Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS, THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN WEST BERKSHIRE LOCATION

We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to honour the Armed Forces Community Covenant
SIGNATORIES

(This page gives examples of the parties who may sign the Community Covenant. This is an example only and is not limited to the examples given)

Signed:                                                             Signed:
Name:        Colonel  Mark Burrows                   Name:
Position Held:   Commander Hermitage           Position Held:
Station

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Forces Community               Signed on behalf of West Berkshire Council

Date:                                                                  Date:

Signed:                                                             Signed:
Name: Wing Commander Beverley Gleave      Name:
Position Held: Officer Commanding            Position Held:
Odiham Base Support Wg

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Forces Community               Signed on behalf of West Berkshire Council

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made be between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in West Berkshire.

And

West Berkshire Council
SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

2.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in West Berkshire and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the 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) in West Berkshire Council.

2.3 For West Berkshire Council and partner organisations, the Community 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 Community 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: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS

Aims of the Community Covenant

3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community.

3.2 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 MOD, from the statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 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 4: MEASURES

4.1 The signatories of this covenant, or their representatives, agree to meet on at least a 6 monthly basis to ensure the spirit of this covenant is being met.
4.2 The signatories of this covenant, or their representatives, agree to take a joint approach to projects to improve the wellbeing of the local population, military and civilian. Areas such as improved recreational facilities and community centres will be the initial focus.

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