

VAPC South West Region



The Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committees (VAPCs) are regional, providing help and support to the Service and Ex-Service

community and making recommendations to all public bodies and the local community on the needs of veterans and their family. You can find out more here:

http://www.veterans-uk.info/vets_advisory.html or call 08001692277

As your local representative on the South West Region Committee, Assistplus is launched to reach out to the wider community.

VAPC doing right by our service veterans:

- Advising all public bodies on the needs of veterans and their family.
- Raising awareness with public bodies and local community about the needs of veterans.
- Assisting and providing guidance on accessing public services, assisting with claims and complaints (including War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme).

What is the Armed Forces Covenant?

The Covenant is a promise between the Government, the Nation and the Armed Forces. It's there to make sure that people in the Armed Forces Community aren't disadvantaged because of their Service, and that the people who have given the most like the wounded and the bereaved receive special

consideration for the sacrifices they have made for the country.

To read the full report on the Armed Forces Covenant and see details of what the government has committed to, go to www.mod.uk/covenant

The Covenant is an obligation on the whole of society. It includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations and individuals all of whom are asked to recognise our Armed Forces and offer respect, support and fair treatment.

Supported by:

- Bradley Stoke Town Council
www.bradleystoke.gov.uk
- South Gloucestershire Council
www.southglos.gov.uk
- Royal British Legion: Stoke Gifford Branch
[Facebook.com/StokeGiffordRBL](https://www.facebook.com/StokeGiffordRBL)
- MP-Filton & Bradley Stoke Constituency
www.jacklopresti.com
- FLOGIC Volunteers International
www.flogicgroup.com

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ASSISTPLUS

Your local Veterans Community Support Initiative



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ASSISTPLUS is a Veterans Community Support initiative, which seeks to enhance the support that our ex-Armed Servicemen and women living and working in Bristol and South Gloucestershire area receive in the local communities. Stakeholders who had voluntarily signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant give these supports in various forms and number of areas including, but not limit to: childcare, housing, education, healthcare, family life and employment.



“Through assistplus, we will achieve greater visibility in the veteran support chain in Bradley Stoke and surrounding areas”

*...Councilor Franklin O-Antwi
Bradley Stoke Town Council*

Assistplus

What we do?

Working in partnership with local councils, businesses and service charities, we aim to enhance the implementation of the community covenant in the local area. Specifically

- Perform reviews with stakeholders to ensure on-going support requirements are sustainably fulfilled and plans are in place for necessary improvement to delivery if required
- Help develop and maintain support relationships among stakeholders, which facilitate the achievement of short and long terms veterans support goals locally.

How we work

- Advocacy- Community Covenant
- Representation-policy forums
- Platform for stakeholders
- Welfare Support & Pastoral Care

We bring together the various support organisations to understand the kind of core community issues veterans face locally, deciding which are most important and what actions can be taken collectively adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by individual stakeholder.

Covenant wins for veterans:

- Veterans' Information Service (Veterans' Gateway), a way of engaging with veterans after their discharge from the Forces has been launched.
- Veterans' can now ask for a referral to a specialist Orthopaedic clinic at The Robert Jones & Edith Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AG. Contact Rebecca on 01691404344
- Veterans in England accessing NHS services are given priority treatment for conditions related to Service, subject to the clinical needs of others.

Local communities

The Covenant is not just about the Government delivering commitments on a national level. More than 200 local communities have signed a Community Covenant – a voluntary statement of mutual support between civilians and the Armed Forces in their area.

