

Press Release

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Council secures recognition from MoD employer scheme

Fenland District Council is celebrating securing a Silver Award under the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme.

The award is for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the [Armed Forces Covenant](#).

At September's meeting of the full council on Monday (Sept 14), chief executive Paul Medd, said: "The Employer Recognition Scheme recognises organisations that demonstrate outstanding support for the Armed Forces community, including serving Reservists, veterans, Cadet Force adult volunteers, and military families.

"Achieving Silver Award status reflects the Council's commitment to supporting current and former members of the Armed Forces and highlights the positive role we play as an Armed Forces-friendly employer.

"This is an important achievement for the Council and recognises the work that has been undertaken across the organisation to strengthen our support for the Armed Forces Covenant and the wider Armed Forces community."

Colonel Leona Barr-Jones DL, chief executive of East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (RFCA) said: "Congratulations to Fenland District Council on achieving this well-deserved Silver Award. This recognition reflects the tangible, practical steps they've taken to support the Armed Forces Community, a commitment that makes a real difference to the lives of reservists, veterans and cadet force adult volunteers.

"At East Anglia RFCA, championing this kind of commitment is one of the key pillars of our work to connect defence with society, and we're incredibly proud to have supportive employers like Fenland District Council in our region."

- More details about the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme are available at: [Defence Employer Recognition Scheme - GOV.UK](#)
- In Cambridgeshire the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme is administered by the [East Anglia RFCA](#): www.earfca.org.uk

- For information of support available for the armed forces community in Fenland and via the council, see: [Support for the Armed Forces Community](https://fenland.gov.uk/article/13489/Support-for-the-Armed-Forces-Community) (fenland.gov.uk/article/13489/Support-for-the-Armed-Forces-Community)

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Celebrating Fenland District Council securing a Silver Award under the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme - Cllr Susan Wallwork, portfolio holder for the Armed Forces Covenant, left, and Council Chairman Cllr Brenda Barber.

Notes to Editors

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