

## The Armed Forces Community Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

The Covenant supports serving personnel, service leavers, veterans, and their families, and is fulfilled by many different groups that have committed to making a difference.

North Kesteven District Council are signatories of the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant. Other signatories and supporting parties include:

- Central government,
- Local government,
- Single services (Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force),
- Businesses of all sizes,
- Charities,
- Communities, and
- Cadet forces and their adult volunteers.

### **The Covenant's two principles are that:**

- The Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services, and that
- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given more, such as the injured or the bereaved

### **How is it delivered?**

A partnership group that includes representatives from all interested parties has been created to support the delivery of the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant. Through this arrangement, partners work together in order to meet the aims of the Covenant by:

- Encouraging local communities to support the Armed Forces community in their area,

- Developing public understanding and awareness of issues affecting the Armed Forces community,
- Recognising and remembering the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community,
- Encouraging activities which help integrate the Armed Forces community into local life, and
- Encouraging the Armed Forces community to help and support the wider community through participation in events, joint projects and other initiatives.

### **Does it apply to you?**

If you are a member of the Armed Forces, a veteran, or a family member, the Armed Forces Covenant offers a wide variety of support to ensure you are being treated fairly. To get support on issues, such as healthcare, housing, finance, relationships etc, [visit the Veterans Gateway](#)

North Kesteven District Council is committed to supporting the Armed Forces community and veterans in our District. We have appointed an Armed Forces Champion, and play an active part in supporting local commemorations, and recognising the important role the Armed Forces play in all our lives.

**If you would like further information on any matter relating to the Armed Forces, please contact the Partnerships Team on 01529 414155 or email [armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk)**