



AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT

BETWEEN

THE ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN THE ISLE OF MAN


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

Signatories

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

Signed 


Name: Commodore Phillip Waterhouse ADC RN
On behalf of the Royal Navy

Signed 

Name: Colonel Russell Miller OBE
On behalf of the British Army

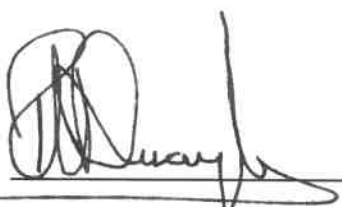
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Name: Wing Commander Stephen Chaskin OBE
On behalf of the Royal Air Force

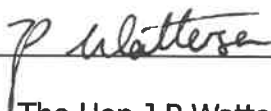
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Name: Colonel (Retired) Mark Underhill OBE DL
Position: Chief Executive, Reserve Forces'
& Cadets' Association for the North West
of England and the Isle of Man

**Signed on behalf of Isle of Man
Government**

Signed 

Name: Hon H Quayle MHK
Position: Chief Minister

Signed 

Name: The Hon J P Watterson SHK
Position: Armed Forces Champion

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 the Isle of Man

And

The Isle of Man Government

SECTION 2: Purpose

- 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 purpose of this Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in the Isle of Man 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 the Isle of Man.
- 2.3 For the Isle of Man Government, the 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.
- 2.4 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: Principles

3.1 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.

SECTION 4: Objectives and General Intentions

Aims of the Covenant

- 4.1 The Armed Forces Covenant defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the British Nation, Her Majesty's Government and the Armed Forces community of which the Isle of Man Government is fully supportive.
- 4.2 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 charitable and voluntary sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.
- 4.3 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 5: Measures

- 5.1 Provision of an Armed Forces Champion as a single point of contact for issues relating to the Covenant. The post-holder is linked into many support networks, from North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, Ministry of Defence, Royal British Legion and a host of veterans' charities who cover a myriad of services for Veterans, Spouses, Wounded, Injured and Sick personnel.
- 5.2 Assistance with the promoting and organisation of Remembrance Day and Armed Forces Day on the Isle of Man. Assistance with specific funding for Armed Forces Day.
- 5.3 Active participation with the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for the North West of England and the Isle of Man.
- 5.4 Support for Reservists, Cadets and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers in the Isle of Man via personnel, infrastructure and transport.
- 5.5 Provision of Special Leave in public service terms and conditions.
- 5.6 Free postage to British Forces Post Office addresses by Isle of Man Post Office (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Isle of Man Government).
- 5.7 The Isle of Man Government funds two members of staff to support the War Pensions Committee which assists veterans and their dependents as well as wounded, injured and sick personnel on a range of welfare issues, pensions, benefits and signposts to other services.

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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.