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ARMED FORCES' COVENANT AND EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME

FOLKESTONE SHOW ITS SUPPORT TO THE ARMED FORCES

Folkestone Town Council has resolved to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant, a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

Folkestone Town Council is already an Armed Forces Friendly organisation and actively promotes the Armed Forces and Cadets via a strong programme of civic and community events which evidences how they Respect and Remember. For example annual services and events for Normandy D-Day, Armed Forces Day, Canada Day, VJ Day, Battle of Britain Day and Remembrance Day Services. The Council has therefore received a bronze award from the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) in acknowledgement of its support.

The Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Martin Salmon, said "We are delighted to become part of the ever growing list of leading companies and organisations that have signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant, recognising the value that serving personnel (both Regular and Reservists), Veterans and military families contribute to our businesses, communities and country."

The South East Regional Employer Engagement Director for the Ministry of Defence, Captain Jonathan Darrington-Slegg, said "Signing the Armed Forces Covenant has provided an opportunity to establish a solid relationship between Folkestone Town Council and the Armed Forces Community. Co-signing the Covenant with the Royal Gurkha Rifles and representatives from the Local Cadet Forces has provided an opportunity to create local links with the regionally based Armed Forces Units.

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Armed Forces' Covenant and Employer Recognition Scheme

The official signing of the Covenant will take place at the Full Council meeting in the newly refurbished Council Chamber on the first floor of the Town Hall on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 19:00 hrs. The Covenant will be signed by senior representatives from The Royal Gurkha Rifles and all 3 Cadet Forces, the Town Mayor of Folkestone and the Town Clerk, Mrs Jennifer Childs.

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