



Corporate Covenant

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

Armed Forces Group Preston

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 Armed Forces Group Preston

Signed: 

Name: Keith Sedgewick

Position Held: Chairman

Date: 24th July 2014



Ministry
of Defence

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 Corporate Covenant

1.1 The Armed Forces Group Preston 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 Armed Forces Group Preston 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;***

We shall proudly publicise our membership of the Corporate Covenant, displaying the Covenant logo on printed and on-line publications.

- ***Maintaining strong relationships with support functions for former service personnel;***

AFG provides 'sign-posting' to services solving problems of: homelessness, medical and physical impairment, employment, pensions and benefits.

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

Armed Forces Group will continue to run the 'Guild Work Club' providing advice and training as a pathway to employment

- ***Aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;***

In 2014 Armed Forces Group was heavily involved in the planning and management of Preston's Armed Forces Day in conjunction with Preston City Council and we pledge to continue such support in future years.

We shall strive to represent our Group at as many public events and commemorative services as possible.

- **Armed Forces Group Preston promises to promote the Corporate Covenant within the local community via local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and the many smaller charities with whom we have strong links.**

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.