

# VE DAY 75 YOU WERE THERE FOR US, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



Now more than ever, our Armed Forces community may need the support that the Armed Forces Covenant provides. Information on how you can support, or be supported by the Covenant, is available on our [website](#). The Covenant applies to regulars, reservists, veterans, service leavers, and their families.

## What is the Armed Forces Covenant?

Watch ***'The Armed Forces Covenant in 60 seconds'***

Download the new ***'Veterans' Gateway app'*** on your smartphone or tablet to find out what support organisations are in your area.



[Gosport](#)  
[Isle of Wight](#)  
[Portsmouth](#)  
[Southampton](#)  
[Fareham](#)

There are lots of ways that you and your family can celebrate VE day from home. From 'stay at home tea parties' and baking a cake, to joining a sing-along or downloading activities for children to learn about VE day. Find out what's happening in your local area by clicking on the links above



**Celebrate** by hosting a 'stay at home' party. There are loads of ideas online for music, dressing up, baking, recipe ideas, song lyrics, games and other activities to help you mark the occasion at home in style



**Watch** the Mayor of Southampton lay a wreath at the Southampton Cenotaph in remembrance of VE Day. The event will be filmed and premiered on 8 May on the Council's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels



**Get creative** and decorate your home with VE [bunting](#) and poster templates available on line or your own designs. Share your creations on social media with #SAFCthankyou for the chance win a crate of [Pompy Pals Ale](#) from the Cerne Abbas brewery!

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**Listen** to Winston Churchill's famous victory speech by tuning in your 'wireless' to [Wave 105](#) at 3pm on 8 May



**Listen** to local residents' personal accounts of VE day on [Wave 105](#). Voiced by local actors from local drama group [Victoryland](#). From 3pm on 8 May



**Take part** in Portsmouth City Council's ['From Darkness to Light'](#) event by shining your torch in the sky as searchlights are beamed across the city from 9.30pm on 8 May



**Learn** about VE Day, its significance and why it's important that we remember. The [National Memorial Arboretum](#) has [produced learning packs](#) for children and adults



**Ring out for Peace** - Church bells won't ring out for peace this year, so **Gosport residents** are encouraged to ring bells or clang pans and let the sound of peace be heard through the community. 7pm on 8 May



**Look out for the [Portsmouth Cathedrals' YouTube](#) stream** of its VE Day commemoration service



**Home Schooling.** Fareham Borough Council has produced a [lesson pack](#) for parents and carers to teach children about the experience of VE Day



**Show that you care** by sharing your Second World War Stories, family histories, photos and messages of remembrance on social media using [#VEDay75](#)



However you decide to celebrate VE Day, **have fun, stay safe and stay at home**



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