



## Bath Rugby

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:  
Ministry of Defence

Signed on behalf of:  
Bath Rugby

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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.

## Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **Bath Rugby** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

## Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 **Bath Rugby** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

➤ ***Promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;***

➤ ***Seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old;***

- *we will link with Career Transition Partnership to advertise vacancies where applicable*

➤ ***Striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;***

- *we will consider candidates who meet the requirements of the job specification;*
- *Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;*

➤ ***Additional pledges we would like to make;***

- *using a Home November fixture at the Recreation Ground for a Remembrance Day Ceremony, including the Last Post, one minute's silence, and wreath laying*
- *bidding to host the yearly friendly, Bath United v The Armed Forces fixture at the Recreation Ground*
- *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community: working with Tickets for Troops to donate tickets by offering 30 or more tickets for 5 games, of our choice, across the season. Exact games and quantity of tickets to be verified once we know the fixtures and as we move through the season and know availability*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.