



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

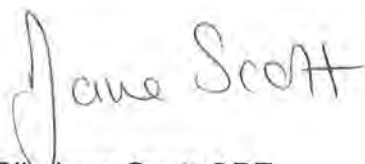
BETWEEN

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND
VOLUNTARY SECTORS,
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF WILTSHIRE

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN WILTSHIRE

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



Cllr Jane Scott OBE
Leader
Signed on behalf of Wiltshire Council and
Wiltshire's Public Service Board



Chairman John Bush
Signed on behalf of the Wiltshire
Assembly



Commander Andrew Loring
Signed on behalf of the Royal Navy



Brigadier P Hankinson
Commander 43 (Wessex) Brigade
Signed on behalf of the Army



Squadron Leader Andy Spiller
Signed on behalf of the Royal Air Force



Jerry Wilmott
Signed on behalf of SW Veterans
Pensions and Advisory Committee



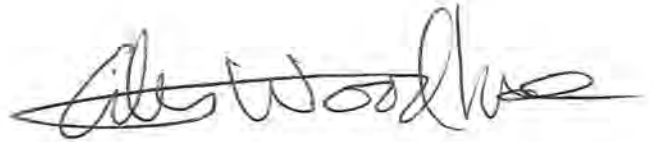
Dr. Steve Rowlands
Chairman
Signed on behalf of Wiltshire Clinical
Commissioning Group



Mike Swabey
Wiltshire RBL County Chairman
Signed on behalf of The Royal British
Legion



Andrew Lord
Chief Executive
Signed on behalf of Alabaré Christian
Care and Support



Giles Woodhouse
Signed on behalf of Help for Heroes



Paul Johnson
Chairman
Signed on behalf of the Wiltshire and
Swindon Local Enterprise Partnership



Rosemary MacDonald
Chief Executive
Signed on behalf of The Community
Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon



Verena Buchanan
Chairman
Resilient Communities Partnership



Air Vice- Marshal David Couzens
Chairman Wiltshire Branch
Signed on behalf of SSAFA



Rob Perks
Signed on behalf of Wessex Chamber of
Commerce



Philippa Read
Chief Executive
Signed on behalf of Community First



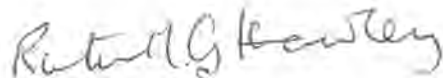
Captain Rusbridger
Signed on behalf of Defence Technical
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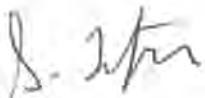
Stephen Brown
RSM 21 Signal Regiment
Signed on behalf of 21 Signal Regiment



Emma Cox
Business Development Manager
Signed on behalf of Action on Addiction



Lady Hawley
Deputy Lieutenant Ambassador for
Alabaré



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Solicitor
Signed on behalf of Awdry Bailey and
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Catharine Hurford
Deputy CEO
Signed on behalf of Carer Support
Wiltshire



Revd Rob Thomas
Rector
Signed on behalf of Parish Churches of
Trowbridge St James and Keevil



Ruth Hopkinson
Chair
Signed on behalf of Corsham Town
Council



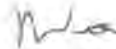
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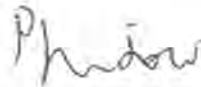
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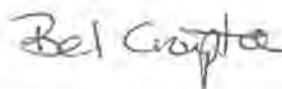
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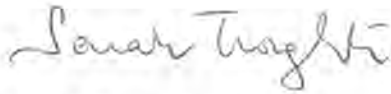
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William Wyldebore-Smith
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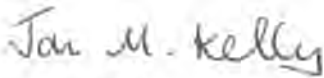
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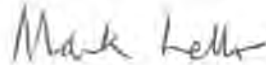
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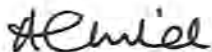
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Council



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Signed on behalf of Tidworth Polo Club



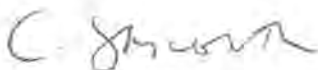
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Council



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Youth



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Head of Network Services
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Users Network



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Chairman of Trustees
Signed on behalf of Wiltshire Wildlife
Trust

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 Wiltshire

And

Wiltshire Council

And

Wiltshire's Public Service Board

And

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

And

The Business 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 Wiltshire 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 Wiltshire.

2.3 For Wiltshire 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 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 Wiltshire has an established history in working closely with its Armed Forces community. Since 2007 the Military Civilian Integration (MCI) Programme has been in place delivering initiatives under the strategic leadership of the MCI Partnership. The Partnership provides the opportunity for Wiltshire Council and partners, including the Armed Forces Services, to work proactively together to co-ordinate and implement measures which benefit our communities.

4.2 The MCI Partnership was established in order to optimise the economic and social benefits of the military presence in the county. The programme has 7 main objectives:

- To identify and respond to the changing military 'footprint' in Wiltshire
- To maximise the economic contribution of the military to the county
- To enable the realignment of service provision by the Council and its partners to meet the changing needs of the military, their families and veterans
- To capitalise on opportunities for regeneration and building sustainable communities in line with the Army Basing Plan
- To ensure the county continues to remain an attractive location for our Armed Forces and long-term investment by the MoD
- To encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces through the Wiltshire Community Covenant
- To assist Service leavers, and redundees in particular, in career transition and into employment in the area, helping soldiers back into society
- To make sure the county continues to remain an attractive location for long-term investment by the MoD

4.3 The MCI Partnership will continue to provide leadership, decision making, and oversight for initiatives and measures which support our Armed Forced Community in order to evidence this Community Covenant.

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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.