Age UK Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly We are proud to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant



## Who we are

For over 48 years, we have supported those who have served in the HM Armed Forces and their families. We are the leading independent charity in Cornwall to improve the wellbeing of people in later life, helping individuals and communities to age well. Many of those we help have had careers in HM Armed Forces, or did National Service which ended in 1963.

## **Raising Awareness**

We are aware that there are many people who might not call themselves veterans. Which may mean that they are missing out on valuable support that can apply to them.

To help raise awareness and support for those who served, we have been proud to be part of the **Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten campaign during 2020.** This has seen many of our colleagues in partner organisations work with us to maximise the help available for veterans and their families, especially during the challenges of Covid-19. Age UK Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are extremely proud to now be signatories to The Armed Forces Covenant - as part of our commitment to support veterans and their families.

**The Armed Forces Covenant** The Armed Forces Covenant is the nation's commitment to those who serve, or have served, proudly to protect our nation, with honour, courage, and commitment.

As signatories, we join the Armed Forces Covenant's pledge together we acknowledge and believe that people who serve and have served in the armed forces, along with their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in their communities and in wider society.



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As part of our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, we will continue to develop our partnerships with organisations who work with and support the Armed Forces Community. One of our core aims is to shine a light on the help available for veterans, their families and carers. We will also continue to support opportunities that help those who currently serve, and their families, to access the help they need, including their transition out of the armed forces.

## We need your help

In March 2020, we co-designed a dedicated **'Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten'** campaign space. We worked with organisations and community groups across Cornwall, ensuring that all Cornish veterans, regardless of age, can access the services and guidance available to them on the Cornwall Link platform. **With your help,** we know that we can make this space even better. You could:

## **1. Share the Cornwall Link campaign page** with your friends and family, either by showing them or by sharing on social media to reach as many of Cornwall's veterans as possible.



2. Add your listing - if you run a service, community activity or event that will support veterans, you can add your listing to this campaign by registering. If you need any help - please visit the Cornwall Link Help pages.

You can find out more by visiting <u>https://cornwall-link.co.uk/</u> campaign/cornwall-veterans



PROUDLY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE.

If you need any further assistance, we have a dedicated **Community Helpline (01872 266383)** that is safe, secure and has a wealth of experience to assist you with any query. It is open to all.

"We are proud to be a signatory to The Armed Forces Covenant, to support veterans and their families as part of our work to inspire individuals and communities to age well." Kelvin Yates, Community & Wellbeing Manager, Age UK Cornwall