



## HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS UK

**We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.**

Signed on behalf of:

**Helping Homeless Veterans UK**

Company Name  
Signed:   
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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.

## Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We at **Helping Homeless Veterans UK** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *In some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

## Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment.

2.1 We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business and to our country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- **Promoting the Armed Forces:**

*Promoting our work, activities and events through our own digital and social media channels as well as working with the press*

*Publishing our Covenant pledges on a dedicated Covenant section/page on our website*

*Promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces friendly organisation, to our Volunteers, contractors, customers, suppliers and wider public*

- **Veterans:**

*Working with any Armed Forces Veteran who has served and are recognised as Veterans under MOD Guidelines*

*Offering help and support with any Housing or Homeless Issues by engaging with Local Authorities and Military Champions to make sure the correct Legislation is being adhered to for the benefit of the Veteran.*

*Providing ongoing welfare support to any Veteran that we assist with Housing to prevent the Veteran from becoming Homeless again.*

*Engaging with other Military Charities to provide a full wrap around service carried out in a professional manner.*

*Offering support to any Veteran we assist to get them into full time work and providing support with further education where needed.*

- **Reserves:**

*Reserves who have served in our Countries Armed Forces will be treated as full-service Veterans and will have the same access to support, so they are in no way disadvantaged.*

- **National Events:**

*Supporting Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities*

- **Armed Forces Charities:**

*Engaging with Supporting Armed Forces Charities for the benefit of the Veteran that we are assisting.*

- **Any additional commitments the company wishes to make:**

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 Service community and our customers on how we are doing.