



# **Community Covenant**

## **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

THE COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
AND THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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

## Signatories

Signed:

Name: Commodore A J G Miller CBE

*James Miller*

Position Held: Naval Regional Commander

**Signed on behalf of The Royal Navy**

Date:

15/7/2014

Signed:

*John Penhale*

Name: MAJOR JOHN PENHALE

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of 43 Wessex  
Brigade**

Date:

15/7/2014

Signed:

*David Duncan*

Name: David Duncan

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the  
Veterans Community**

Date:

15/7/2014

Signed:

*Chris Gregory*

Name: Chris Gregory

Signed:

*Amanda J. Martin*

Name: Councillor Amanda Martin

Position Held: Chairman of Council

**Signed on behalf of The Council of the  
Isles of Scilly**

Date:

15/7/2014

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of RAF St MAWGAN**

Date:

Signed:

*Edward Smith*

Name: Edward Smith

Position Held: Royal British Legion

**Signed on behalf of  
Royal British Legion**

Date:

15/7/2014

Signed:

*Paul Miller*

Name: Canon Paul Miller

Position Held: Chairman Island's Partnership

Position Held: Chaplain to the Isles

**Signed by the Island's  
Partnership on behalf  
of the Business and  
Commercial Sector**

**Signed on behalf of the  
Religious Communities and Diocese  
of Truro**

Date: 15/7/2014

Date: 15/7/2014.



M D GARRATT

CAPTAIN ROYAL NAVY

COMMANDING OFFICER RNAS CULROSE

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF RNAS CULROSE

15/7/2014.

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in the Isles of Scilly

And

The Council of the Isles of Scilly

And

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

And

Religious Communities – Diocesan representative

And

The Isles of Scilly Business community

And

Other members of the civilian community

## **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 the Isles of Scilly 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 Isles of Scilly.
- 2.3 For the Council of the Isles of Scilly 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 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 Armed Forces Community Covenant Governance Board will enable the closer co-operation between military and civilian agencies within the Isles of Scilly with the common aim of achieving mutual benefit to both the military and civilian communities.
- 4.2 The Isles of Scilly Community covenant will seek to identify the breadth of the military community within the Islands and whether those individuals are suffering disadvantage by virtue of their residence and access to services within the Islands.
- 4.3 Due to the special nature of the Isles of Scilly there is a strong sense of community that acts as a form of support network. A number of voluntary and charitable organisations currently provide existing services and initiatives to the military community. The Governance Board will allow for a wider exploration of areas where joint working can be achieved to promote and expand the services that are already offered to ensure the implementation of the aims and principles of the covenant including identification of opportunities which will enhance closer integration.
- 4.4 The Governance Board will act as initial assessor for claims from within the community under the Armed Forces Community Covenant grant scheme.
- 4.5 The Governance Board will consist of:
  1. The Chairman of the Council of the Isles of Scilly as Armed Force Champion;
  2. The Senior Manager: Democratic and Corporate for the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
  3. A representative of the Royal British Legion;
  4. A representative of the local Veterans Community;
  5. A church representative;
  6. A representative of the local business community;
  7. A serving member of the Armed Forces based at RNAS Culdrose; and
  8. A representative of the local Emergency Services;and will meet on a bi-annual basis or as required.

## CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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.