

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
Armed Forces Covenant Partnership



AFCPC Update 19/12/2024

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Covenant Signings

PCC and CCC AFC action plans and pledges taking shape. PCC have 2 outstanding service areas to sign off their pledges to be ready. CCC a few more but very promising commitments so far.

New AFC Regulation – [Link to guidance](#)

New regulation waives the local connection criteria for veterans regardless of when they discharged from service stripping out the current “5 years” ruling. There are other minor changes. AFCPC passed out guidance to all district housing leads yesterday to review allocations policies to ensure all are compliant.

Casework Support & Enquiries

There have been numerous enquires from caseworkers and supporting organisations predominantly around housing, benefits and other financial support. There are high demands on services and both SSAFA and RBL are struggling locally. Both organisation are, or have offered to, utilise caseworkers from out of area.

AFCPC has been closely supporting a homeless veteran in Peterborough. RBL have now assigned a caseworker. There is learning from this ongoing case and AFCPC to write up when time permits.

AFCPC Work Update

Wisbech Armed Forces Community & Friend Drop In

The Drop In operates once a month on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 12:00 in Wisbech and would benefit from additional facilitators. This is currently, solely, with the AFCPC. Cllr Susan Wallwork has suggested she may be able to be involved but we could do with other supporters.

Cambourne Armed Forces Community Drop In

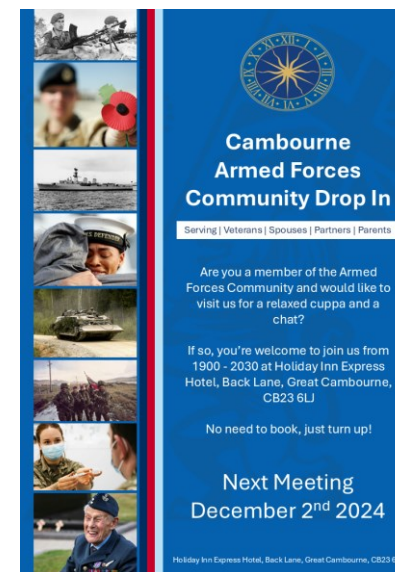
The Drop In launched in November and met for a second time in December. The group is run on Tuesday evening a couple of times a month. The numbers of attendees is currently very modest

Grafham Water Centre

SSAFA and WWTW are working alongside Ed Groome, Business Development manager to bid for funding and develop some AF Families and veteran MH support activities at the site

MRTC – Schools Transport

MRTC, CCC Education Transport and AFCPC are looking at school transport for service children at Bassingbourn to see if the AFC can support, especially with new families arriving at the unit



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Kickstart Funding

The last of the money in the Kickstart Fund have been secured by Wittering Community Choir

We still have access, in Cambridgeshire, to the Community Reach (£1000) and Enabler (£500) funds

CPAFCP Web Pages

The C&P AFC Partnership microsite is now live

<https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/afc/>

Please can board members engage with AFCPC to suggest content

Always happy to add in new news items

Gentle roll out but plans in 2025 are to promote more widely

Cambridgehire & Peterborough Armed Forces Covenant Partnership

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Welcome

This minisite has been developed by the Cambridgehire Armed Forces Covenant Partnership to provide support, signposting and information for the Armed Forces Community in Cambridgehire & Peterborough.

Within these pages you will be able to find;

- Links to local and national support
- Information on how different organisations can become involved
- Information about what we are doing to support the Armed Forces Community
- Information about the C&P Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board
- News articles about events and support for the Armed Forces Community
- Toolkits and document library to provide further support and information

News

November 2024
Cambridgehire & Peterborough Remember

October 2024
Veteran ID Card accepted as voter ID for first time

September 2024
East Cambridgehire DC supports Armed Forces Community

ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Remembrance Toolkit

The Remembrance toolkit was produced after board actions were raised after some misunderstandings about responsibilities during the planning and management of Remembrance events was raised

It was also produced in response to a motion raised at full council about how Cambridgeshire County Council support Town and Parish Council with road closures and traffic management

The toolkit was passed to a small working group from the board and responses, after a minor edit, were positive

The toolkit has been passed to a group on Town and Parish Councils for review and, after any required amendments, will be made available to all during January 2025



Op Belonging

Cllr Simon Bywater is recently appointed ambassador for Op Belonging for Cambridgeshire

This initiative is dedicated to supporting our Commonwealth personnel and Gurkhas, whose invaluable contributions to our Armed Forces often go unrecognised

If there's anything we can do to strengthen connections and better support Commonwealth personnel and Gurkhas in Cambridgeshire, I'd be delighted to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch

<https://opbelonging.com/>

Cambs Fire & Rescue

John Fagg, Former RAF, has been appointed as the AFC lead at CFRS

TK and JF have looked at a number of pledges for the service to make and JF is taking these to senior leadership for agreement in the new year

JF is now a board member meaning CFRS are now represented on the board



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Questions Please

