



Warwick District Council

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and the Armed Forces Covenant Duty in order to support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our community, our organisation and our country.

Signed on behalf of:
Warwick District Council

Signed on behalf of:
Ministry of Defence

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Date: 6 November 2024

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**Ministry
of Defence**

The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom

His 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 provision is justified in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

Whilst Cadet Force Adult Volunteers' (CFAV) and Cadets do not come under the Armed Forces Covenant (as they have not served) they are recognised and valued as part of the wider Armed Forces 'family' and the Council recognises their contribution as such.

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.

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Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **Warwick District Council** will endeavour to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant and the Covenant Duty:

- *Recognising the sacrifices and obligations made by the whole of the Armed Forces community*
- *Members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantages arising from their service in the provision of public and commercial services.*
- *In some circumstances special provision may be justified, especially for those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, reservists, veterans, and military families make to our community, our organisation and to the country. We also recognise the work of Cadet Force Adult Volunteers as well as the importance of supporting Armed Forces Cadet organisations and cadets themselves.

2.2 We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant.