



Rescue Services Rutland (Cobalt Rescue)

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:

Rescue Services Rutland (Cobalt Rescue)

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____



The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces.

Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **Rescue Services Rutland (Cobalt Rescue)** will endeavour in our business dealings within the volunteer sector to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 **Rescue Services Rutland (Cobalt Rescue)** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our activities. **Cobalt Rescue** was established over 20 years whilst serving in the RAF. This resulted in saucing many of the volunteers needed to run a successful motorsport rescue unit from service men and women, and continues to do so and as such we will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by continuing to:

- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly volunteer organisation by continuing to support current volunteers and encouraging volunteers to get involved from the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, and those who have served in the past.*
- *striving to support the involvement of Service spouses and partners by involving them in volunteer activities.*
- *endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment by ensuring all volunteers have ample opportunity to volunteer for activities and encouraging a "no obligation" ethos when promoting our activities.*
- *seeking to support our volunteers who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including accommodating their training and deployment at all times.*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible by encouraging and supporting youngsters to take part in the Motorsport Cadet Marshal scheme and including them in volunteer marshalling opportunities where possible.*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day by making first aid cover available for events.*
- *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community by providing free overnight accommodation when volunteering requires travelling long distances and providing free training.*
- *continuing to support MoD motorsport clubs in competitive and charity activities by providing motorsport rescue, recovery and first aid services.*
- *Continue to promote our activities as a valuable part of recovery activities .*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our recruitment and advertising literature and on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.