

The Sevenoaks District Armed Forces Community Covenant



The Sevenoaks District Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between the Council and military communities to work together to support service and ex-service personnel and their families.

The Covenant encourages the integration of Service and civilian life and encourages the Armed Forces community to help local communities across the District.

We hope this leaflet provides useful information for veterans, Armed Forces personnel and their families within the Sevenoaks District.

Employment & Benefits

The Careers Transition Partnership (CTP)

The CTP aims to help you market yourself confidently to employers and the civilian job market whilst also providing tools and resources to help you find your second career. Please visit: www.ctp.org.uk

Veterans Employment Transition Support (VETS)

VETS is a social enterprise that brings together businesses, charities and the MOD to improve employment outcomes for veterans. Sign up as a Veteran online at www.veteranemployment.co.uk to gain access to military and civilian mentors who can help find the best options for you in your chosen industry. They can help you with training and pre-employment support, CV and interview skills and workshops.

Civvy Street

The Royal British Legion's employability programme for the Service community in civilian life.

Veterans can find job vacancies through this scheme. Please visit: www.civvystreet.org

Jobcentre Plus and the Work Programme

All former Service personnel have access to the full range of Jobcentre Plus services. Any individual who has served in the Armed Forces for any day within the last three years can be considered for early access to the Work Programme. Please visit www.gov.uk for further details and information on the following:

- Armed Forces spouse's information;
- Wounded, injured and sickness benefits;
- Foreign and Commonwealth personnel access to benefits;
- Support for the Armed Forces champion.

HERO (Housing, Home, Energy, Employment, Retraining & Options) Advice Service

The Sevenoaks District Council HERO service offers a complete and personalised advice. HERO gives information and guidance on a range of issues, including housing problems, saving money on fuel bills, debt or mortgage advice, welfare benefits, retraining and further education options, getting back to work and starting your own business. The HERO team also support ex-military personnel. Contact the HERO team to arrange an appointment on: 01732 227000 or email hero@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Housing Advice Team

Contact Sevenoaks District Council's Housing Advice Team on 01732 227000 or email housing@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Debt Advice

Citizens Advice and SSAFA offer debt advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk and search for 'debt'

Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham:
03000 422888

Citizens Advice North West Kent (Sevenoaks):
01732 440788

Citizens Advice North West Kent (Swanley):
01322 473176

www.ssafa.org.uk and search for 'debt advice'.

Education

Kent County Council:

Please visit: www.kent.gov.uk/education for information on:

- School applications;
- Childcare and pre-school;
- Young people;
- Support for parents and carers.

Further education

Kent Adult Education: 03000 41 2222

If you have any questions or would like more information



Call us on:
01732 227000

Email us at:
communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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Leisure

Please visit: www.sevenoaks.gov.uk and search for 'leisure' for information on what's on offer in the District, or telephone 01732 227000. The Cadet Forces host activities for young people

- Air Cadets HQ: 01400 267628
- Army Cadets HQ: Holderness House, 51-61 Clifton Street, London EC2A 4DW
- Sea Cadets HQ: 0207 654 7000

Healthcare

Contact your local GP/dentist: www.nhs.uk and search for 'dentist' or 'GP'.

NHS Direct non-emergency telephone: 111

The NHS offer comprehensive healthcare to the Armed Forces community. Please visit: www.nhs.uk and search for 'military care'.

Veterans UK

www.gov.uk and search for 'Veterans UK'

Email: veterans-uk@mod.uk or telephone 0808 1914 218

SSAFA

SSAFA operates Forcesline – a free and confidential telephone helpline and email service providing support to serving and ex-service men and women and reserves from the Armed Forces and their families.

Please telephone: 0800 731 4880.

