



**BETWEEN**

**DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**and**

**THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY  
IN THE DOVER DISTRICT**

**and**

**SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS**



# THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR THE **DOVER DISTRICT**

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

## Signatories

**Signed on behalf of  
Dover District Council**

**Signed on behalf of the  
Military Community**

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Paul Watkins  
Leader of Dover District Council

04 June 2013

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Lt Col Andrew Hodkinson,  
Chief of Staff 2(SE)Brigade,  
Sir John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe

04 June 2013



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

## Signed on behalf of other supporting organisations

Organisations as at 04 June 2013

Austin Walker  
Kent County Chairman R.B.L  
Royal British Legion



Councillor Leyland Ridings  
Kent County Council,  
Armed Forces  
Community Champion



Neil Payne  
The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force  
Families Association



Darren Cocker  
Clinical Lead, South Kent Coast  
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Area Operations Manager  
EK Services / Gateway



Nadeem Aziz  
Dover District Community Safety  
Partnership



Keith Cane  
Head of Housing Management  
East Kent Housing



Simon Dean,  
Chief Executive,  
Challenger Troop



## Sign Up to Show Your Support

This is a living document and further signatories to the Dover District Armed Forces Community Covenant are invited.

If you or your organisation would like to become a signatory, [Sign Up](#)<sup>1</sup> on the Dover District Council website or email us at [policy@dover.gov.uk](mailto:policy@dover.gov.uk)

All organisations will be featured on Dover District Council's website (unless you choose to opt out).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Support-for-the-Armed-Forces/Sign-up-to-show-your-support-.aspx>

## **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 district of Dover

and

Dover District Council

and

Other supporting organisations within the Dover district

## **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 Dover district and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes serving Service personnel and Service veterans, their families and their widow(er)s in the district.
- 2.3 For Dover District Council, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring its 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 members of 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 Dover District Council has set up a Dover District Community Covenant Partnership Board to better facilitate the provision of support to the Armed Forces Community across the district. We will continue to work closely with the armed forces, statutory providers, voluntary and community sector and the local business community, to identify, develop and support projects meeting the aims of the Armed Forces Community Covenant.
- 4.2 Dover District Council will oversee the long-term planning and decision making in the support services provided by the District Council to the Armed Forces. Dover District Council will also help to co-ordinate and deliver joint council and military community projects as identified and agreed by the Dover District Community Covenant Partnership Board.
- 4.3 The Dover District Community Covenant Partnership Board will develop and oversee an action plan. The Board will measure the success and impacts of the Community Covenant and report yearly to Dover District Council Cabinet and the Ministry of Defence.
- 4.4 Signatories to the Dover District Community Covenant will work together with the Armed Forces Community, other individuals and organisations in the district to further the aims of the Armed Forces 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.