



**Redcar &  
Cleveland**  
Partnership



# **Community Covenant**

## **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL,  
REDCAR & CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP,  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY IN REDCAR & CLEVELAND

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN REDCAR & CLEVELAND.

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

## Signatories

Signed:

Name: The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Denise Bunn

Position Held: Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland

**Signed on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Councillor George Dunning

Position Held: Leader of the Council

**Signed on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Amanda Skelton

Position Held: Chief Executive

**Signed on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Councillor Eric Howden

Position Held: Council Champion for the Armed Forces

**Signed on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Lieutenant Colonel I C Adkins REME

Position Held: CO 102 Bn REME

**Signed on behalf of the Army Community**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Commander D N Pickthall CEng RN

Position Held: COS NRCNE

**Signed on behalf of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Merchant Navy Communities**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Wing Commander J Crennell MSc RAF

Position Held: OC BSW, Royal Air Force Leeming

**Signed on behalf of the Royal Airforce Community**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Iain Sim

Position Held: Chief Executive, Coast and Country Housing and Acting Chair, Redcar & Cleveland Partnership

**Signed on behalf of Coast & Country Housing and Redcar & Cleveland Partnership**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Steve Walton

Position Held: District Manager (Redcar and Cleveland Area)

**Signed on behalf of Cleveland Fire Brigade**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Doff Pollard

Position Held: Chief Officer, Tees Valley Rural Community Council

**Signed on behalf of the local Voluntary and Community Sector**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Julia Weldon

Position Held: Director of Public Health

**Signed on behalf of NHS Tees**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Superintendent Ciaron Irvine

Position Held: District Commander (Redcar and Cleveland)

**Signed on behalf of Cleveland Police**

Date: 01 November 2012

Signed:

Name: Chris Livingstone

Position Held: Senior Operations and Partnerships Manager, Teesside

**Signed on behalf of Jobcentre Plus**

Date: 01 November 2012

## **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 Redcar & Cleveland

and

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

and

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

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 Redcar & Cleveland 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 Redcar & Cleveland.
- 2.3 For Redcar & Cleveland Borough 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 The Redcar & Cleveland Partnership, through the Community Covenant Task Group, will honour the Community Covenant by:
- a) Co-ordinating positive activities in the Borough that champion, recognise and remember our armed forces community.
  - b) Identifying best practice and opportunities for greater synergy between agencies who provide support to the armed forces community
  - c) Identifying and maximising opportunities for grant funding to support the needs of the armed forces community, including consideration of applications for the Community Covenant Grant Scheme
  - d) Ensuring that the Redcar & Cleveland Partnership and its member organisations contribute to the delivery of locally, regionally and nationally agreed activities to support the armed forces community.
  - e) Acting as a forum for raising issues of concern for the ex-service community and their families.
  - f) Agreeing, tasking and monitoring delivery of key actions that can be delivered locally, either through existing partnerships or time-limited task and finish groups.
- 4.2 The Armed Forces will honour the Community Covenant by
- a) Delivering an annual seminar to Members to present their operational experiences and what any planned changes as a result of defence policy might mean at a local level. This may include enabling a visit from a national or regional resource, such as the 15 (North East) Brigade Military Civil Integration Team or the Army Presentation Team subject to the timetable of the latter. In addition, Service Personnel returning from operations could be encouraged to provide briefs on their experiences to Council Members and Officers, as well as other civil agencies.
  - b) Delivering an annual update to the Redcar & Cleveland Partnership, presenting their operational experiences and what any planned changes as a result of defence policy might mean at a local level.
  - c) Encouraging Service and ex-Service Personnel to be active members of their local communities



- d) Undertaking involvement in community activities, potentially and subject to operational requirements including the following:
1. Supporting Council events in and around Redcar & Cleveland such as Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day, with a military presence that it mutually agreed.
  2. Support to Council events with a military band, including the 102Bn REME Pipe Band, subject to mutual agreement.

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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.