



# **Community Covenant**

## **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

TORFAEN COUNTY COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF TORFAEN

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN TORFAEN

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

(signatories on pledge plaque and signatory book)

## **SECTION 1: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

1.1 Torfaen's 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.

1.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Torfaen 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 Torfaen.

1.3 For Torfaen County 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.

1.4 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 2: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS**

### **Aims of the Community Covenant**

2.1 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

2.2 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.

2.3 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 3: Measures**

3.1 Together with partners, the signatories to the covenant will develop a Torfaen Armed Forces Covenant Action plan to address the 5 key aims of the Covenant namely:

1. Encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces communities in their area
2. Nurture public understanding and public awareness amongst the public of the issues affecting the Armed Forces Community

3. Recognise and remember the sacrifices faced by the Armed Forces Community
4. Encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces Community into local life
5. Encourage the Armed Forces Community to help and support the wider community

3.2 The actions will be driven by a task group comprising of representatives from various sectors

The group will be chaired by the Armed Forces Champions and will meet as often as necessary to drive the action plan forward

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