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### ARMED FORCES COVENANT

On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Cirencester Town Council agreed to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant, which encourages local communities to support the Armed Forces community in their area and vice versa.

In Gloucestershire, the Covenant is supported by principal authorities, health, police and the voluntary sector; and aims to:

- encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces community in their areas;
- encourage the Armed Forces community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects or other forms of engagement;
- promote understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces community;
- recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community;
- encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces community into local life.



On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015, the Mayor of Cirencester, Councillor Mark Harris, attended the signing of the covenant by parish/town councils at Gloucestershire County Council.

The Mayor said:

"I am delighted to sign the Covenant on behalf of Cirencester Town Council. Cirencester and the surrounding area have strong connections with our Armed Forces, not just as a location in which they are based, but as a place former members and their families choose to settle. We all appreciate the work our Armed Forces do for us in conflict and at times of peace. My father and brother served in the Army, so I am acutely aware of the sacrifices they make."

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