



Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

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

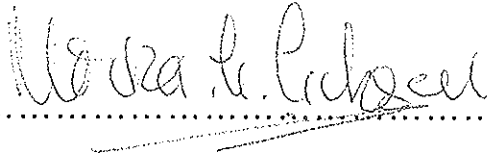
AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SURREY HEATH

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

Signatories

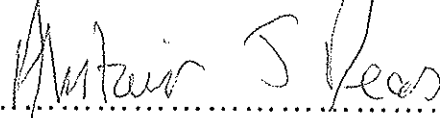
Cllr Moira Gibson
Leader
Signed on behalf of Surrey Heath
Borough Council



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Brigadier A J Deas MBE BSc MA FCILT
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Commandant Defence College of
Logistics and Personnel Administration,
the Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut
Signed on behalf of the Army



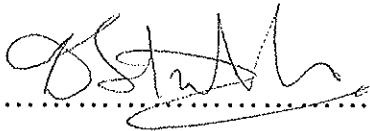
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Karen Whelan
Chief Executive
Signed on behalf of Surrey Heath
Borough Council



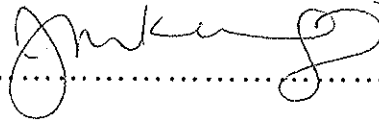
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David Stallan
Chair
Signed on behalf of Voluntary
Services Surrey Heath



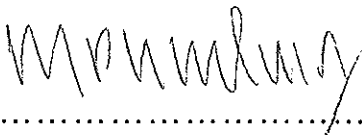
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Janet King
Director of HR and Facilities
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Hospital



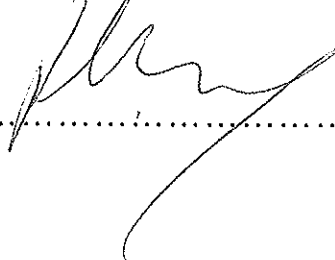
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Martin Goodwin
Borough Inspector
Signed on behalf of Surrey Police



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Signed on behalf of Surrey Fire and
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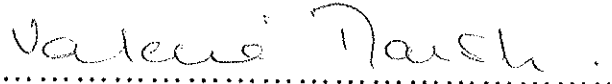


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Glen Fulton
Chair
Signed on behalf of Collectively
Camberley



Mrs Valerie Marsh
Signed on behalf of
SSAFA Camberley



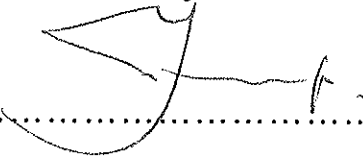
Carol Squires
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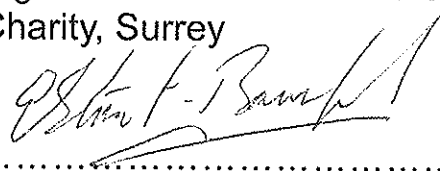
Doctor Andrew Brooks
Lead GP
Signed on behalf of Surrey Heath
Commissioning Group



David Kemp MBE
Chairman
Signed on behalf of Royal British
Legion Camberley



Eric Stuart-Bamford
Chairman
Signed on behalf of ABF the Soldiers
Charity, Surrey



31 January 2012

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 borough of Surrey Heath

And

Surrey Heath Borough Council

And

Public, Business and Voluntary Sector organisations in Surrey Heath

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 the borough of Surrey Heath 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 the borough of Surrey Heath.

2.3 For Surrey Heath 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 Surrey Heath.

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 The Army represented by Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Deepcut Station will work with Surrey Heath Borough Council, the public, business, voluntary sectors and Armed Forces Charities in order to achieve the general aims identified at section 3 above and to ensure that Surrey Heath remains an inclusive and welcoming home for military personnel and civilians alike.

4.2 The Army represented by Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Deepcut Station will work with Surrey Heath Borough Council, the public, business, voluntary sectors and Armed Forces Charities 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.