

Armed Forces Day Saturday 26th June 2021

You can find out more on the Armed Forces Day website

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>

Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June.

In 2021, it will take place on Saturday 26 June.

Armed Forces Day celebrations begin on Monday 21 June when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and famous landmarks around the country.

North Somerset Council will be showing its support for Armed Forces Day by flying the Armed Forces Day Flag from our buildings at Castlewood and the Town Hall. Watch out for it it is a very distinctive white flag with a representation of the Union Flag on its upper half. Many Towns and Parishes in North Somerset will be commemorating Armed Forces Day, look out for the flags in your area and see your local council social media platforms for information



Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service Families, Reservists, Veterans and Cadets. There are many ways for people, communities and organisations across the country to show their support and get involved.

Showing support for the Armed Forces provides a much valued morale boost for the troops and their families. The UK Armed Forces defend the UK and its interests. They are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.



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Reserves Day also provides an opportunity for the country to recognise our Reserve Forces. Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, balancing their civilian life with a military career to ensure that should their country require them, they are ready to serve. Reservists are everywhere, but you might not know it. So on Reserves Day, our Reservists wear their uniform in their civilian life –

The Reserve Forces make up approximately one sixth of our Armed Forces personnel and as such are integral to protecting the nation's security at home and overseas, particularly providing capability in specialist areas such as medical and cyber.



Reserves Day celebrates their contribution to the Armed Forces. Reserves Day is the Wednesday ahead of Armed Forces Day, this year – 23rd June.

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/reserves-day/>

North Somerset Council also support “Salute our Forces”

#SaluteOurForces is a simple way for anyone to pay tribute to the British Armed Forces community for their hard work, dedication and efforts to and keep us safe in the UK and across the globe. Last year, celebrities, members of the public and businesses all got involved –

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/saluteourforces/>

To join in, simply send a photo or video of yourself or your friends and colleagues saluting!

You can submit your images in several ways:

- Tweet @ArmedForcesDay using #SaluteOurForces.
- Comment on one of the Armed Forces Day Facebook posts,
- or email at armedforcesdayuk@gmail.com.