

## Covenant priorities

Working with our partners we aim to ensure:



### Housing

The Armed Forces Community will be provided with high quality guidance and support when applying for social housing and private rented accommodation.



### Health and wellbeing



The Armed Forces community will enjoy the same standard of, and access to, public healthcare as that received by any other citizen in the local community. Ex-service (Veterans) will receive priority treatment where it relates to a condition which results from their service, subject to clinical need.



### Employment, education and training

Children of members of the Armed Forces will have the same access to education (including early years services), as any other local resident.

Access to training, education and skills support will be provided to Veterans to assist them to find suitable employment after services.



### Support and advice

The Armed Forces community will have access to the same welfare benefits as any other local resident.

## Support is available from the following:

Veterans Gateway

[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)

**0808 8021212** FREE Phone

Together we are working to support our local Armed Forces Community

Ministry of Defence [www.mod.gov.uk](http://www.mod.gov.uk)

City of York Council

Tel: **01904 551550**

Email: [c.taylor@york.gov.uk](mailto:c.taylor@york.gov.uk)

Web: [www.york.gov.uk](http://www.york.gov.uk)

Hambleton District Council

Tel: **01609 779977**

Email: [lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk)

Web: [www.hambleton.gov.uk](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk)

North Yorkshire County Council

Tel: **01609 780780**

Email: [anthony.ruddy@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.ruddy@northyorks.gov.uk)

Web: [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

Scarborough Borough Council

Tel: **01723 232323**

Email: [jo.ireland@scarborough.gov.uk](mailto:jo.ireland@scarborough.gov.uk)

Web: [www.scarborough.gov.uk](http://www.scarborough.gov.uk)

Richmondshire District Council

Tel: **01748 829100**

Email: [chloe.lewis@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:chloe.lewis@richmondshire.gov.uk)

[richmondshire.gov.uk](http://richmondshire.gov.uk)

Web: [www.richmondshire.gov.uk](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk)

# Armed Forces Covenant

Supporting our  
**Armed Forces**  
and our  
**Armed Forces**  
**Community**



**ARMED FORCES**  
**COVENANT**

Produced on behalf of the  
North Yorkshire Local Authorities  
Armed Forces Covenant Partnership

## What is the Armed Forces Covenant?

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the Nation to those who serve, or who have served, and their families, that they should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.

The Armed Forces Covenant relies on people, communities and businesses to actively support it in order to make a positive difference.

## Who Does the Armed Forces Covenant Support?

**Regular Personnel currently serving;** Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Army.

**Merchant Navy;** served for at least one day on active service.

**Reservists;** both regular and volunteer veterans those who have served for at least one day, regular or reservist.

**Families Immediate family;** Spouses, civil or other partners, children for whom the veteran or partner are responsible.

**Bereaved;** Immediate family of services personnel/veterans who have died.

## How you can support the covenant

Being aware of the UK nations' promise to our Armed Forces Community; Remove disadvantage and look after those that have given the most. All UK local authorities have signed up to the Covenant since 2011.

Signposting those in need of support, to the national **Veterans Gateway**  
**0808 8021212** FREE Phone  
[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)

## Volunteering - for example

British Legion

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/)

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association

[www.ssafa.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.ssafa.org.uk/volunteer)



## Our commitment

Take positive measures to prevent disadvantage for the Armed Forces Community.

Honour the commitment and sacrifices made by the Armed Forces Community.

Recognise, respect and show gratitude for the Military Services.

## How businesses can support the covenant

So far more than 2,000 businesses in the United Kingdom have pledged support for the Armed Forces Covenant.

Private, public and voluntary sector organisations of all sizes who wish to demonstrate their support to the Armed Forces community can register their support by signing the Armed Forces Covenant.

[www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/get-involved](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/get-involved)

[www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/](http://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/)

## Examples of business support include:

- Promoting the fact that you are an Armed Forces friendly organisation and support Armed Forces events and initiatives
- Striving to support the employment of service spouses and partners
- Offering flexibility in granting leave to spouses during deployment
- Offering discounts to members of the Armed Forces Community.