



# Community Covenant

BETWEEN

MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL &  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF MARCHWOOD

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN MARCHWOOD



# **THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR MARCHWOOD**

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

## **Signatories**

**Signed on behalf of Marchwood  
Parish Council & the Civilian  
Community**

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

*Signature*

*Signature*

Mrs Alison Hoare  
Chairman  
Date:

Lt Col Rob Askew  
Commander Solent Station  
Date:

*Signature*

*Signature*

Mr Fred White  
Vice Chairman  
Date:

Lt Col (Retd) George Kershaw  
Station Staff Officer, Solent Station  
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 Marchwood

and

Marchwood Parish Council & the members of the civilian community in  
Marchwood.

## **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 Marchwood 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 *Marchwood*.

2.3 For Marchwood Parish 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 There is already in place a Community Covenant between Hampshire County Council & the Armed Forces Community in Hampshire. The parties in this Community Covenant will support, fully, the initiatives cascading from that at County level.

4.2 In this Community Covenant, Marchwood Parish Council and its officers, will endeavour to support initiatives generated by the local Armed Forces community such as HOME FRONT (which provides a Community Safety Partnership to encourage community

engagement in improving the quality of life for residents within service family areas on or near MOD establishments).

4.3 In this Community Covenant, the Armed Forces community will endeavour to support the Marchwood Parish Council & the local community in Marchwood whenever possible, such as hosting & enabling access to MOD facilities in order to promote a better understanding of Armed Forces activity in the local area.

4.4 In this Community Covenant, the Armed Forces community will endeavour to participate in community initiatives occurring in the local area.

4.5 In this Community Covenant, the Armed Forces community will endeavour to participate in environmental schemes which aim to protect the local area.

## **CONTACT PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

### MOD DCDS (Pers&Trg) Covenant Team

Email address: [covenant-mailbox@mod.uk](mailto:covenant-mailbox@mod.uk)  
Address: DCDS (Pers) Covenant Team  
Zone D, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ministry of Defence  
Main Building  
Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2HB

### In-Service representative

Contact Name: Lt Col (Retd) George Kershaw  
Appointment / Title: Station Staff Officer, Solent Station  
Telephone: 023 8066 4228  
Address: HQ Solent Station, McMullen Barracks, Marchwood, Southampton,  
Hampshire, SO40 4ZG  
Email address: george.kershaw940@mod.uk

### Marchwood Parish Council

Contact Name: Mrs Melanie Wathen  
Title: Clerk to the Council  
Telephone: 023 8086 0273  
Address: Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood, SO40 4SX  
Email address: marchwoodparish@btconnect.com

## **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.