



Barnsley Armed Forces Covenant Board
Monday 19th January 2026 2-4pm
Westgate Level 4, Meeting Room 2

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Attendees

Name	Position	Organisation
Cllr Joe Hayward (Chair) (JH)	Armed Forces Champion and Elected Council Member	BMBC
Anne Asquith (AA) <i>Partial attendance</i>	Service Manager, Resilient Communities, and Armed Forces Lead	BMBC
Helen Ibbotson (HI)	Projects and Contracts Officer, Resilient Communities	BMBC
Ross Waterlow (RW)	Case Worker, SSAFA	SSAFA
Cllr David Leech	Elected Council Member, Barnsley Mayor, Veteran	BMBC
Luke Lancaster (LL)	Public Affairs and Campaign Officer (North), British Legion	Royal British Legion
Stevie White (SW)	Communications and Marketing Officer	BMBC
Ian Bailey (IB)	Case Management Officer, Safer Communities	BMBC
Karen Hallam (KH)	Senior HR Business Partner	BMBC
Susan Smith (SS)	Economic Policy Officer, Employment and Skills	BMBC
Chloe Allott (CA)	Lettings Manager	Berneslai Homes
Paul Carpenter (PC)	Armed Forces Community Covenant SPOC	SYP
Steve Lowe (SL)	Forces Employment	Forces Employment
Clare Haynes (CH)	Case Worker	OP Courage
Pauline King (PK)	Regional Employer Engagement Director	RFCA Yorkshire and The Humber
Abbie Lister (AL)	Senior Mental Health Practitioner	Op Courage

Apologies

Name	Position / Organisation
Jamie Wike	NHS South Yorkshire, Director of Partnerships
Michelle Kaye	Group Leader Housing and Welfare, BMBC
David Andy	Operational Manager, Citizen's Advice Bureau
Lucy Bramwell	Employment Consultant, The Poppy Factory
Jez Mitchell	Head of Resilient Communities, BMBC
Jamie Noble	Head of Business Development, Barnsley CVS
Paul Buttery	South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Barnsley District Commander
Rebecca Richardson	Case Manager, Armed Forces and Veterans Service Team

Agreed Meeting Actions

1	Anne Asquith to confirm the inclusion of the Gold Award revalidation within Barnsley Councils citations.	Anne Asquith
2	Helen Ibbotson to schedule the April Cadets Together gathering in Dave Leech's calendar.	Helen Ibbotson
3	Helen Ibbotson to circulate the RBL 2031 Census Consultation response summary to the board.	Helen Ibbotson
4	Helen Ibbotson to share the Veterans Together dates with Clare Haynes; Op Courage to provide an overview of the support and guidance available through the service.	Helen Ibbotson
5	Helen Ibbotson to provide the board with an update on how referrals will be managed by SSAFA moving forward.	Ross Waterlow / Helen Ibbotson
6	Anne Asquith to liaise with Barnsley Hospital to explore options for improving the visibility of their Veteran Friendly plaque within the A&E department and main entrance.	Anne Asquith

Next meeting: 13th April 2026 2-4pm, Westgate Plaza Level 4 Room 2