



Oxfordshire
Community
Covenant
Grant
Scheme

What is a Community Covenant Grant?

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has made £30 million of grant funding available to support local projects which aim to improve ties between the armed forces and the wider community

Who can apply?

Applications can come from any part of the community, for example, local authorities, charities, commercial organisations or community groups within Oxfordshire.

What kind of projects will be awarded funding?

Successful projects will share and pursue the more general aims of the covenant to:

- Encourage mutual support between the armed forces and community
- Encourage integration
- Nurture understanding and awareness
- Recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the armed forces community.

How much is available for individual projects?

Applications should be for one-off sums between £100 and £250,000.

Suggested projects

Some ideas for initiatives that would be considered:

- Exhibitions and open days
- Veteran outreach projects
- Projects aimed at improving the health, welfare or life skills of service personnel and their families.

But don't feel restricted by the above! All projects will be considered.

How do I apply?

Find out more information on our website

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/armedforces>

Email: oxfordshirecommunitycovenant@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Carterton Town Council

Awarded: £35,000

Project:

- Provide enhanced facilities for Carterton Job Club which works specifically with servicemen and women to help them to find employment.
- A relaxed, independent service that understands the support military personnel and their families need.
- A permanent job point terminal linked to the national Job Centre system will be installed in the town hall.





OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

Awarded: £15,000

Project:

- Activity days at and around each of the Armed Forces bases for military families and the local community to connect together
- Advice, support and information available on activities, services and groups for families

Progress:

- The Play Days brought together over 4000 people from both the military and local communities
- Activities included circus workshops, climbing walls and go-karts
- Local clubs, churches and groups all attended to show what they have to offer
- Plans to make this an annual event

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Community Covenant **play day**

Community Covenant Play & Activity Day

FREE ENTRANCE AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 10AM – 3PM

FAMILIES CENTRE, BICESTER GARRISON, AMBROSDEN, OX25 2LD

Bringing Armed Forces Families and Local Communities Together

Please note this is an open access event. NO childcare is provided and this event may be photographed and filmed. Food will need to be purchased on the day. An area for Baby Changing / Feeding will be provided.

This event is supported by **The co-operative membership community fund**

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION
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Saturday 21st April
10am - 3pm

Benson Village Sports Field, Sunnyside OX20 0LZ

FREE
 Fun day out for all the family

Go Karts • Climbing Wall • Play Rangers
Youth Bus • Football • Dance • Scrapstore
Circus Workshops • Fire & Rescue • Sensory Bus
Arts and Crafts • Skate Park • Childrens Centres
Playbus and much much more...

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Community Covenant Play and Activity Day

Chessing Workshops, Puppets & Mobile Children's Centre, Clapping Mud, Go Fast Party, Circus Skills, Chess Sculpture, Youth Bus, Arts & Crafts, Mobile Skate Park, And much, much more!!

Saturday 9th June 2012
10am-3pm

At Dalton Barracks Sports Field, Shippon

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Bringing Armed Forces Families and Local Communities Together

Free Entrance and Activities for Families and Children of all ages

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OXFORDSHIRE County Councils, Community Covenant, **OPA** OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION, **play day**



Carterton Community College

Awarded: £37,709

Project:

- Develop the education and information available for the Armed Forces community
- Increase range, number and frequency of courses tailored to the needs of military personnel
- Create two main community spaces at the college enabling it to provide flexible and portable learning resources for families
- Provide new courses and workshops to offer help and guidance, particularly for family reading and writing
- Organise a range of holiday activities for young people and families

Graham Speke, Community Director at Carterton Community College:

“The Community College and the Carterton Partnership of Schools are delighted with the award of the grant. We are keen to find ways of supporting families and getting RAF personnel involved in and benefitting from a wide range of community activities. In this time of transition and considerable stress for the RAF, our main aim is to help people feel comfortable and secure in their local community.”



Awarded: £10,000

Project:

- Training for community-based volunteers to specifically support 10-15 service families based in South Oxfordshire
- Support can range from advice/information to accompanying the family on a visit or play date.
- Strengthen links between the community and forces families

Carswell Community Primary School Abingdon

Awarded: £2,000

Project:

- Create a reflective sensory garden for Key Stage 1 pupils to use
- An area for story-telling and learning about the natural world
- A quiet area for reflection
- A community project strengthening community bonds by coming together to construct the garden



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OF THE RAF FAMILY

**ROYAL
AIR FORCE
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT**



Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund

Awarded: £130,000

Project:

- RAF themed playground in Carterton
- Located between the Ministry of Defence and town housing encouraging the two communities to come together
- Play is a proven method to reduce barriers and build bridges
- Provision of a full-time youth worker and sessional youth support workers through the charity 4Children
- Aims to attract local people and those from further afield





The Church of St John the Evangelist Carterton

Awarded: £45,000

Project:

- Modernisation programme to rebuild the entrance and repair the roof
- The church provides for the military and civilian community in both a religious capacity and as a community building
- It functions as the station church and often hosts special services for RAF personnel



St John's has a civic and HM Forces ministry. This picture was taken on Battle of Britain Sunday. They provide chaplains for the repatriation of the fallen now that they pass through RAF Brize Norton



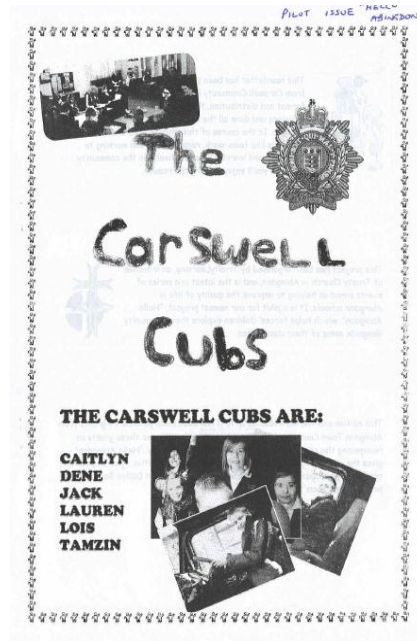
Watchfield Primary School

Awarded: £62,500

Project:

- Develop school's outside space to meet the social and learning needs of the growing school population
- Rehousing in the area of military personnel from the closure of RAF Lyneham has increased school numbers
- More play areas to allow constructive play activities to help integration

Trinity Learning – Trinity Church Abingdon



Awarded: £3,450

Project:

- “Hello Abingdon” is a newsletter project specifically designed to help local schools by supporting their forces children. Armed Forces and civilian children work together and form social links in groups of 6 to produce a community newsletter.
- The project encourages confidence and team-work in groups of school-children, at the same time as developing awareness of citizenship issues for both the children and the community. It will help to integrate the service children into the school and local community and increase awareness through topics covered in the newsletter.

Carterton Children's Centre



Awarded: £15,295

Project:

- A 'Tea Time' club to provide support for lone/single/absent parent families from both the military and civilian community.
- The funding will help provide more staff, allowing for individual support, workshops for adults and free play opportunities for children.
- Staff will work with families to encourage parent and child interaction through healthy cooking and art projects.



Awarded: £9,000

Project:

- Following on from the success of the Armed Forces Playday Project 2012, another round of activity days are planned across Oxfordshire in 2013.
- This will bring military families and the local community together, strengthening their relationship.

Carterton Children's Centre



Awarded: £10,800

Project:

- Expansion of the crèche provision, by hiring a mobile company to run the facility and work alongside the children's centre staff.
- This will allow for additional places for children, tracking of progress and one-to-one support for children when needed.
- The provision will allow for parents to meet new people and have the opportunity to learn new skills.

Monahan Way Pavilion



Awarded: £33,999.65

Project:

- Improve facilities including the sports pavilion and pitches to offer a better venue for social and leisure activities for the community.
- Provide better facilities for families and visitors unable to be at the Repatriation Centre on RAF Brize Norton on repatriation days.

Folly Park: Working together to build a Community

Awarded: £8,250

Project:

- Produce information packs for all families living in Folly Park View in Faringdon, a newly build development close to the military bases in Brize Norton, Abingdon and Shrivenham.
- Organise at least 2 community events to generate and sustain a sense of community.
- Produce 3 newsletters to enhance community communication.
- Purchasing and sit 2 notice boards to facilitate community communication.
- Hire a local meeting room to ensure all families in Folly Park View get the opportunity to discuss any issues or problems that they have in the community.
- Organise Activity days for the children of Folly Park View.

Carterton Community Cricket Partnership

Awarded: £33,750

Project:

- Construct 2 lane outdoor cricket nets facility.
- Provide inclusive cricket at all levels for service and civilian families.
- Work in partnership with West Oxfordshire District Council, Carterton Town Council through the Sport's Forum, RAF Brize Norton, Carterton Football Club, other sporting bodies and local schools to achieve the vision.
- Provide quality coaching and promote cricket to Carterton Community College and Carterton Primary schools who provide schooling to the military children at Brize Norton.

Services Employment And Enterprise Network CIC (SEEN)

Awarded: £68,208

Project:

- Provide sustainable employment to spouses and partners of Armed Forces Personnel; Service Leavers and Civilians within military communities.
- Enable to continue working without a break even when relocated or posted elsewhere.
- Give a sense of purpose, vocational qualifications, experience and confidence to further an individual's future employment opportunities.
- Provide a positive focus within the local community for partners/spouses while their partner is absent on operational tour with increased opportunity for social interaction during long term absences.



Soldiers of Oxfordshire, Conflict and County (SOFO)

Awarded: £120,000

Project:

- Fit out the permanent galleries and associated programme of activities in the new museum being built in the grounds of The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock.
- Promote exciting, dynamic and informed understanding of conflict and its impact on the County of Oxfordshire, its institutions and its people.
- Reach out and contribute to our communities' understanding of the military history of Oxfordshire, bridging military and civilian understanding.
- Offer a forum for discussions on the impact and ethics of war on soldiers and communities.



Oxford United Youth and Community Sports Partnership

Awarded: £10,000

Project

A project focused around integrating armed forces and civilian families through activities including:

- one week long holiday football courses at two bases for armed forces children and children from the wider community.
- Integration Days for armed forces and civilian families.

South Central Ambulance Service military co-responder 4x4 rapid response vehicle

Awarded: £ 39,886.13

Project:

To purchase a Four-Wheel Drive Rapid Response Vehicle to enable RAF Benson & RAF Brize Norton Community Co-Responder teams to provide lifesaving medical cover to the entire community under the unpaid volunteer Co-Responder scheme. This will aid response times during inclement weather and provide access to any incidents at sites where a 4WD vehicle is required.



Chilton D-Day Commemoration & Village Festival

Awarded: £4,885

Project:

To run a free village festival in Chilton to commemorate the D-Day landing. The event will be the second Village Festival held at Chilton in recent years, and will help welcome new members of the expanding community while bringing together local military and history associations, local clubs and societies, businesses and individual and group performers.



Shrivenham School Multi-Use Gaming Area

Awarded: **£27,500**

Project:

To construct an all-weather, floodlit, multi-use games area (MUGA), which is a much needed improvement to the school's sporting facilities. The Multi-Use Games Area will:

- significantly enhance Physical Education lessons, play-times and extra-curricular sports clubs
- help address the rapid turnover of service children of parents teaching and studying on short courses at the adjacent Defence Academy by providing longer training windows in a safe and secure environment
- enable new service children to integrate with other pupils and settle-in more rapidly, a significant factor in their educational development and overall welfare.



Larkmead Multi-Use Games Area

Awarded: £37,200

Project:

To build a multi-use games area (MUGA) for sports such as Netball, Tennis and Football. This will be used to facilitate integration between military and civilian pupils and youth groups. It is hoped that the sports ground will build effective relationships between the school and the wider military community, enabling further integration in the future.

St Mary's Church, Ambrosden: Providing a facility for military and civilian communities to get together

Awarded: £100,000

Project:

To modernise the church facilities and enable the provision of a range of additional activities to the whole community. The project will install a toilet, kitchen, storage facilities and convert the rear of the church into a suitable social activity area. The new facilities will enable the church to host a number of civilian and military social activities.

Hill End Education Centre Interactive Learning Centre

Awarded: £35,740

Project:

- Refurbish an existing unused space to create an Interactive Learning Centre at Hill End that will bring together civilian and military communities.
- The centre will be equipped with audio and visual equipment, a quiet space for reflection and a story telling area where volunteers can share accounts of both historical and current day armed forces life.
- There will also be an exhibition space, with learning materials developed specifically to encourage integration and raise awareness of the challenges faced by the armed forces.



Successful schemes from other counties

Croydon Council: Armed Forces Week events

Awarded: £4,600

- A week long programme of events aiming to improve understanding and awareness of issues affecting the Armed Forces community.
- It included an event on post-Service health and social care needs aimed at health and social care professionals.
- Also included a money management and financial planning session aimed at the Armed Forces community and local residents.

Wiltshire Council: 'Anything but Plain, Darling!'

Awarded £2,000

- Local organisation Circular Arts ran a series of art workshops for women to promote integration between civilian and Armed Forces communities.
- Women worked together to make large batik flags.
- Over 11 workshops delivered with over 120 women participating.

Hampshire County Council: Children's Art Competition

Awarded: £4,920

- Royal Navy & Royal Marine's Children's Fund organised an art competition for all children with the theme 'Pirates' as part of Seafarers Awareness Week.
- The winners attended a tea party, every entrant got a certificate and the shortlisted pictures will be made into a calendar.
- Aim to raise awareness of the work of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.