



Community Covenant

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC,
BUSINESS, CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS,
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF WOKING BOROUGH

AND

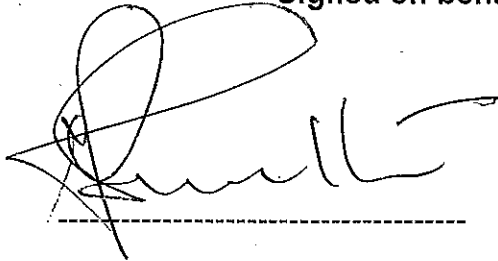
THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN WOKING BOROUGH

1 November 2012

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

Signatories

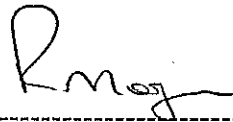
Signed on behalf of Woking Borough Council



The Mayor of Woking
Councillor Michael Smith



Councillor John Kingsbury
Leader of the Council



Ray Morgan
Chief Executive

Signed on behalf of the Military Community



Lt Colonel Robert Dickinson
Commanding Officer
Army Training Centre, Pirbright

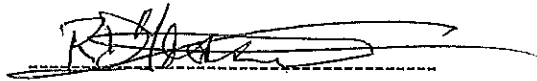
Signed on behalf of other participating organisations



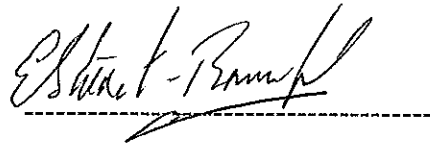
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Surrey Royal British Legion



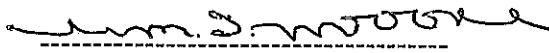
Simon Booth-Mason
The Soldiers, Sailors and Air
Force Families Association



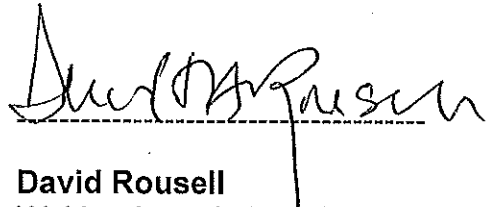
Roderick Fraser
Royal Naval Association



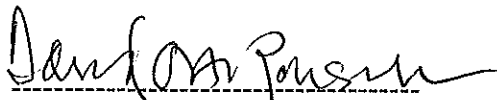
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Army Benevolent Fund



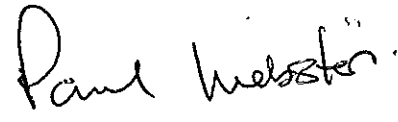
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The Royal Air Forces Association



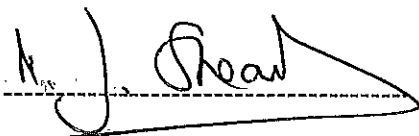
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Woking Association of Voluntary Service



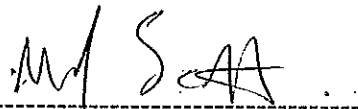
David Rousell
Woking Citizen Advice Bureau



Mike Webb (for the president)
President
Woking Chamber of Commerce



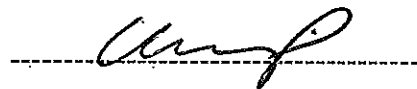
Mike Sheard
Woking Shopping



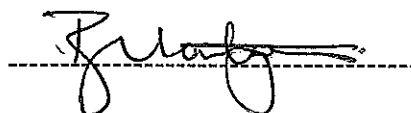
Marilyn Scott
The Lightbox



Canon Richard Cook
Woking People of Faith



Calum Kemp
Ambassador Theatre Group



Barry Montgomery
New Vision Homes

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 Woking Borough

And

Woking Borough Council

And

The public, business, charitable and voluntary sector organisations in Woking Borough

And

The Armed Forces Charities

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 Woking Borough 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 Woking Borough.

2.3 For Woking 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 in Woking.

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 Woking Borough Council, the public, business, voluntary sectors and Armed Forces Charities will work with the Army represented by the Army Training Centre at Pirbright in order to achieve the general aims identified at section three above and ensure that Woking Borough remains an inclusive and welcoming home for military personnel and civilians alike.

4.2 Woking Borough Council, the public, business, voluntary sectors and Armed Forces Charities will work with the Army represented by the Army Training Centre at Pirbright to support projects meeting the aims of the 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.