



## Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board

### Agenda

Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, RH2 8EF  
10.00 am, Tuesday, 10 May 2022

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1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minute silence – in solidarity with Ukraine</li></ul>	Chair	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early years update</li><li>Health – Veteran Friendly GPs and hospitals</li><li>Veterans Friendship Project</li></ul>	Chair	(Pages 3 - 8)
3	<b>Conference Feedback and Annual Report sign off</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conference feedback including support for Afghan evacuees</li><li>Sign off of Surrey Armed Forces Annual Report – 2021-22</li></ul>	Peter Bruinvels and Sarah Goodman	(Pages 9 - 26)
4	<b>Armed Forces Act 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Key elements of the Act</li><li>Ensuring the Covenant is consistently and predictably integrated into relevant decision making processes and this is recorded and evidenced<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Armed Forces Awareness Training</li><li>Equalities impact assessment</li><li>Contracts and procurement</li></ul></li></ul>	Peter Bruinvels and Sarah Goodman	(Verbal Report)
5	<b>SERFCA Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surrey local authorities signed up to ERS</li></ul>	Col Patrick Crowley	(Verbal Report)

6	<b>11 Security Force Assistance Brigade</b>	Col John Baynham	(Verbal Report)
7	<b>Recognise and Remember Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Falklands 40 – SJSC Mattins and AFD Flag Raising</li> <li>• Armed Forces Week including Reserves Day – 22 June</li> <li>• Veteran Hubs</li> </ul>	Brigadier Paul Evans	(Verbal Report)
8	<b>Military Child Month - April 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pirbright holiday club</li> <li>• Library card</li> </ul>	Chair, Debbie Goldsmith and Peter Bruinvels	(Verbal Report)
9	<b>AOB</b>	All	
10	<b>Date of next meeting - 10am on 13 October 2022</b>	Chair	

### Board Members

Helyn Clack	Chair
Col John Baynham	11 Infantry Brigade
Canon Peter Bruinvels	SCC Civilian Military Liaison Advisor
Col Patrick Crowley	SERFCA
Brigadier Paul Evans DL	Recognise and Remember Task Group
Debbie Goldsmith	Garrison Representative
Cllr Tom Gracey	Surrey Leaders
Sqn Ldr Bryan Jones	ssafa
Lt Col Shamus Kelly	Army Training Centre (Pirbright)
DCC Nev Kemp	Surrey Police
Richard Moore	11 Infantry Brigade
Michael More-Molyneux	Lord-Lieutenant
Daniel Mouawad	Surrey Chief Executives
Reverend Roland Olliff	Diocese of Guildford
Steve Owen-Hughes	Surrey Fire and Rescue
Louise Punter	Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Anthony Shipley	Surrey Heartlands
Ellie Vesey-Thompson	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Major Richard Watkins	1 Battalion Irish Guards



## SURREY CIVILIAN-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

### **Present:**

Helyn Clack	Chairman
Sqn Ldr Bryan Jones	SSAFA
Col Patrick Crowley	SERFCA
Brigadier Paul Evans DL	Recognise and Remember Task Group
Ellie Vesey-Thompson	Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Steve Owen-Hughes	Chief Fire Officer
Lt Col Shamus Kelly	ATC (Pirbright)
Debbie Goldsmith	ATC (Pirbright)
Richard Moore	11 Brigade
Canon Peter Bruinvels	SCC Civilian Military Liaison Advisor
Jim France	Royal British Legion
Louise Punter	Surrey Chambers
Tony Shipley	Surrey Heartlands
Ginnie Dallard	KBR
Carol Savedra	Head of Commissioning – Education
Sarah Goodman	Surrey County Council
Jenny Noakes	Surrey County Council

### **Apols:**

Mr Michael More-Molyneux	Lord-Lieutenant
Col John Baynham	11 Infantry Brigade
Tom Gracey	Surrey Leaders
Rev Roland Olliff	Guildford Diocese
Maj Richard Watkins	Irish Guards
James Whiteman	Surrey Chief Executives

### **1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES [Item 1]**

The Chairman welcomed all, especially new members to the meeting.

### **2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING [Item 2]**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and completed actions noted.

### **Co-ordinated support for Armed Forces Families**

An update from Cllr Tom Gracey was read out in his absence outlining progress to improve co-ordination of support to Armed Forces Families in Surrey and how Armed Forces Champions could work more closely together to share best practices and ideas.

This ambition has support from district and boroughs and ideas include:

- Development of crib sheets or 'how to' guides to support Armed Forces Champions. Topics to include supporting Armed Forces Families, Developing a Veterans' Hub, How to engage with Cadet Forces and more.
- Greater partnership working through cross border panels, such as is already happening between Runnymede and Spelthorne.

Action: Tom Gracey to be invited to provide an update at next meeting.

### **ERS Award**

Surrey CC absolutely delighted to be re-awarded the Gold Award for a further five years. Congratulations were extended to other organisations receiving awards:

Spelthorne BC – Gold Award

Runnymede BC – Silver Award

Guildford BC – Silver Award

Veterans Listening Project Camberley – Silver Award

## **3 SUPPORT FOR SERVICE CHILDREN [Item 3]**

### **School Attainment KS2**

A written update was circulated with the papers providing an update on the approach to supporting disadvantaged children, including Service Children, in Surrey. Data has shown that Service Children were not achieving as well as their peers in Surrey or nationally by the end of KS2. A targeted literacy drive was launched and webinars held for schools.

Outcomes are positive, with an increase in teacher confidence and improved access to resources. No SATs test results to compare currently as these have not happened nationally due to Covid.

Further updates will be provided to the Board in due course.

### **MODLAP – MOD Local Authority Partnership**

Seventeen local authorities, including Surrey, have committed to work together to improve outcomes for armed forces families via MODLAP a local authority partnership run by the MoD. A particular focus is military children with SEND and ensuring the time they may be out of school following a move is reduced to the absolute minimum. Best practice is being generated, shared and disseminated.

### **EARLY YEARS**

Carol Savedra presented to the Board on the support for very young children of service families.

Surrey has identified a significant gap in achievement between children from disadvantaged backgrounds of all kinds, including service children, and the regular cohort by the time they reach school. Addressing this is a key priority.

Looking to apply for Armed Forces Early Years funding which could potentially enable:

- An increase in funding for each child and / or
- Additional resources within specific educational settings.

A survey has been developed to capture details about the current numbers of service children in Surrey and their needs. This will inform what funding is applied for.

Further updates to the Board will follow as the project develops.

### **SERVICE PUPIL PREMIUM**

Currently looking at best practice around how SPP is spent (£310 per child) and keen to find examples of good practice in Surrey. Raising awareness and uptake of this funding continues to be a challenge.

Suggestion that this might be raised with Cabinet Member and at Schools Council to examine how SPP can be promoted effectively and best practice shared.

### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Report circulated to Board. Key areas to note and promote around in year admissions – which often includes service children:

- It has been clarified that schools cannot refuse to take a child solely because information has not been received from previous school.
- Parents must now be informed of a school's decision within ten school days of receiving the application.

More broadly schools cannot refuse to process an application from a service family because a family do not yet have a confirmed address.

### **GOVERNOR TRAINING**

Conversations underway with Head of Governor Training to ensure all Governors are fully aware of the policies around service children and how the Armed Forces Covenant supports service families.

## **4 ARMED FORCES COVENANT WITHIN HEALTH [Item 4]**

Tony Shipley provided an update in his capacity as Chair of the Armed Forces Health Champions Group

The Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group is now in a process of transition and from April 2022 this will become the Integrated Care Partnership (with Integrated Care Board leading on commissioning).

This is a real change in approach. With relation to the Armed Forces the plan is:

- Once formed the Integrated Care Partnership will sign the Armed Forces Covenant, then quickly apply for ERS.
- Will be pushing Veteran Friendly GPs for 104 practices within Surrey.

Surrey Armed Forces Health Champions is a collaborative group who share best practice. Working hard to join things up across the county and work in alignment.

## **5 UPDATE FROM 11 BRIGADE (ITEM 5)**

Richard Moore provided update as Col John Baynham gave apologies.  
As part of the Integrated Review the Brigade has now become the 11 Security Force Assistance Brigade.

Some of the key civilian support offered over recent months has included:

- Support to SEC Amb re acute staff shortages
- OpEagle – surge testing in Woking area
- ARAP – interviewing Afghan evacuees for Home Office.
- OpEscalon – haulage driver shortage

An online meeting was held with SCC Armed Forces Champions in Surrey with two Task Force Commanders to re-evaluate and develop future footprints going forward. Meeting enabled those attending to be better informed about unit moves and informed potential directions of future plans.

### **Events:**

Surrey Cadet Camp – took place in Farnham

Silver ERS Award

Bula Festival

Lord Lieutenant Awards taking place 21 October 2021

### **Youth Engagement:**

SCMPB are actively sharing 11 Brigade youth engagement opportunities, which include:

#### **Schools modular programme:**

Range of activities that can be delivered as stand alone events: build confidence, developing personal resilience, collaborative working etc. Built via the Inter-Schools Challenge where schools get together and compete.

#### **Heritage Day – Brookwood Cemetery**

Largely for year 10 pupils to raise awareness of the army.

### **Employer Leadership Event**

Being held at Longmore Camp on 6 December. An event for employers of Gold and Silver ERS Award holders. Surrey CC will be represented by 3 members of staff from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.

### **Covenant Funding**

Still time to apply for the last round of this year.

### **MOD Government Legislation Focus Group**

Group to be re-convened at the end of November to look at the second draft of the statutory guidelines ahead of the Armed Forces Bill becoming law.

### **ATC PIRBRIGHT**

#### **Community Engagement:**

Now back to doing some community engagement face to face.

Supporting/attending local veterans hubs in Guildford and Woking when it re-opens. The main Remembrance focus will be Brookwood cemetery, but also sending representatives to a number of local services. Hosting Royal British Legion for Centenary poppy launch with about 200 people attending.

### **Funding:**

74K received from Armed Forces Covenant Fund for 3 year project to support families around activities and holiday clubs.

Two grants awarded from NAFFI Fund, one for Peter Pan pre-school on camp to support their forest school activities and the other to enhance the outside area of the community centre.

**On camp:**

Pleased to be working with local company 87% around supporting wellbeing of permanent staff. Electoral registration pilot would be going ahead in the updated programme.

## **6 RECOGNISE AND REMEMBER UPDATE (ITEM 7)**

**Recognise and Remember Task Group**

Meeting held Friday 30 September 2021 was well attended and valued, especially by Armed Forces Champions.

Looking to bring together those involved in supporting Veterans' Hubs across the county to share best practice. AFC's are encouraged to be involved with local hubs and also to build relationship with local RBL.

**Remembrance 2021**

Poppy appeal going ahead as normal this year.

**Veterans Hubs**

Chelsea Pensioners attended the Guildford Hub and a partnership has been formed. Fordbridge Hub is gaining strength.

Veterans and Families Listening Project in Camberley continues to provide great support and has gained silver ERS.

**Norbury Park**

SCC has opened a consultation looking at the long term vision for Norbury Park estate, including development of Saw Mill. [Norbury Park Consultation – Have your say on making it a better place for nature and enjoyment | Surrey News \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) The Youth Offer Team are looking at ways they could use it for young people to learn about land management, carpentry etc. There may be potential for ex-service personnel to use the site in a similar way working alongside young people.

**Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD)** – an ongoing

conversation has begun around potential opportunities for veterans using some of their facilities. They have some fully funded two-day courses for adults over 19 with some form of disadvantage which can be offered to groups of 8-10 people perhaps via Hubs.

## **7 COVENANT FUNDING**

Surrey County Council on behalf of the Forces Connect partnership have been awarded an additional £25k to continue Armed Forces Awareness training in counties across the south east. This will reflect the forthcoming Armed Forces Bill Legislation changes around the Armed Forces Covenant.

Funding has also been awarded for a project being led by SCC Adult Social Care to identify new former service personnel through friendship groups who can be signposted to Veterans' Hubs and to capture life stories. It is also looking at how to better support veterans in care homes.

**8 SCMPB CONFERENCE 2022 (ITEM 8)**

This is being planned for early March 2022. It is hoped that this will be in person, but if not possible it will be held online. Suggestions for speakers / topics should be sent through to [sarah.goodman@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.goodman@surreycc.gov.uk).

**9 AOB (ITEM 9)**

**SERFCA**

Update from Col Patrick Crowley:

Defence Paper - Reserve Forces 2030 has been published. Broad paper for use of the Reserves. More details will follow.

Dates: Lord Lieutenant Awards - 21 Oct 2021  
SERFCA County Briefing – 23 November  
Leadership Challenge at Longmore – 6 December

Discussion held about promoting work opportunities to service leavers.

Surrey Chambers keen to find practical ways to extend awareness.

Suggestions included:

- Development of a knowledge base of businesses and opportunities that could be shared with applicants to eg SFRS and Surrey Police who have not been successful.
- Liaising with Major Kennedy-Smith / UWOs who can place job adverts on Facebook pages etc.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

31 March 2022 10:00-12:00 – Woodhatch Place, Reigate

## Surrey Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2022

15 March 2022 – ATC Pirbright

### Brief Summary:

- Tickets sold out two weeks ahead of conference.
- 120 attended, plus 20 soldiers from ATC Pirbright.
- 100% of those who provided feedback said they found the conference informative.
- The variety of speakers and venue were very popular.
- Some really positive suggestions for the next conference have already been received.

### Feedback received via email:

- my overriding impression of the day was a highly successful event, thank you
- I just wanted to drop you a quick line to say congratulations on the fantastic event you organised yesterday. It really was very informative and you had some really good themes being presented.
- I am sorry that I missed the Falklands presentation but thought that the 11 Bde presentation was the best I have heard and the two recorded messages were powerful, truthful and certainly made an impact on the audience.
- It was a really good day full of interesting developments for the present and the future while also remembering our past.
- It was a very enjoyable day and I hope to come again next year.
- I found the presentations very interesting, and it is great to be back to meeting face-to-face!

### Responses via online Feedback Form:

#### **What key point will you take away with you from the conference?**



#### Ideas for veteran hubs (activities)

Surrey is setting the standard, but there is still opportunity to improve even more.

The information about how the afghan interpreters are being helped was very helpful

How proactive Surrey is in the Veteran support space

there is a lot of change in the military.

That there is so much work gonig on that we can all connect with and tap into to improve our veteran experience. The network of people working on this project are all so friendly, helpful and inspirational.

Bravery and incredible service of our armed forces

Partnership is essential

Potential for more cross organisation support

All of the information passed on

The make up of the army in the area, the understanding of what the covenant is even though I have served 27years

Awareness of the work being done by organisations other than my own (e.g. county council, other NHS trusts)

## Lived experience

The need to maintain efforts to highlight and demonstrate the benefits and responsibilities of signing the Armed Forces Covenant.

Information about the support services available to military personnel and the accommodation of refugees when coming to Surrey and the UK. Very useful in my work

## What did you like most about the event?



In person. Guest speakers

Covenant/Armed Forces Act brief, good quality speakers in general

Networking

That the speakers were from all different areas of expertise, and that there was time for Q&A after each speaker

the networking opportunities.

Hearing personal stories, which were woven into a number of the presentations was so powerful.

Particularly Col Sam Shepherd - such an incredible journey.

Person testimonies eg Falklands

Very varied presentations

Interesting speakers

The set up

How passionate everyone is about working together to make it work

Opportunity to meet and network in person. And lunch, thank you!

Afghan Refugee transcripts and associated speakers. Also liked the Falklands speaker

networking

## What did you like least?



Hurried rush at the end to finish on time.

If I have to put something here, it's with gritted teeth as nothing was bad about the day, it would be Falklands 40 - not the content (which was good) but it's inclusion for this particular audience. Maybe it was just at the wrong part of the agenda. It was a great presentation I must be clear.

The chairs

It was too short, an extra hour would have allowed for more discussion

Nothing at all. I just didn't have time to get around to speak to everyone!

Intricate detail of some of the projects.

Nothing !

Very little mention of the Cadet Forces especially our urgent need for CFAVs and the good work that cadets do in Community engagement

Nil

It was perfectly pitched

Would have been good to maybe start earlier and finish later, but space out the talks with a morning and afternoon coffee break to provide more networking opportunities.

Jenna Clare - I didn't like the point she made more or less saying covenant legislation was optional (not in so many words). It undermines a lot of the excellent FCSE work

nothing

Lunch was a bit quick as speakers overran in the morning session.

## Suggestions for next conference:



Keep the format - like the different key speakers rather than one host

A brief on employing reservists; there are lots of rumblings on the future of reserve support to UK ops. Getting it in the minds of stakeholders early would only benefit the soldier and employer.

Having someone speak from the nhs would be nice.

The lunch break could be extended - or less time on a photograph, to enable more networking as this is normally where the magic happens

none

I don't think there is anything I could suggest as an improvement. The venue and staff were incredibly welcoming and the presentations were so useful and informative.

Bigger market place at lunchtime / registration to show partners contributions , and maybe some vignettes from partners , just one or two minutes long to maybe start the event to show full range of partners to the covenant Maybe 6-10 people

More mention of the Cadets and CFAVs, both the good work we do with regard to Community engagement and Army footprint and our urgent need for CFAVs

No it was brilliant

Would be great to get an overview of service families accommodation in Surrey, and of families who may not live on a patch (and what we can do to support them), especially with the Future Accommodation Model coming in.

Maybe fewer agenda items as time was tight although Chairman did an excellent job getting us back on track

would love to have the youth voice group present next year

I think we should continue to maintain a focus on the Covenant and ERS with perhaps one interest item on the agenda.

Clearer signage to the conference when on Pirbright camp. The Army notebooks were a hit

## Other comments:

interesting comment      concrete guidance      future events  
day all round      event      day interesting      veteran  
took away      speakers      Thank good      place  
ex serviceman      good speakers      Great day      Excellent conference  
look forwards new information      veterans initiatives

Excellent conference, I took away lots of new information that I will integrate into my job

Thank you. A good, well run event with quality speakers.

I am more confused now about due regard than I was previously as related to healthcare there needs to be more concrete guidance in relation to how it is put into place.

A really well run & informative day. Thank you

Huge thank you for allowing us to present our work and make connections. I look forwards to future events where we can continue to share and network to make a difference to the veteran experience.

Please don't interrupt speakers and start clapping when they are still speaking as the time is running out. I found that so incredibly rude.

Excellent and inspiring day

The ABF would love to talk at the next one ease

Great day all round, thanks. And good to do it at Pirbright, which really focuses us on who we're here to support.

Excellent conference. Thank you so much. lovely to be able to do something in person too

I heard one interesting comment from an ex serviceman who thought that we were placing too much emphasis on veterans initiatives, trying to solve a problem that really did not exist. An interesting comment which perhaps we need to debate at some point

It was a really well organised conference with good speakers from a variety of backgrounds which kept the day interesting. An enjoyable and friendly day

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## Foreword

Just under 12 months ago, I was privileged to be appointed Chair of Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board as well as Armed Forces Champion for Surrey County Council. Thrown in the deep end but with expert guidance from officers – it has become one of the most fulfilling roles that I have undertaken in my many years as a County Councillor.

I have literally learned on the job and have been so impressed by all the partnership work with the military taking place across Surrey during the Nation's and the county's fight against Covid. Both Regulars and Reservists from Surrey have been at the forefront in testing and vaccinating across the county with support from partners. We also continued to have military planners embedded in our Surrey Local Resilience Forum - all of them providing exceptional support and advice.

The pandemic saw an increasing number of residents, including many veterans, experiencing loneliness and mental health issues which further highlighted to me the importance of the support that our local veteran hubs and drop-in centres provide across the county. Indeed, I was privileged to play a key role in the opening ceremony of the Sensory Wellbeing Garden at the Guildford Fire Station's Veterans Hub in September. I am great supporter of Veterans Hubs and was very pleased to attend the official opening of the Mole Valley Hub in Ashtead.

I am also very pleased just how closely we work with all our Armed Forces Champions and Covenant Lead Officers in the district and borough councils with us meeting up for briefings and training during the year. Surrey has been very much at the forefront in supporting and mentoring councils and other bodies applying for MoD Employers Recognition Scheme Awards and this year saw Spelthorne Borough Council achieve Gold and Runnymede and Guildford Borough Councils achieve Silver. I am also proud to say that Surrey County Council was recently revalidated Gold for a further five years and it was wonderful to attend a fire side chat at Bisley Camp with an ex-SAS Commando (Iranian Embassy Siege) to celebrate that award.

During the summer we celebrated VE Day at Guildford Cathedral in a limited way as we did Armed Forces Day (AFD). I attended the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising 'service' with the Lord-Lieutenant, High Sheriff, the Dean, Deputy Commander (Reserves) 11 Infantry Brigade,

the Chief Executive of SERFCA and the Chief Fire Officer with the Cathedral lit up with the AFD logo. I was pleased to host the Annual Surrey County Council and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Remembrance Event at Woodhatch Place in our dedicated garden with the Chief Executive, Chief Fire Officer, WW2 Veterans and the Commanding Officer of 4PWRR.

I conclude by praising the Forces Connect App kindly sponsored by The Shots Foundation, the charity arm of Aldershot Football Club which continues to grow both in number of downloads and regions covered, along with the Forces Connect awareness training. I am proud to chair the cross-authority Forces Connect Members Group as we roll out further awareness training and briefings on the new Armed Forces Act 2021 across Surrey, East and West Sussex, Kent and Medway, Hampshire and Brighton & Hove courtesy of an additional grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

It is great being at the heart of things and seeing for myself the incredible commitment of our Armed Forces to collaborate closely with us especially in times of need. Likewise, it is so good to see the seamless work by our dedicated officers supporting our Armed Forces community who live and work amongst us across Surrey. Their joint commitment to support each other makes me feel very humble, but also proud knowing that it is being done 24/7 because it is the right thing to do. Surrey is already committed to doing the 'right thing' without the need for any new legislation! We will not rest on our laurels as all of us know, there is always more work to be done.



**Helyn Clack, Chair of Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board**

## Introduction

This report sets out in detail a summary of the key achievements of the Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board and its partner membership organisations in continuing to implement the Armed Forces Covenant ahead of it being enshrined in law by the Armed Forces Act 2021. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the Nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and not disadvantaged through their service. Since 2012, all Surrey local authorities have signed the Armed Forces Covenant and appointed an elected councillor Armed Forces Champion and Covenant Lead Officer to work hard to ensure the armed forces community does not face disadvantage compared to any other citizen when accessing public services.

Regular Armed Forces Awareness training is given to them all with particular emphasis on the requirement to show 'due regard' under the Armed Forces Act 2021 in the provision of Education, Healthcare and Housing. Councils are also encouraged to support the MoD Employers Recognition Scheme Awards scheme by going for silver as in Guildford and Runnymede's case or ultimately gold as in Surrey, Woking and Spelthorne's case.

## Engagement

### Royal College of Defence Studies

In May 2021, Woking Borough Council hosted a tour for the Royal College of Defence Studies with delegates from 47 countries. They visited the Shah Jahan Mosque, the Peace Garden, Horsell Common Preservation Society Heather Farm, Brookwood Commonwealth Graves Commission and the American Cemetery. The delegates enjoyed the sites as well as presentations at each venue which included one from Julie Fisher (Chief Executive of Woking BC) on Governance, economy, community and how Woking views its relationship with central government, and Woking's long-term stability and prosperity.

### 11 Security Force Assistance Brigade and Local Authorities

An online meeting was held with SCC Armed Forces Champions in Surrey with its two Task Force Commanders to re-establish relationships where they had been lost due to workloads resulting from Covid-19. The meeting enabled those attending to be better informed about unit moves, potential directions of future plans as well as understanding current Armed Forces priorities and key contact details.

### COVID 19 from Military in Surrey

The following tasks were supported by the Military in the fight against the pandemic in the area of responsibility of 11 Security Force Assistance Brigade during the year which builds on the support given during early 2021 around surge testing in Woking and NHS General duties support which saw 200 service personnel deployed to several Surrey hospitals to assist with general duties tasks, which reduced the burden on the hospital staff and produced more efficiency in the locations to which they were deployed:

- **Support to SECAmb around acute staff shortages.** This task saw service personnel driving SECAmb ambulances so that pressures were reduced for the ambulance staff. This task ran from Jan - Feb 2021. MACA (Military Aid to Civil Authorities) requested for 122 Service Personnel for this task in total in the area of responsibility.
- **Haulage driver shortage.** This task saw Tri-Service drivers support fuel tanker delivery nationally including Surrey. This task alleviated the fuel pressures across the board. In addition to this Defence Driving Examiners were also deployed to in order to facilitate HGV qualification outputs. This task ran from Sept – Dec 21. Task requested for 70 Service Personnel for this task in total in 11 SFA Brigade's area of responsibility.
- **Vaccine Task Force – Winter Vaccine Rollout.** This task saw Tri-Service personnel deployed throughout the south east. Personnel attended several locations in the Surrey area to provide uplift of vaccine outputs. This task was often seen in the national news and showed service personnel who were deployed from 11 Security Force Assistance Brigade. This task ran from Dec 21 – Feb 22. 113 service personnel were deployed for this task in total in the area of responsibility.

### Commandant's Parade

Colleagues from across Surrey including our Chair were privileged to receive an invitation to attend the Commandant's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Wednesday 8 December 2021. The parade marks the completion of a year's intensive training for officer cadets from the United Kingdom and from over 40 overseas countries. The Commandant's Parade is the full-dress rehearsal for the Sovereign's Parade which is held 2 days later, where cadets are presented to the official representative of the Queen. Following the parade guests were invited to attend a presentation delivered by the Army Engagement Group on the work they do to engage with young people and businesses.

## [SMAC](#)

The Surrey Military Appeals Committee (SMAC) continued to meet during the year under the chairmanship of the Lord-Lieutenant. Dr Julie Llewelyn – High Sheriff, Michael Hayman and Helyn Clack – SCC Chair were welcomed as new members. The focus for the meetings during the year included arranging and supporting military events such as the Surrey Heath Freedom March and the Armed Forces Day Flag raising event at Guildford Cathedral, along with allocating Deputy Lieutenants for Remembrance Sunday events across Surrey. With Jonathan Lord MP in post and representing all Surrey MPs a briefing on the activities of SCMPB is being planned for all Surrey MPs and their Office Staff. The Forces Connect App had been widely promoted in Westminster as well. SMAC members were particularly keen to see more Surrey businesses signing the Covenant with this being led by Shahid Azeem DL. Dr Julie Llewelyn has offered to enlist the support of the Royal College of General Practitioners to get more GP Veteran Friendly Practices and Veterans Aware Hospital Trusts across Surrey

## [Afghan Resettlement](#)

All Surrey local authorities have worked closely with health and central Government on resettling Afghan citizens in Surrey. Coordinated support has been provided around housing, education and welfare with one of our Officers serving on the Wider Immigration Group.

## [Electoral Registration for Service Personnel](#)

Guildford Borough Council and the Commanding Officer at the Army Training Centre (Pirbright) agreed to support a twelve-month pilot to assist Recruits to register as Service Voters with the local authority of their choice. This pilot was delayed due to the pandemic and therefore rather than a pilot project the Commanding Officer put in a request to the Initial Training Group that an opportunity for Recruits to register was included into the Common Military Syllabus, the 14-week training course that is delivered at ATC(P). This was agreed and since Summer 2021 Recruits now receive a scheduled timeslot for Service Voter Registration. This takes place in Week 2 of training at which point they are delivered a brief by the Chief Clerk on the benefits and how to sign up as a Service Voter, followed directly by a 20-minute period where they will have an opportunity to register with help and assistance if required. Once registered, the service vote is valid for 5 years and will enable them to vote from anywhere in the world. This has attracted considerable interest from both the Cabinet Office and the Electoral Commission as well as other training bases around the country.

## [Forces Connect App](#)

The Forces Connect App which signposts members of the Armed Forces community to local and national organisations who can provide support continues to go from strength to strength with support from its sponsor, The Shots Foundation which is the charity arm of Aldershot Football Club. To date there have been over 14,000 downloads from over 25 regions across England. To download the app, search “Forces Connect” in Apple’s App Store or the Google Play Store.

## [Armed Forces Act 2021](#)

The Armed Forces Act 2021 gained Royal Assent in December 2021 and Public Bodies including Local Authorities, Health Authorities and Academies to show ‘due regard’ in the provision of education, healthcare and housing and will require councils to consciously consider the Armed Forces Community when developing policies and when making decisions in these three key areas. Statutory Guidance on the Act is in the process of being finalised and the Act is expected to come into force in late July 2022. Surrey County Council along with a number of the borough and district councils and health partners have been involved in the south-east focus group working with the Ministry of Defence on the draft

guidance for local authorities. Surrey's Civilian-Military Liaison Adviser was privileged to give both oral and written evidence on behalf of Local Authorities to the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and has since become Armed Forces Champion and Covenant Lead to the All-Party Parliamentary Committee on the Armed Forces Covenant. Now that the Act has been enshrined in law and Surrey's Civilian-Military Liaison Adviser has recently joined the MoD Ministerial Group drawing up guidelines for the new legislation.

### [Forces Connect Funding and Training](#)

Surrey County Council, working in partnership with Kent, Hampshire, East and West Sussex County Councils and Medway and Brighton & Hove Councils put in a successful bid to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund for funding for additional armed forces awareness training under the Forces Connect branding. The project runs from October 2021 to September 2022 and is providing updated training on the Armed Forces Covenant and new Armed Forces Act 2021 and duty of 'due regard'. Colleagues from Surrey County Council, district and borough councils, parish councils, health, Police and the voluntary sector have all accessed training and provided very positive feedback.

### [Founder's Day](#)

In August 2021 officers from Surrey CMPB were privileged to attend Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea where the Guest of Honour was HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester. This is an event attended by all Chelsea In-Pensioners, celebrating the founding of the Royal Hospital by King Charles II in 1692.

### [Surrey Wing Air Cadets Field Day](#)

On 5 September, the Chair and Civilian-Military Liaison Adviser attended the Surrey Wing Air Cadets Day at Brooklands Museum. The day was a great success with over 120 cadets present. The Chair presented certificates to some of the Cadets and there was an excellent briefing on cyber security and a talk by Group Captain Mark Heffron RAF – UK Air and Operations Attaché – Berlin, who is their Wing President.

### [Surrey's Annual Armed Forces Covenant Conference](#)

The 15 March 2022 saw the return of Surrey's Annual Armed Forces Covenant Conference in person following the online conference in 2021. Over 140 delegates attended the conference, kindly hosted by the Army Training Centre (Pirbright), where they received a keynote speech from Col Sam Shepherd MBE ADC, Regimental Colonel of The Royal Artillery as well as presentations on the resettlement of Afghan Citizens, Falklands 40, the Armed Forces Act 2021 and support available to our veterans and wider armed forces community.

## [Employment](#)

### [Surrey County Council Gold Revalidation](#)

Surrey County Council was delighted to be re-validated for the gold Employer Recognition Scheme award for a further five years. As a celebration of this achievement Surrey County Council was invited to attend a 'Fireside Chat' at Bisley National Shooting Centre. The evening started with an introduction on the history of the Bisley Artists Rifles followed by Pete Winner who was formerly in the SAS and gave a highly personal and honest account of the Iranian Embassy Siege in 1980.

### [Spelthorne Receives Gold Employer Recognition Scheme Award](#)

Spelthorne Borough Council was awarded the prestigious Gold Employer Recognition Scheme Award in July 2021 for its extensive commitment to the Armed Forces community. The council fully recognise the challenges that some ex-service personnel face, but also the

many valuable skills and personal qualities that they offer both employers and the wider community. Specific activities undertaken during the year include the launching of a dedicated web page and social media group, the opening of the Fordbridge Veterans Hub, training for staff to raise awareness of the types of issues faced by the Armed Forces community, introduction of a Reservist Policy as well as commemorating key events including VE Day, VJ Day and Remembrance Sunday.

### Silver Employer Recognition Awards in Surrey

In August 2021, Guildford Borough Council and Runnymede Borough Council were awarded the Silver Award for the Ministry of Defence Employers Recognition Scheme for 2021 onwards for their commitment and support to the Armed Forces Community. This award recognises that they, as employers, provide exceptional support to the armed forces community and defence by going beyond the Armed Forces Community Covenant pledge. They were able to demonstrate the positive measures and policies that they have in place to support veterans, reservists, Cadet Force adult volunteers and their families. The Veterans' and Families Listening Project based in Camberley were also successful in achieving this award and all were presented with their awards by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire at HMS King Alfred, HM Naval Base in Portsmouth.

### Careers Fair for the Armed Forces

In February 2022 Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended the BFRS Careers Fair in Aldershot to discuss the transition from military to civilian life and how SFRS can support that. The event was a success and following conversations a number of people are considering a fire career following their service in the Armed Forces.

### Closer working with KBR

Following on from the excellent presentation from KBR, a Gold Employer Recognition Award holder based in Leatherhead, at the Surrey 2021 Covenant Conference, the Chair of the SCMPB has invited KBR to become a member of the Board. Colleagues are also exploring closer working between Surrey County Council and KBR around mutual support for the armed forces community.

## Education and young people

### Service Children and Early Years

On the back of the work on supporting the education achievement of Service Children at Key Stage 1, officers have been looking closely at whether additional support could be provided at the Early Years stage to give a strong foundation for children when they start school. As a basis for this work, colleagues conducted a survey of local service families and early years setting to try and gauge the numbers of children in this cohort and the support required. Results showed at least 81 service children in the county under 5 who access a range of childcare provision including day nursery, pre-school and childminders as well as support from family and friends. 53% of parents would like to access additional hours in a setting but are unable to due mainly to financial constraints. Work is ongoing to look at interventions and possible grant funding to help support service children to ensure they have a good foundation before they start statutory education.

### Education Attainment

In order to help support service children and ameliorate the additional gap caused by Covid-19 particularly on disadvantaged pupils including service children, focussed work with schools has continued on improving literacy and language through interventions such as teaching strategies, use of high-quality texts and parental engagement. Evaluation showed

increased teacher confidence, pupil engagement as well as some early examples of positive impact on pupil outcomes.

### [School Admissions](#)

The Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board received an update on school admissions for Service Children, with a particular update on the new DfE School Admissions Code which brought in some changes from 1 September 2021. In terms of service children the code confirmed that admission authorities must not refuse to process an application and must not refuse a place solely because the family do not yet have an intended address or do not yet live in the area; as well as a requirement for admission authorities to use the address at which a service child will live, as long as the parents provide some evidence of the intended address; or to use a Unit or quartering address as the child's home address where the parent requests this.

### [MODLAP – Ministry of Defence Local Authority Partnership](#)

Seventeen local authorities, including Surrey, have committed to work together to improve outcomes for armed forces families via MODLAP a local authority partnership run by the MoD. A particular focus is military children with SEND and ensuring the time they may be out of school following a move is reduced to the absolute minimum. Best practice is being generated, shared and disseminated. Additionally, an Early Years MODLAP, which is a subgroup of MODLAP has recently been established to support the education and welfare needs of children aged from birth to five from Armed Forces families in England. Surrey County Council's Senior Early Years Advisor has joined this group to input Surrey experiences as well as learn from best practice elsewhere.

### [Surrey Schools involved with the UK Engagement Youth Programmes](#)

During the year the Army has continued to engage with schools across Surrey through their youth programmes. This year Kings College – Guildford, Guildford High School, The Howard of Effingham – Leatherhead, Winston Churchill School – Woking, Kings International College – Camberley, Woking High School and Merstham Park School were all part of the programme.

## [Health, wellbeing and welfare](#)

### [Armed Forces Health Champions](#)

The Surrey Armed Forces Health Champions Group continued to meet during the year to focus on integrating the armed forces covenant within the health agenda with a particular focus on embedding it within the forthcoming changes in health. Wider discussions focussed on the new Armed Forces Act 2021 and implications for health, veteran aware hospital trusts, veteran friendly GP practices, carer support and ensuring appropriate linkages into partnerships such as the SE Veterans Pensions Advisory Committee and initiatives such as Op COURAGE.

### [Veterans Friendship Project](#)

A new pilot project bringing together former service personnel through local friendship groups and offering them the opportunity to record their life stories is being piloted in three areas of Surrey thanks to funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund. The initiative, focussed on Epsom and Ewell, Guildford and Surrey Heath, offers the opportunity to meet with others with similar experiences and give feedback on what activities they would like so that social groups can be developed to reflect their interests. In recognition of their service, veterans are also offered the opportunity to work with trained volunteers to record their life

stories and have them transcribed into booklets. The project currently runs until summer 2022.

#### [Veteran and Ex-Service Personnel Hubs and Drop-ins](#)

The network of hubs and drop-ins across the county continue to provide support, advice and friendship across the county to our veterans and ex-service personnel and their families, which has been particularly welcomed following the lifting of Covid restrictions and the impact that the pandemic has had on people. Two new hubs opened their doors during the year.

#### [Fordbridge Veterans' Hub](#)

North Surrey Armed Forces Partnership with the support of Spelthorne Borough Council and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service have established a veterans' hub at Fordbridge fire station to enable ex-servicemen and women living in North Surrey and the surrounding area to meet up on a monthly basis. Run by a group of dedicated volunteers, with the support of fire officers at the station, the group meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Hub, which was officially opened by the Lord-Lieutenant in June 2021, gives ex-service men and women, of all ages, an opportunity to meet up, to have a brew and a banter in relaxed surroundings. The sessions are attended on a regular basis by representatives of SSAFA, RBL, Staines Chaplain as well as visits from other local groups and charities such as Citizens Advice and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Outside of meetings members can catch up with one another on a private Facebook Group and the public Twitter account is used to share information with a wider audience. The community garden is accessible throughout the year outside of meetings for any veterans looking to get their hands dirty or to just sit on the decking and enjoy the plants, the trees and the stream that runs by it. In February 2022 the group formally adopted a constitution and have appointed seven Trustees including several veterans who will shape the future of the group.

#### [Mole Valley Veterans Hub](#)

The launch of the Hub was delayed by the ongoing Covid restrictions, but officially launched on 26 June 2021 (Armed Forces Day) with a BBQ at Ashtead Recreation Ground. Around 50 people attended, including local Councillors, the local MP, Police and Crime Commissioner and other organisations.

Following the launch event, Hub meetings are held on the last Friday of every month with attendees ranging from 4-10 on each occasion. The RBL representatives have attended, as well as SSAFA and Veteran Mental Health Services from Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust. Given the delay in being able to meet indoors, 'Walk and Talk' sessions took place monthly with an average of 4-5 veterans attending. In addition, a Breakfast Club was set up on a number of Saturday mornings for veterans who were unable to attend the Friday Hub meetings, as well as a golf event held in May. A buffet lunch on Remembrance Day was held in Leatherhead for which the landlord provided food and drinks for veterans for free in support of the Hub.

In terms of fundraising, the Hub has registered with the Mole Valley Community Lottery and receives around £30-£40 each month to support its ongoing costs and plans to have a stall at both the Ashtead Village Day and the Capel Military Show in order to try to raise awareness of the Hub. Further information is available via [www.molevalleyveteranshub.co.uk](http://www.molevalleyveteranshub.co.uk).

#### [Guildford Wellbeing Garden](#)

5 November 2021 saw the official opening and dedication of the new wellbeing sensory garden at Guildford Fire Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey. The garden,

which was built with the kind sponsorship of the Royal Horticultural Society Wisley along with support from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and local veterans, provides a relaxing and reflective place for both fire crews and veterans / ex-service to use on a daily basis, as well as a place for the veteran's hub to host their monthly meetings from on nice warm days!

### [Wisley Glow](#)

The Royal Horticultural Society Wisley kindly made available free tickets for over 25 veterans and their carers to attend the Wisley Glow event over the Christmas period. All those that attended had a wonderful festive time enjoying the enchanting trail around the garden to see some of Wisley's iconic sights in a new and dazzling light.

### [NAAFI Fund](#)

The Army Training Centre Pirbright were delighted to have been awarded two grants from the NAAFI fund which aims to support projects that improve the quality of life for serving personnel and their families living at an Armed Forces Unit. There are 450 Service Family Accommodation homes at Pirbright and one of the grants for £11,813 will provide an area around the Jubilee Community Centre to gather and socialise with BBQ facilities, fire pit, seating areas and raised flower beds. This will improve and enhance the outdoor area to provide a vital space for Permanent Staff and their families to enhance wellbeing and aid the overall lived experience.

The second grant of £20,000 was awarded to Peter Pan Pre-School, which is located within the Army Training Centre and provides Early Years education for Service Children.

The project will provide fencing and landscaping to secure a woodland space for Forest School activities. Forest school is a nature-based outdoor learning program that focuses on holistic development and growth in children. With trained Forest School leaders, they will learn new bushcraft skills outdoors with family, peers and friends. Children will be able to enjoy and explore the natural world, whatever the weather, in a safe environment and this project will create a nurturing environment to develop play exploration, confidence, self-esteem and supported risk taking.

## Remembrance

### [Remembrance at new County Council HQ](#)

On 11 November 2021, the Chair of Surrey County Council held an Act of Remembrance in the newly dedicated memorial garden at Woodhatch Place, Reigate, the new Headquarters for Surrey County Council. This was also the first joint service with the Chief Fire Officer and a number of new recruits following the move of the Fire Service Headquarters into Woodhatch Place. Along with millions of people throughout the country, staff, councillors, visitors and a World War II veteran paused at 11 o'clock to remember all those who fought and gave their lives in two World Wars in the service of this country, in the defence of this land, its values and freedoms – that we might live in peace.

### [Surrey Heath Freedom Parade by Joint Hospital Group](#)

On Sunday 12 September, the Mayor of Surrey Heath conferred the Freedom of the Borough of Surrey Heath to the Ministry of Defence Joint Hospital Group (South East) based at Frimley Hospital. The Freedom was awarded in recognition of the extraordinary service provided during the pandemic and in acknowledgement of the group's longstanding links with the Borough and Frimley Park Hospital. The Joint Hospital Group (South East) paraded and then following an Inspection by Air Vice-Marshal Clare Walton CB QHP Director Defence Medical Personnel & Training, accompanied by Brigadier Paul Evans OBE DL received the Freedom of the Borough. This was done to recognise the commitment, sacrifice and selflessness of those in the unit and will confer the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough on all ceremonial occasions with colours

flying, bands playing, drums beating and bayonets fixed. Following the parade an invitation only event was hosted at Robertson House, located inside the grounds of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, to allow for further recognition and celebration.

#### Surrey Poppy Appeal

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey hosted the Surrey Poppy Launch 2021 at the Army Training Centre, Pirbright by kind permission of the Commanding Officer on Friday 22 October 2021.

#### Guildford War Memorial

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, a small service was held to commemorate the addition of Lt. Nicholas London of the Honorable Artillery Company to Guildford's war memorial. Family and friends of Lt. London, as well as 48 members of his regiment and squadron, came together for a private ceremony to remember him and see his name added to the memorial in Guildford's castle grounds.

Nick was serving with the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), an elite London-based Reserve Army regiment. In July 1977, leading a night patrol on the Sennybridge Training Area in South Wales, he fell into a deep ravine and received severe injuries. After rescue by his patrol and a medical team, he was taken to hospital but died some five hours later. He is buried at Watts Cemetery in Compton. He was an ex-regular officer (Royal Artillery), who had joined the HAC in 1975. As was the tradition he joined as a trooper undertaking the recruit's course and was recommissioned a year later. An HAC officer who served with him and was at the scene when he fell, said: "He was a highly respected, popular member whose professionalism was an inspiration to all those in his squadron. He left behind a widow and young son".

#### Recognise and Remember Task Group

Recognise and Remember continues to meet three times a year under the chairmanship of Brigadier Paul Evans OBE DL. During the year quite a number of new Armed Forces Champions joined the Task Group. Briefings were given on the establishment of a number of new Veterans Hubs including Ashtead, Fordbridge and the Cranleigh Armed Forces Breakfast Club as well as the Veterans Friendship Project outlined above.

Plans were agreed for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday with the revised advice from the RBL that such local Remembrance services and parades are civic functions that are attended and supported by The Royal British Legion, and whilst the RBL are happy to be consulted and provide assistance to organisers, the Legion is not responsible for, nor takes decisions regarding the delivery of these events. Local authorities across the whole of the United Kingdom remain responsible for setting the parameters of an appropriate ceremony marking Remembrance Sunday.

#### Surrey Wing Air Cadets Field Day at Brooklands Museum

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## Surrey Employer Recognition Scheme Award Holders

Organisation	Year	Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Allianz Insurance	2021	Silver			
Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust	2019	Silver			
Automatic Data Processing Ltd (ADP)	2020	Gold			
BAM Nuttall	2020	Silver			
Capgemini UK PLC	2020	Silver			
CGI IT UK Ltd	2019	Gold			
Combat Stress	R2020	Silver			
Compass Group	2018	Gold			
Crest Nicholson Plc	2019	Silver			
CSH Surrey	2019	Silver			
CVQO Ltd	2021	Gold			
Drumgrange Ltd	2017	Silver			
Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust	2018	Silver			
Guildford Borough Council	2021	Silver			
ISS Facility Services	R2020	Gold			
Jankel Armouring Ltd	R2021	Silver			
JTI UK	2021	Gold			
KBR Ltd	2019	Gold			
Made to Measure Mentoring Ltd	2020	Silver			
NSC	2017	Silver			
Paratus Limited	2017	Silver			
Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust	2018	Gold			
Runnymede Borough Council	2021	Silver			
Southern Gas Networks Plc (SGN)	2018	Gold			
Siemens PLC	2017	Silver			
Spelthorne Borough Council	2021	Gold			
Surrey County Council	R2021	Gold			
Unum	2021	Silver			
Veterans & Families - Listening Project	2021	Silver			
Wates Construction Ltd	R2020	Silver			
Woking Borough Council	2020	Gold			
<b>AFC Total: 94</b>			53	19	12

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**Helyn Clack (Chair)** Surrey County Council

**Brigadier Paul Evans OBE DL** Chairman of Recognise and Remember Task Group

**Mr Michael More-Molyneux** HM Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey

**Colonel John Bayham OBE** Deputy Commander, 11 Infantry Brigade and HQ SE

**Colonel Patrick Crowley DL** South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association

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**Ellie Vesey-Thompson** Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey  
**DCC Nev Kemp** Surrey Police  
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**Jim France** Royal British Legion  
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