



## Delivering the Armed Forces Covenant in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire Local Authorities were the first in the UK to sign the Armed Forces Covenant. These authorities and many organisations in Oxfordshire including SSAFA and The Royal British Legion, are committed to offering the best possible support to the Armed Forces Family – serving personnel, veterans and their families – across Oxfordshire.

The Armed Forces Covenant sets out the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces. It recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to members of the Armed Forces Family, and it establishes how they should be treated.

Organisations signing up to the Covenant provide a voluntary pledge of mutual support between their organisation and the Armed Forces Family.



## Oxfordshire Local Authorities and other Organisations

**Oxfordshire County Council**  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
01865 816000

**Cherwell District Council**  
[www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)  
01295 227001

**Oxford City Council**  
[www.oxford.gov.uk](http://www.oxford.gov.uk)  
01865 249811

**South Oxfordshire District Council**  
[www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk)  
01235 422422

**Vale of White Horse District Council**  
[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)  
01235 422422

**West Oxfordshire District Council**  
[www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk)  
01993 861000

**SSAFA**  
[www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk)  
01235 548039

**The Royal British Legion**  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)  
08088 028080

**Veterans Gateway**  
[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)  
08088 021212

**Veterans UK**  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)  
08081 914218



## What can the Covenant do for you in Oxfordshire



# Where to go for help in Oxfordshire

## Are you looking for employment?

- The Career Transition Partnership (CTP) will support you in finding employment, two years prior and two years after leaving service.
- Visit Department for Work and Pensions website and click on 'Find a job'.
- Veterans can find job vacancies by visiting [www.civvystreet.org](http://www.civvystreet.org).
- Visit the websites below if you are interested in joining the Armed Forces, Regular or Reserve:
  - [www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)
  - [www.raf.mod.uk](http://www.raf.mod.uk)
  - [www.royalnavy.mod.uk](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk)

## Would you like to access leisure facilities?

- Please contact your District Council to see what services can be offered to the Armed Forces Family.
- For 14-18 year olds a host of activities is provided by the Cadet Forces. [www.serfca.org](http://www.serfca.org).

## Defence Discount Card

Many establishments offer discounted rates on goods and services to Military and Veterans.

Visit: [defencediscountservice.co.uk](http://defencediscountservice.co.uk).

## Do you know where to go for housing support?

Your District Council will advise on:

- Priority housing for those who may be homeless on leaving the forces.
- Supported housing.
- Homebuyer support.
- Disabled Facilities Grants.
- Housing benefits.
- Full disregard of War Disablement pension and War Widows Pension when calculating housing benefits.



## What education support could you receive?

Contact the County Council, your chosen College or University for advice on:

- Access to chosen school catchment area for children of serving personnel.
- Recognition of current competencies or prior learning for service related training.
- Enhanced learning credits scheme.
- Apprenticeship schemes.

## Serving Personnel – Who do you contact to discuss welfare issues?

- Service personnel should contact their unit welfare officer.
- During transition Veterans UK deliver a veterans welfare service.

## Are you a veteran wanting to know who to talk to?

The Veterans Gateway is the first point of contact for veterans and their families to access information, advice and support on a range of issues including healthcare, housing and employment. Where appropriate it will put you in touch with other service charities or agencies who can help.

[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)  
Tel: 0808 802 1212

## Do you need medical support?

- Contact your local GP surgery in the first instance.
- Contact Veterans UK for enquiries regarding priority treatment:  
[www.veterans-uk.co.uk](http://www.veterans-uk.co.uk)  
Tel: 0808 191 4218