



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

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

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN GWYNEDD

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

Signatories

(This page gives examples of the parties who may sign the Community Covenant. This is an example only and is not limited to the examples given)

Signed:

Signed:

Name:

Name:

Position Held:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
Community**

Signed on behalf of Gwynedd Council

Date:

Date:

Signed:

Signed:

Name:

Name:

Position Held:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Armed Forces
Charities**

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary
Sector**

Date:

Date:

Signed:

Signed:

Name:

Name:

Position Held:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary
Sector**

**Signed on behalf of the Primary
Care Trust/NHS Body**

Date:

Date:

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 Gwynedd

And

Gwynedd County 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 Gwynedd 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 Gwynedd

2.3 For Gwynedd 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.

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 We will conduct a survey of our policies to ensure that they do not discriminate against the Armed Forces Community in any way. If any injustice or potential injustice is identified, we will review the policy to ensure that we provide according to this community's specific needs.

4.2 We will publish the Community Covenant on the Council's website, with links to specialist services available to the Armed Forces Community.

4.3 We will publish an article in Newyddion Gwynedd to advertise and raise awareness of the Community Covenant.

4.4. We will maintain contact with specialist officers, employed to advise the Armed Forces Community, ensuring that the Authority is aware of, and can respond to the specific needs of this community

4.5 If discussions with individuals contacting the Council through the Galw Gwynedd or Siopau Gwynedd services reveal that they are members of or are connected to the Armed Forces Community, they will be referred to specialist services according to need and the nature of the contact

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Charities

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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.