




COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT CIC

We commit to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, both regular and reservist, veterans, and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country.

Signed on behalf of:

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT CIC

Signed: 

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Position: Director

Date: 18th May 2025



The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
His 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.

Section 1: Principles of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We, **Community Spotlight CIC**, will endeavour to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant:

- *Members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantages arising from their service in the provision of public and commercial services.*
- *In some circumstances special provision may be justified, especially for those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, reservists, veterans, the cadet movement, and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant by:

Promoting the Armed Forces:

- Promote the Armed Forces Covenant, the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, and your support for the Armed Forces Community to your staff, customers/service users, supply chains and the wider public.
- Promote cadet groups through our volunteering activities, community events, and social responsibility initiatives.

Communications, Engagement, and Outreach:

- Support or promote Armed Forces events, such as Armed Forces Day/Week, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance activities.
- Engage with and support the East Hants Armed Forces Stakeholders group.
- Engage with and support the Solent Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board.
- Use the Covenant and Employer Recognition Scheme logos in your communications and marketing.
- Engage with and support local Armed Forces charities, for example, by supporting their fundraising activities.
- Run, facilitate, or promote support networks (such as coffee mornings, breakfast clubs) for veterans and other members of the Armed Forces Community.
- Research and identify local Armed Forces charities and CICs operating in our area.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion:

- To support initiatives within the Armed Forces community that promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies and practices.
- To become a member of the Fighting with Pride, Pride in Veterans Standard (PIVS) programme.
- Appoint an Armed Forces Champion within our organisation to act as a focal point for organising and promoting support for the Armed Forces Community.

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Armed Forces Community and our customers on how we are doing.