



**Corporate
Covenant**

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

Bolton Wanderers Community Trust

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 Bolton Wanderers Community Trust

Signed: 

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Position Held: Head of Community Trust

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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 Corporate Covenant

1.1 We Bolton Wanderers Community Trust 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 Bolton Wanderers Community Trust 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 will publicise our Corporate Covenant commitments through our website, social media platforms, match day programmes and our named Duke of Lancaster suite offering spaces for those with disabilities from the forces.*
- *Supporting armed forces charities where possible; 2014-2015 season Blesma are our chosen national charity of the year and we have raised £10k to date. We hold an annual Royal British Legion poppy appeal on a select match day.*
- *Aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day; we will showcase our 'Wanderers at War' project and our links with BLESMA.*
- *Offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community; when possible we offer Tickets for Troops to attend BWFC matches.*
- *Educating young people of Bolton about the sacrifices the armed forces make and also the skills and qualities required to be a member of the armed forces; through our covenant grant funded 'Wanderers at War' project aimed at and delivered to year 5 and 6 pupils in Bolton's schools.*

- *Hosting our annual memorial and carol service; 2014 focused on the 100th anniversary of World War 1 and the 2015 year focusing on the Wartime Wanderers*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and 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.