



THE CALDERDALE COMMUNITY COVENANT 11 NOVEMBER 2012

**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, the Royal Air Force and the Merchant Navy together with their families. They deserve our respect, 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 Calderdale. 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 Borough and demonstrates the value of their contribution.

This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

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

Signed:

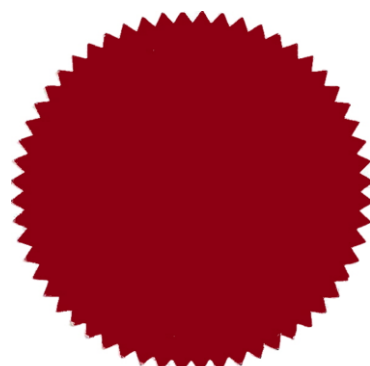
Name: Councillor Tim Swift
Leader of Calderdale Council
and Chair Health & Wellbeing Board

Signed:

Name: Lieutenant Colonel Howard Newson
Commander Regional Recruiting
British Army

Signed:

Name: Commander David Pickthall
Chief of Staff
Naval Regional Commander
for Northern England
Royal Navy



Signed:

Name: Squadron Leader Philip Todd
SO2 Recruiting North
Royal Air Force