



The County of Salop Steam Engine Society

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:

The County of Salop Steam Engine Society

Signed:

Position:

CHAIRMAN

Date:

3.6.2019



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.

1.1 We **The County of Salop Steam Engine Society** 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.*

2.1 **The County of Salop Steam Engine Society** 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;*
 - *promoting our activities and events through our own digital & social media channels as well as working with the press*
 - *Publishing our Covenant pledge on our web site*
- *seeking to support the employment opportunities of veterans young and old through volunteering*
 - *welcoming applications from Veterans to volunteer in recognition of their military skills and qualifications and to provide a reference for future employment*
- *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;*
 - *welcoming applications from Service spouses & partners to volunteer and to provide a reference for future employment*
- *endeavouring to offer support to Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;*
- *seeking to support our members/volunteers who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible;*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;*
 - *consider partnering projects to support cadet's projects*
 - *encourage Cadet volunteering at COSSE *events with free attendance*
 - *allow advertising opportunities available for the Cadet organisation (show program/show stall?)*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*
 - *by becoming an AFD ambassador by promoting it through the webpage, social media and membership networks*
- *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community/or defence personnel;*
 - *'Have a go' day**
 - *Shrewsbury Steam Rally**
- *additional commitments*
 - *support Service Charities fund raising activities*

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.