



**Community  
Covenant**

**AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN BURNLEY,  
BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL, KEY SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF BURNLEY AND  
THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

# **COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR BURNLEY**

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

- The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Burnley
- Burnley Borough Council
- Key Service Providers
- The Civilian Community of Burnley and
- The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES**

This Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between the civilian community and its local Armed Forces community.

It is intended to compliment the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the nation, the Government and the Armed Forces at the local level.

## **SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS**

### **Aims of the Community Covenant**

The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces community working and residing in Burnley, 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 widows/widowers in Burnley.

For the civilian community of Burnley, 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.

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 4: THEMES**

The Burnley Community Covenant has a number of key themes.

These are:

### **a) Communication**

- To establish and maintain a close relationship with the Regular and Reserve Force Units stationed in the area.
- To promote awareness of what it is like in the Forces and effect on individuals and their families.
- To improve communication with and across ex-service personnel and service personnel support organisations.

### **b) Sign-Posting to Services**

To establish a single community point of contact together with Burnley Borough Council, that leads to both a self-referral welfare pathway and a welfare support pathway for ex-service personnel and service personnel, their dependants, families and widows/widowers

- To further develop on-line support for ex-service personnel and service personnel.

### **c) Ensuring priority support**

- To work with housing associations and other agencies to provide advice and support on housing matters and ensuring that priority for accommodation is given service and ex-service personnel.
- To ensure that employers, specialist employment consultancies and agencies in Burnley take action to assist Armed Forces personnel to make the transition to civilian life.
- To work together with NHS services in Burnley to ensure priority treatment to Armed Forces personnel and ex-service personnel.
- To work together with Lancashire Care Trust and Clinical Commissioning Groups, to co-ordinate mental health facilities, to recognise and treat mental health conditions caused by time in Service, for serving and retired personnel and their families.
- To ensure national developments and commitments are communicated to and from relevant agencies to take appropriate action.

- To investigate the introduction of systems that can identify ex-service personnel and service personnel at early stages, so that they can then access additional relevant support, e.g., for hospital admissions and police.

#### **d) Working together in partnership**

- To provide joined-up working by agencies and by ex-service personnel and service personnel support organisations.
- To strengthen existing support across organisations.
- Working-together Armed Forces/Ex-service personnel sector.

#### **e) Celebrating current and previous history**

- To promote awareness of the role and significance of the Armed Forces within Burnley.
- To run and co-ordinate events, that enhance appreciation of the Military ethos, enable fund-raising for services, charities, commemoration Service and express gratitude for the commitment and sacrifices made by members of our Armed Forces.
- To plan and co-ordinate celebrations for Armed Forces Day.

### **SECTION 5: REGULARITY OF MEETINGS**

Signatories to the Covenant will meet three times a year, to ensure that the different strands of this Community Covenant are being delivered and to ensure that all relevant agencies are kept up to date with new Government policy and to share information on service provision.

### **SECTION 6: REVIEW**

At least once a year, the Signatories will review the measures within the Community Covenant and consider if further actions would be helpful.

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

Name: Councillor Julie Cooper

Position Held: Leader of Burnley Borough Council

On Behalf of: Burnley Borough Council

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Christopher Bithell

Position Held: Chief Superintendent

On Behalf of: Lancashire Constabulary

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Di van Ruitenbeek

Position Held: Chair Designate

On Behalf of: East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Heather Tierney-Moore,

Position Held: Chief Executive

On Behalf of: Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Terry Hephrun

Position Held: Chief Officer

On Behalf of: Burnley Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lt Martin Walker

Position Held: Lt, Naval Regional Command

On Behalf of: Royal Navy

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lt Colonel John Lighten MBE

Position Held: Commander Lancashire Garrison

On Behalf of: British Army

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Bill Burn

Position Held: County Area Field Officer

On Behalf of: The Royal British Legion

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Councillor Ida Carmichael

Position Held: Secretary

On Behalf of: Duke of Lancaster Veterans Association

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Daniel Hutchinson

Position Held: Chairman

On Behalf of: Salute

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Keith Shepherd

Position Held: Chairman

On Behalf of: Burnley and District Services Club

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Tony Hayes

Position Held: Chief Executive Officer

On Behalf of: Veterans Association UK

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Mike Birkett

Position Held: Chief Executive

On Behalf of: Calico Homes

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_