



RINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**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:

Ringland Parish Council

Signed:

Name: Cllr Lindy Cooper

Position: Chair

Date: 10th November 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, **Ringland Parish Council**, 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:

- **The Council will support the employment of the Armed Forces Community and their dependents where possible.**
- **The Council will support Armed Forces Events where possible including Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal.**
- **The Council will signpost residents from the Armed Forces Community to support services and other sources of help if needed.**
- **The Council will encourage the parish to be supportive of the Armed Forces Community in employment, training and service provision.**

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our meeting minutes and on our website.