



## DALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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:

**Dalton Community Association**



Signed: B.S. Doughty Chair of Trustees

Position: Trustee

Date: 16 December 2018



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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.

## Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We Dalton Community Association 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 Dalton Community Association 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; by using the logo on our literature, newsletters and social media accounts.*
- *Providing peer support activities to the Armed Forces Community Members & their families; by holding & promoting breakfast clubs, creativity sessions, and outdoor activities including allotment projects by collaborating with the wider community to support & improve social mobility & social inclusion for the Armed Forces Community Members and their families.*
- *Providing information and sign posting to other military charity organisations; When approached by a member of the Armed Forces Community or organisations within the wider community are supporting a member or a family member from the Armed Forces Community, we will advocate on their behalf to make sure they receive the best appropriate help.*
- *Supporting the local cadet units in our local community or schools, where possible; using the facilities at the community centre, providing IT support & volunteering opportunities which will support towards their vocational qualifications, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and STEM related activities.*
- *Aiming to actively participate and support Armed Forces Day; We will attend and continually support community events that support the Armed Forces Community and Educate today's generation by commemorating the fallen through highlighting the sacrifices made of those who gave their yesterday for our today.*
- *Offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community; we will do this by offering a reduction on using the community centre facilities, this also includes caseworkers, mentors, volunteers supporting the Armed Forces Community. Ensuring prices are kept to a minimum for our cooked breakfasts.*
- *Strive to support the Armed Forces Community by collaborating with local enterprise partnerships, in promoting pathways to support the employment of veterans young & old and spouses & partners; by promoting the skills and benefits to Small Medium Business, through local forums and presentations.*

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.