken**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Chief Operating Officer

**Signed on behalf of the East Leicestershire & Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Inspector, Local Policing Unit

**Signed on behalf of Leicestershire Police**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Chief Executive

**Signed on behalf of Voluntary Action Rutland**

Date: 13 December 2017

Signed: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Chief Executive Officer

**Signed on behalf of Citizens Advice Rutland**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Steven Best

Name:

Position: Operational Response Lead

**Signed on behalf Leicestershire Fire  
& Rescue Service**

Date:

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Rutland

And

Rutland County Council

And

The Rutland Strategic Partnership (Rutland Together) incorporating the following organisations:

Oakham Town Council, Uppingham Town Council, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, HMP Stocken, Voluntary Action Rutland, Citizens Advice Rutland, East Leicestershire & Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. This Covenant encompasses the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The Armed Forces Covenant is based upon two key principles:

- The Armed Forces community should not face 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.

2.3 The purpose of this Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Rutland 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 Rutland.

2.4 For Rutland 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. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.5 For the Armed Forces community, the 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 Covenant**

- 3.1 The Armed Forces Covenant 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 which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

## **SECTION 4: MEASURES**

- 4.1 Specific measures put in place to support the Armed Forces are:
  - Introduction of a Rutland County Council Armed Forces Discount Scheme
  - Development of support to Veterans and their families
  - On-going support to Regiments moving to/from Rutland
  - Continuing to work together to deliver against the aims of the Covenant

## **CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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