

Community Covenant

Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board

Agenda

FARNHAM RESERVE CENTRE, FARNHAM, GU9 9QB
2.00 PM, WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015

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1	Welcome and Apologies	Major Gerry Long MBE/ David Munro	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Pupil Premium and FEET • Headley Court 	David Munro/ Peter Bruinvels	(Pages 1 - 6)
3	Key SCMPB Links (Approximate starting time: 2.10pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links with Surrey MPs • Links with the LEPs including recruitment of Reservists • Corporate Covenant Update (attached) 	David Munro/ Peter Bruinvels Peter Bruinvels/ John Kingsbury	(Pages 7 - 8)
4	Task Group Update (Approximate starting time: 2.30pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise and Remember Task Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCMPB presence at National Armed Forces Day • Community Integration Task Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Care Act ○ School admissions and Service Pupil Premium 	Paul Evans Michael Cannon/ Mark Scarborough	(Verbal Report)

5	Work with the District and Borough Councils (Approximate starting time: 3.00pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Brigade Task Force Commanders (attached) • Armed Forces Champions 	Jodie Kennedy-Smith John Kingsbury	(Pages 9 - 10)
6	Updates (Approximate starting time: 3.10pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Covenant Grant Funding (attached) • SCMPB Communications (attached) • National Community Covenant Conference, Bristol • Surrey Covenant Conference – 10 November 2015, RLC Deepcut 	David Munro/ Peter Bruinvels/ Sarah Goodman	(Pages 11 - 16)
	Adjourn to the lecture theatre		
7	Video Presentation - the Views of Service Children (Approximate starting time: 3.20pm) To view a 5 minute video on the issues faced by service children.	Peter Bruinvels	
8	Presentation on the Role of 3rd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Approximate starting time 3.30pm)	Major Gerry Long MBE	
9	AOB	All	
10	Date of next meeting 2pm on Thursday 15 October 2015. Venue TBC	David Munro	

Board Members

Mr David Munro	Chairman of SCMPB
Col Andrew Barr	11 Infantry Brigade
Canon Peter Bruinvels	SCC Civilian Military Liaison Advisor
Michael Cannon	Community Integration Task Group
Bob Crawley	ssafa
Col Patrick Crowley	SERFCA
Brigadier Paul Evans DL	Recognise and Remember Task Group
Sandra Fruish	Royal British Legion

Dame Sarah Goad	Lord-Lieutenant
Debbie Goldsmith	Garrison Representative
Jeff Harris	Police and Crime Commissioner
Brigadier Andrew Hughes	11 Infantry Brigade
Mr David Ivison	Surrey County Council
Councillor John Kingsbury	Surrey Leaders
Mrs Sally Ann B Marks	Surrey County Council
Major Carol Miller	ATC Pirbright
Victoria Paterson	11 Infantry Brigade
Louise Punter	Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Col Tony Ward DL	Lieutenancy
Karen Whelan	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Susie Kemp	Assistant Chief Executive, Surrey County Council
Karen Simmonds	Public Health, Surrey County Council
James Painter	Community Partnerships, Surrey County Council
Sarah Goodman	Community Partnerships, Surrey County Council (Clerk)

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Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board

16 October 2014, RLC Museum, Deepcut

Attendees:

Mr David Munro	Chairman Surrey County Council
Brigadier Chris Claydon	2 Brigade (SE)
Michael Cannon	Surrey Community Action
Brigadier Paul Evans	Surrey Lieutenancy
Col Patrick Crowley	SERFCA
Col Tony Ward	Army Benevolent Fund
Sandra Fruish	Royal British Legion
Cllr John Kingsbury	Leader of Woking Borough Council
Zafar Iqbal	Woking Borough Council
Keith Sargent	SSAFA Surrey
Louise Punter	Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Cllr David Ivison	Surrey County Council
Major Carol Miller	ATC Welfare Officer (Pirbright)
Debbie Goldsmith	ATC (Pirbright)
Major Jodie Kennedy-Smith	11 Infantry Brigade – Transition
Victoria Paterson	11 Infantry Brigade – Civil Engagement
Canon Peter Bruinvels	Advisor to the SCMPB
Karen Simmonds	Public Health
James Painter	Surrey County Council Community Partnership Manager
Sarah Goodman	Surrey County Council (Clerk)
Jo Long	Surrey County Council

Apologies:

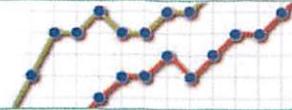
Dame Sarah Goad	Surrey Lieutenancy (Brigadier Evans representing)
Col Andy Barr	11 Infantry Brigade
Col Ingrid Rolland	2 (SE) Brigade
Rev Mark Chester	St Pauls Church, Camberley
Susie Kemp	Assistant Chief Executive, Surrey County Council
Jeff Harris	Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner
Karen Whelan	Chief Executive - Surrey Heath Borough Council

Item	Issues Discussed	Action
1	Welcome	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed members of the Board, and thanked the Curator of the Museum for hosting the meeting. The Curator then gave a brief introduction to the museum.</p>	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting, held on 2 April 2014 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>i) Community and Corporate Covenant update Since the Board last met, Spelthorne BC and Tandridge DC both signed their Covenants on 24 April 2014 with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council signing their Community Covenant on 31 May 2014. All Surrey Districts and Boroughs have now signed. A meeting has been arranged with the LEPs in November to talk about links between the SCMPB and the LEPs in relation to the Corporate Covenant, Employer Engagement and Reservists.</p> <p>ii) Funding Update The Muslim Burial Ground is due to open in May/June 2015. Work is ongoing at Beech Grove, and this is due to open in February 2015.</p> <p>iii) Communications The update was noted.</p> <p>iv) FEET Update A response to the consultation on Early Years Pupil Premium and Funding for 2 year olds was submitted by the Chairman on behalf of the Board to the DfE. The outcome of the consultation was not yet available</p> <p><i>Update following meeting – the response has been posted on the DfE website - https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-pupil-premium-and-funding-for-2-year-olds</i></p> <p><i>Response from Early Years - When the DfE announced the free entitlement for two year olds which we called the FEET programme, local authorities (LA's) were free to set additional eligibility criteria to enable funding to be made available to children where there was a concern about how well they did in the early years foundation stage (EYFS). Surrey took the decision based on our EYFS Profile results to fund service family children. When the DfE issued guidance on the eligibility for funding from September 2015, the criteria were set for all LA's to follow and there is no flexibility to include other vulnerable children. This was challenged during the consultation period but the DfE did not alter the proposals and consequently Surrey County Council is no longer able to fund children from service families. The regulations on the Direct Schools Grant, from which the FEET funding is allocated, do not allow for children to be funded that do not meet the criteria attached to the grant.</i></p> <p><i>The use of FEET funding has been very helpful in the work that Brookwood and Pirbright Sure Start Children's Centre has been doing with families on the Pirbright camp and at the nursery on the site.</i></p>	SG

4	<p>Update on 11 Infantry Brigade Priorities</p>	
	<p>Brigadier Claydon explained that although 11 Brigade would not officially become responsible for Surrey until 4 December, it had been agreed that the working relationship between Surrey and 11 Brigade would start from now.</p> <p>Major Jodie Kennedy-Smith went through the priorities of Army 2020, including the New Employment Model and rebasing of the Army back from Germany. 11 Infantry Brigade will have 28% of the regular Army, 25% of the regular Navy and RAF, 16% of Reserves, 249 ACF, 58 CCF, four regular Battalions and 2 reserve Battalions.</p> <p>There are approximately 1500 service leavers each year. Just over 1000 of these are hoping to stay in the 11 Brigade area – the data can be broken down by county and local authority area. Approximately 8% of these leavers intend to settle in Surrey, and approx 36% may settle in Hampshire, but may commute to Surrey.</p> <p>Officers within the Brigade will engage at the County level, and the Commander of local units will link into the districts and boroughs.</p> <p>11 Infantry Brigade will be represented with Surrey County Council on the SCMPB stand at Collaborate 2014 in November.</p>	
5	<p>Update by Task Group Chairman</p>	
	<p>Recognise and Remember The group is progressing well and is taking forward work in the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Armed Forces diary is up and running – the group have some suggestions for the site and have invited Sarah Goodman to the next meeting to discuss. • The War Memorial Amelioration project is going well. The first two have been completed in Tadworth and Runnymede • Invitations to the task group will be extended to the Armed Forces Champions within the districts and boroughs where they have been appointed. • Effective communications are being maintained <p>David Munro formally thanked Col Ward for his Chairmanship of this Task Group and welcomed Brigadier Evans as the new Chairman.</p> <p>Merger of Transition and Armed Forces Forum David Munro introduced the proposed terms of reference for the new merged Task Group. The Board agreed the merger of the group, and 11 Infantry would nominate appropriate representatives onto the group. David Munro thanked Peter Gordon for his Chairmanship of the Transition Task Group and welcomed Michael Cannon as the new Chairman of the Community Integration Task Group. The first meeting of the new group would take place on 3 November 2014.</p> <p>Transition Work is progressing on the action plans which will be taken forward into the Community Integration Task Group. A lot of the work is around information and signposting. The armed forces webpages are in the process of being redone, which should make them easier to access from the home page.</p>	<p>PE/SG</p> <p>PB</p> <p>JKS/ VP</p>

	<p>@SurreyMilitary twitter feed has been launched.</p> <p>Under the wider remit of Community Integration, the brief will be extended to consider the needs of veterans and the wider armed forces community including spouses, partners, families and reservists. Going forward, the group will be considering how to measure success and look at the usage of the webpages and twitter.</p> <p>Comments/questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of military facilities by the community was discussed. It was explained that they are used by civilians, but the Defence Infrastructure Organisation sets charges. It was agreed that the Community Integration Task Group would look at access to and the use of sports facilities and other facilities. • Any tours or access to military bases would be considered by the Recognise and Remember Task Group. 	<p>MC</p> <p>PE</p>
6	<p>The Veterans Interview Programme</p>	
	<p>Peter Bruinvels introduced the report and asked the Board whether they would like to support and promote the Veterans Interview Programme going forward.</p> <p>Comments made are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some companies adopt a transparent recruitment process to minimise the risk of claims. They also have comprehensive diversity objectives and may wish to avoid a positive bias to white male recruits. • Many companies achieve a good result of filling posts through vacancies advertised through the Career Transition Partnership. • The majority of service leavers who have been in the service for at least four years get a job without much issue (95/96%). Those that struggle are early service leavers. It was suggested that the link was made between early service leavers and the promotion of apprenticeships. • The addition of more interviewees may add to the cost of recruitment, or there could be a risk of someone who would normally have got to interview may not under the scheme due to the number of interviews being offered. It was noted that only those applicants that meet the criteria would be eligible for an interview. • The Veterans Interview Programme could be more focussed at public authorities, and businesses could consider it under the Corporate Covenant. <p>The Board agreed not to support the promotion of the Veteran Interview Programme at this time but were happy to let community covenant colleagues know about, it. The further agreed that this initiative could be something that businesses may wish to consider under the Corporate Covenant.</p>	<p>JP/ JKS</p> <p>MC</p>
7	<p>National Armed Forces Day 2015</p>	
	<p>Peter Bruinvels introduced the update on National Armed Forces Day, and thanked Board members for their letters of support.</p> <p>A programme of events across Surrey would be put together with the focus on Guildford on 27 June 2015. An indicative timetable was distributed.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the nomination of the Chairman of the SCMPB to sit on</p>	

	the Steering Committee to represent the Board.	
8	Community Covenant Conference	
	<p>Peter Bruinvels and Sarah Goodman updated the Board on the arrangements for the Community and Corporate Covenant Conference which was planned for 12 November 2014 at ATC Pirbright.</p> <p>The Board noted the report.</p>	
9	Funding Update	
	<p>Victoria Paterson noted that there was one funding round left under the current scheme, and only limited funding remained. The key things that the Panel would consider are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a need • Does the project prove integration • Does the project educate the civilian community about the military • Does it offer value for money • Is the project sustainable? <p>The deadline for bids to be received by armedforces@surreycc.gov.uk is 18 December 2014.</p> <p>A new £10million scheme will be announced, but the administration and criteria for this is not yet known. More information would be circulated when known.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SG/VP</p>
10	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RBL Poppy launch would take place at Guildford Cathedral on 24 October 2014. • The Chairman thanked Brigadier Claydon and his staff for all the support and joint working under his command. 	
11	Date of next meeting	
	2pm on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at Army Reserve Centre, Guildford Road, Farnham GU9 9QB	



Business news

In brief

Apprenticeship places available

AN apprenticeship provider in Guildford is seeking applicants.

3aaa, which has recently opened an academy in Guildford, is reporting a record number of apprenticeship vacancies.

The company works with hundreds of organisations looking for young people to start in IT, accountancy, digital marketing or financial services.

There are more than 35 jobs with local employers available in Guildford, the majority of which are fast-growing small and medium sized companies.

3aaa is actively working with schools and colleges, plus other referral partners to make sure young people are fully informed about the advantages of undertaking an apprenticeship.

To enquire about 3aaa's Guildford academy, call Sarah Harris or Mike Arnold on 01483 453108.

Beard's new appointment

REGIONAL construction company Beard has appointed Tony Taylor as special works manager, based at its Guildford office.

Mr Taylor will have overall responsibility for the management of construction projects between £300,000 and £2.5 million across the Guildford area, ensuring they are completed safely, to the agreed quality standards, on time and within budget.

He joins Beard from the national construction and infrastructure group Morgan Sindall, where he was contracts manager on a variety of new build and refurbishment projects in the education, health care, commercial and leisure sectors.

PM hails growth

Building bridges with the military

Business world prepares to forge yet closer links

By Jennifer Morris

WITH an influx of military personnel expected in the coming year, the Armed Forces are keen to build even closer links between soldiers and the business community.

The Ministry of Defence has confirmed that 1,200 personnel – comprising two units – will be moving into Aldershot, while Keogh Barracks, in Ash Vale, will see 26 new arrivals in the summer.

The base at Pirbright saw the arrival of around 600 personnel in November, when the Welsh Guards moved in.

Business leaders met at a networking event in Woking on Wednesday to hear from the military about how the two communities can work together to provide mutually beneficial support.

At the end of the event, guests could fill out a form expressing an interest in signing the Armed Forces Corporate Covenant – a scheme established in 2013 in which businesses learn about the role they can play in helping the borough's serving men and women, reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.

The covenant contains two main statements – that no member of the forces should face disadvantage in the pro-



Grahame Larter (left) and other covenant signatories pictured with Army personnel at the breakfast briefing at Arcom IT at Export House in Causway Way, Woking.

vision of public and commercial services compared with any other citizen, and that in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate, especially for injured or

bereaved personnel and their families.

BAE Systems signed a corporate covenant in 2013, which Woking Borough Council, in collaboration

with Support for Britain's Reservists and Employers (SABRE), will be encouraging businesses to commit to at the end of March.

Colonel Charlie Lambert, Garrison Commander at Aldershot, co-hosted the breakfast briefing at Export House, with Shahid Azeem, CEO of Arcom IT.

The colonel spoke of the importance of creating employment opportunities for military veterans and the need for flexible working conditions for spouses, partners and members of the reserve forces.

There was also a call on businesses to support local

cadet programmes.

Providing a business perspective was Brigadier Paul Evans, UK defence transformation director at BAE Systems, who highlighted some of the recruitment benefits a closer working relationship with the Armed Forces has brought to business, for example, in engineering expertise.

Councillor John Kingsbury, leader of Woking Borough Council, which signed a community covenant in 2012 and facilitated the business breakfast, said: "The Armed Forces community can contribute real value to business, both as employees who bring a wealth of skills and experience, and as customers."

"Organisations can also benefit significantly from membership of the corporate covenant scheme as it offers an opportunity to build a reputation as a forces-friendly business at a time when public support for the Armed Forces is high."

"We recognise the benefits the armed forces can provide in terms of economic development, due to the wealth of talent and skills that leavers and reservists possess."

Businesses can find out more or register support at armedforces@woking.gov.uk or call 01483 743774.



Lara Bishop, left, and colleague Caroline Stewart with Dragon's Den star Theo Paphitis.

Baby bouquet gift for grandfather Theo

A SHALFORD businesswoman who used Twitter to capture the attention of entrepreneur Theo Paphitis, caught his eye for a second time when she presented him with a bouquet of baby clothes for his new grandchild.

Lara Bishop's company Corporate Baby – a luxury gift supplier based in Tillingbourne Road – won the attention of Surrey businessman Mr Paphitis, former star of the TV show *Dragons' Den*, on Twitter last August.

Every Sunday between 5pm and 7.30pm Mr Paphitis invites businesses to enter Small Business Sunday by sending him a tweet that de-

scribes their business.

He reviews the thousands of tweets and chooses his favourite six, which he then retweets to his 450,000 followers.

To celebrate the success of some of the best small businesses, the weekly winners of Small Business Sunday were invited to an awards ceremony at the ICC in Birmingham.

Mr Paphitis talked about the importance of networking and how vital it is for small businesses to be passionate about what they do.

He also spoke enthusiastically about the power of social media and how business owners only get back

what they put in. Mrs Bishop said: "My colleague Caroline Stewart and I had such an amazing time."

"It was a pleasure to receive my certificate from Mr Paphitis but it was an even greater moment to personally present him with a gift from Corporate Baby for the new addition to his family."

"He was intrigued and fascinated by our Hungry Caterpillar themed bouquet and I hope it brings much pleasure to his family."

Since becoming a winner of Small Business Sunday, Corporate Baby has seen its online presence grow, with more than 20,000 followers on Facebook and Twitter.

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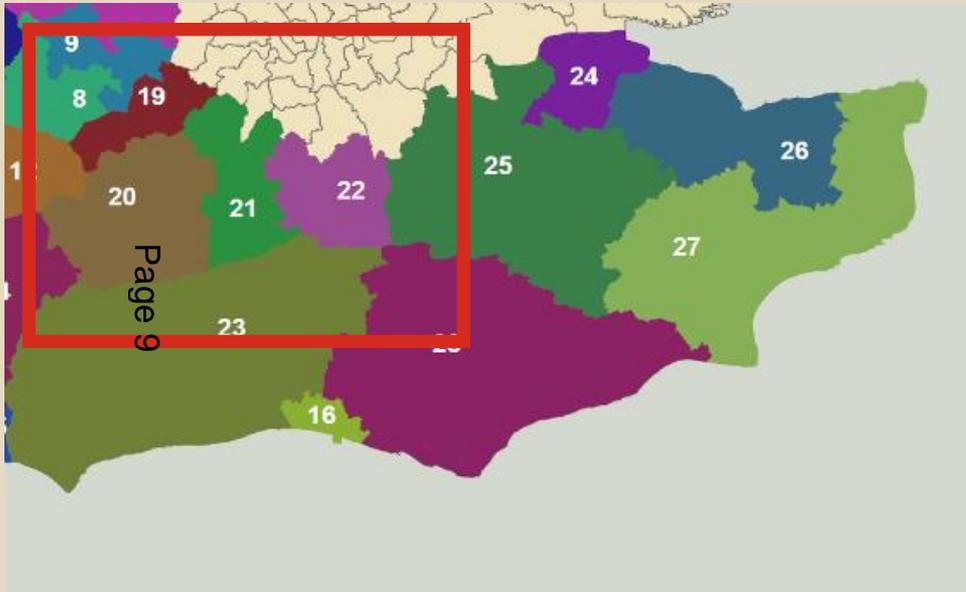
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Surrey CE Task Force Commanders



19. Surrey Heath, Runnymede, Spelthorne – CO 1WG

20. Guildford, Woking and Waverley – CO 27 Regt RLC

21. Elmbridge, Epsom, Mole Valley – CO 22 Fd Hosp

22. Tandridge and Reigate – CO 4 Armd Med Regt



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Funding Update

New Armed Forces Covenant Grant Scheme

In June 2013, the Chancellor announced that funding in support of the Armed Forces Covenant would be made permanent through a £10M per annum, in perpetuity fund from 2015/16.

We are still awaiting confirmation as to how this fund, which will replace the Community Covenant Grant Scheme, will be administered.

Funding priorities will be set annually by the National Covenant Reference Group. The agreed delivery model should be announced shortly, with information on the application process available in May.

The Board will be updated by email when further information is known.

Successful bids under the Community Covenant Grant Scheme

The table below sets out the successful funding bids endorsed by the SCMPB and approved by the Community Covenant Grant Scheme over the last two years. Since April 2013 SCMPB has been successful in being awarded £350,810. In addition to this amount, there has also been £39,647 of successful grants approved directly through the Surrey Heath Covenant Panel since April 2013.

Apr-13	Woking Borough Council/Army Training Centre	Beech Grove play Area	To provide a play area in Pirbright (official opening 23 March 2015).	£195,000
Oct-13	Home Start Guildford	Pirbright Family Group	To provide toys and activities within the community centre	£1,350
Feb-14	Woking Borough Council and Horsell Preservation Society	Muslim Burial Ground Peace Garden	To provide a peace garden within the walls of the old Muslim Burial Ground (work has started on site – official launch planned for later this year)	£69,900
May-14	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People	Refurbishment of QEF Vocational Services	To modernise the building to increase the number of ex-service trainees and enable more joint working (works started but not completed)	£13,000
May-14	Brookwood and Pirbright Children's Centre	School readiness play and learn session	To purchase equipment that will be used for the new play and learn session run from the Jubilee Community Centre on Pirbright ATU	£2,150
May-14	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	Armed Forces remembered	To help commemorate those lost in wars through publication of a booklet, local walks and	£3,000

			signage (One brochure has been produced, with the second due shortly, show and tell exhibition held, interactive map available on line, information boards and two walks planned and five war themed films shown at local cinema))	
Sep-14	Surrey Care Trust	Brookwood and Pirbright Learning Together Project (BPLTP)	To promote adult learning across military and civilian communities using 'taster' days.(Several successful taster sessions held linking both the civilian and army population. Longer courses scheduled to be completed in March. Positive response to date from learners)	£12,800
Jan-15	Surrey County Archaeology Unit	Witley at War	To examine Witley Military Camp which was used during WW1 and WW2 (Project due to start in April)	£29,710
Jan-15	Farnham Maltings	Two Minutes	To commission a piece of music to commemorate the first two minutes silence (project due to start in April)	£23,900
Total				£350,810

Bids approved directly through Surrey Heath Community Covenant Panel since April 2013

Oct-13	Frimley and Camberley Cadets Corps	Renovation works to Caird Hall	Works completed	£6,216
Feb-14	Surrey Heath Borough Council	Surrey Heath Museum WW1 Celebrations	Started March 2014, Leaflet Printer July 2014, Exhibition January 2015, Bake Off March 2015' Finish March 2015	£5,300
June-14	Windle Valley Youth Project	Youth provision - Deepcut	Recruit Volunteers August 2014 Creative Media Project August 2014 – April 2015	£8,632
June-14	Surrey Heath Borough Council/RMA Sandhurst	Dawnay Road Play Area Replacement	Work completed during the Summer of 2014	£19,499
Total				£39,647

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Communications Update

Armed Forces Webpages

The new armed forces webpages (www.surreycc.gov.uk/armedforces) went live at the end of January 2015. There is a link from the home page to the [@SurreyMilitary](https://twitter.com/SurreyMilitary) twitter feed as well as the new Surrey Armed Forces album on [Flickr](#).

Over the past 12 month, visits and page views to the armed forces pages have been largely driven by the two prominent national events - Armed Forces week in June and Remembrance Sunday in November. In the 12 months to mid March 2015, visits to the armed forces pages averaged approximately 200 per month. In June they peaked at 501, and in November they rose to 358. The armed forces calendar, which has been the most popular page within this group of pages during this time, also peaks during this time.

The armed forces pages have had 388 visits in the year to date. Visits to date this year are 18% higher than during the same period in 2014.

Since the pages were re-launched in January, the Armed Forces landing page is the most popular page, and has had 214 views in the year to date. The overall bounce rate for the pages is 54% - an improvement on the 2014 bounce rate, and there are signs that the armed forces landing page is successfully drawing visitors into the site, as it has a bounce rate of 47%.

Since January 2015, 115 visits have come via Google, and 99 visits directly. The remainder came from a variety of other search engines.

From the armed forces landing page, 20% of visitors have gone onto the calendar, 11% to the page on support for the armed forces community, 11% to the SCMPB page and 10% to the covenant and grant funding page. 6 people in the year to date have exited the site via twitter, and just 1 person via Flickr.

The majority of visitors (60%) look at just 1 page, and 15% look at 2 pages. 61% of visitors spend 0-3 minutes on the pages.

Glossary

Bounce Rate: The percentage of visitors who enter the site and “bounce” (leave the site) rather than continue viewing other pages within the same site (good to be low – average bounce rate is 50%). Bounce rate is calculated from single page visits (visits where users have only seen one page) divided by the number of entries on the site.

Twitter presence:

- [@SurreyMilitary](https://twitter.com/SurreyMilitary) was launched at end of October. As of 16 March 2015 we had 107 followers. The number of followers will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis by the Community Partnerships Team and reported to the SCMPB Exec.

Press releases:

- Borough's Poppy display honour wartime efforts, 4 November 2015, Surrey Heath Borough Council
- WW2 Arctic Convoy veterans honoured by Russian Government – 5 December, Woking Borough Council
- Lamp post poppies displayed for the rest of 2014, 5 December, Surrey Heath Borough Council
- Prayer Ceremony marks next phase of Muslim Burial Ground works – 12 December, Woking Borough Council



- Woking businesses strengthen links with Armed Forces – 4 February, Woking Borough Council



- Tree planting marks final resting place of WW1 heroes – 17 February, Woking Borough Council
- A number of the district and borough councils, as well as the County Council issued press releases to mark Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

Collaborate 2014

SCMPB had a well visited stand at Collaborate 2014 held at Sandown on 19 November. The stand received good interest from both SCC staff and members as well as outside organisations including the LEPs. SCMPB business cards were handed out and a number of follow up contacts have been made.



National Armed Forces Day, Guildford

SCMPB has provisionally booked space in the programme for the day to promote the work of the partnership board. Officers are currently investigating the possibility of hosting a joint SCMPB/11 Brigade stand along the lines of the Collaborate stand pictured above.

Next Steps

- SCMPB Members to forward any relevant calendar dates, photographs, news stories etc to armedforces@surreycc.gov.uk
- Officers to continue to promote the SCMPB work and bring an update report to the next meeting.

Contact Officers:

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