



10th June 2026

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The Victory Suite, Fratton Park





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Agenda

12:30 - Registration

13:00 - Welcome from the Team

13:15 - Session 1

- Updates on local projects and ERS
- Presentations from Service Personnel

14:00 - Networking

- Armed Forces Charity & Business Exhibits
- Refreshments & Light Bites

15:00 - Session 2

- Veterans Outreach Support & Op Valour
- Panel Discussion: Armed Forces Youth
- Armed Forces Community
Business of the Year Award

15:50 - Close

16:00 - Bar Open for Networking



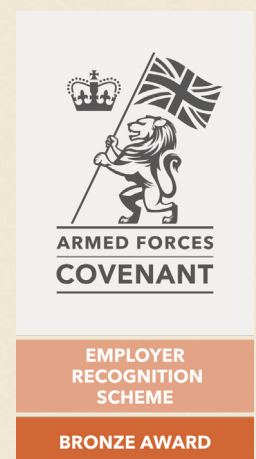


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Citrus Facilities Management is a family run Portsmouth-based company providing professional, reliable, and environmentally conscious facilities management solution across the South Coast. Specialising in cleaning, maintenance, waste management, and compliance services, Citrus supports a range of sectors including commercial, industrial, education, and healthcare.

“At Citrus, we are deeply committed to supporting those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces, along with their families. By signing the Armed Forces Covenant, we pledge to ensure fair treatment and opportunity for members of the armed forces community in every aspect of life, from employment to community support.”





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City of Portsmouth College believes that every student should be able to achieve their aspirations, whatever their background or abilities, offering a uniquely broad range of choices across their four campuses, from the highest quality academic teaching to the latest vocational and technical training.

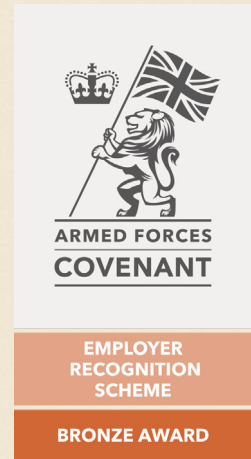
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Located within Portsmouth International Port, Portico Shipping handles sea freight from ship to shore and beyond. Their two deep water quays can accommodate sub-Panamax vessels, and direct motorway access from the facility which means they are perfectly placed for imports and exports to and from the south of the UK to all over the world.





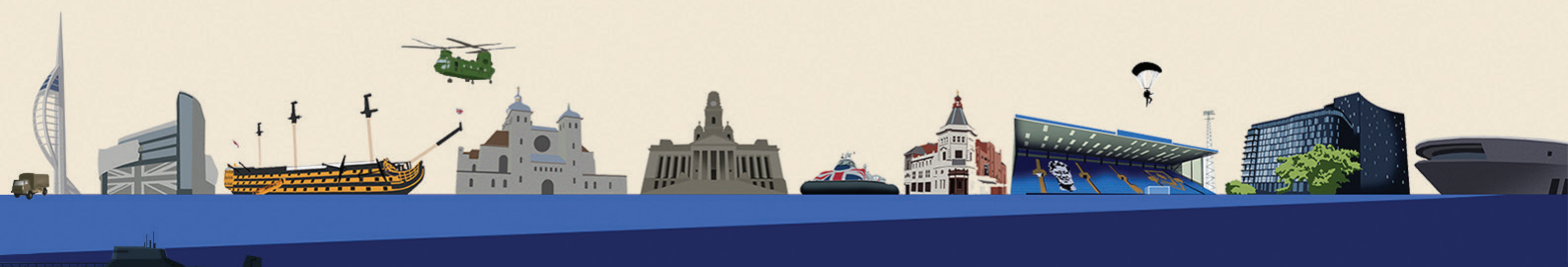
Portsmouth Football Club was founded in 1898 and the club has always played at Fratton Park.

The oldest stand still in use is the South Stand, built in the 1920s and designed by Archibald Leitch. It houses the dressing rooms, boardroom and offices and is the heartbeat of the stadium.

The Victory Suite is one of the largest event spaces in Portsmouth, conveniently located at ground level, just a short walk from the main carpark beneath the world-famous Fratton End.

Featuring natural daylight and blackout facilities with presentation screens throughout, the Victory Suite is perfect for large parties and corporate presentations.

This iconic space has two bar areas and can be divided into two smaller sections if necessary.





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Raffle

Please see the team for tickets.

£1 for a strip.

The draw will be silent at 15:30.

The raffle funds and any additional contributions you make will be donated to one of the charities below, selected via a mini draw on the day.



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Naval Childrens Charity
Naval Families Federation
Practice Plus
RACPD
Reading Force
Rocky Road Resilience
Veterans Outreach Support





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The Armed Forces Community Programme Team



Kate Mizon



Charlie Keane



Lee Madigan



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An Employers' Guide to Hiring Veterans



Reserve Employers' Guide



Armed Forces Day / Week Events



Remembrance Events in Portsmouth





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Welcome to our 2026 Shaping Forces event.

This event brings together two of Portsmouth's greatest strengths: our incredible Armed Forces Community and our vibrant business community. As a city with deep military connections and a proud history of service, Portsmouth has a unique opportunity to lead the way in creating meaningful partnerships that benefit both employers and those who serve or have served.

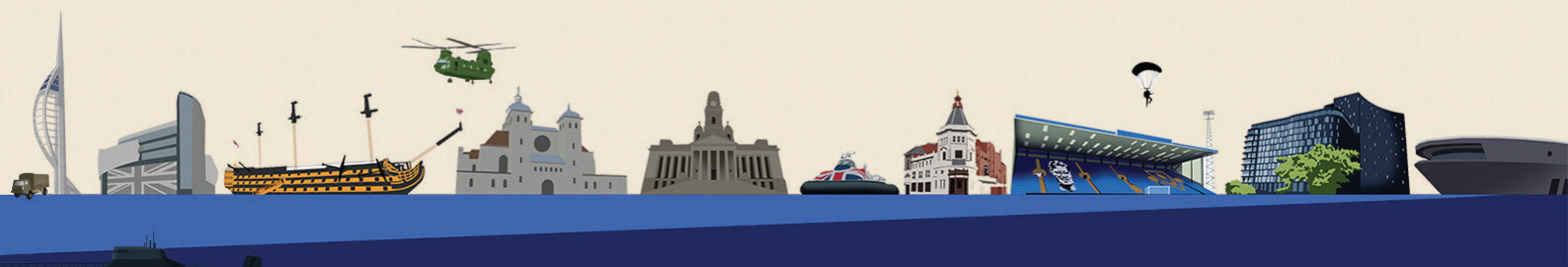


The fact that we are able to hold this event is a testament to the hard work, dedication and passion of Kate Mizon and Charlie Keane, our volunteer Shaping Forces Programme Leads. Over the past year they have continued to build and develop the programme, creating new opportunities for engagement, strengthening relationships across the Armed Forces Community and championing the needs of serving personnel, veterans, reservists, cadet forces and their families. Their commitment, has helped establish Shaping Forces as a valued and growing part of Shaping Portsmouth's work.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our event sponsors, our headline sponsor Citrus Facilities Management, and our sponsors City of Portsmouth College and Portico Shipping . Without their support we would not be able to bring this event together and it demonstrates the important role that businesses can play in supporting our Armed Forces Community.

This year's event will have a focus on how employers can better support those connected to military service, particularly reservists, adult volunteers in the cadet forces and the families who stand behind them. Whilst service personnel often receive deserved recognition, it is important that we also acknowledge the contribution made by spouses, partners, children and wider family members who share in the challenges and commitments that military life can bring.

Reservists and cadet force volunteers contribute thousands of hours each year developing leadership, resilience, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.



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These are qualities that directly benefit employers and strengthen our local economy. By supporting reservists and cadet volunteers through flexible policies, understanding and encouragement, businesses are not simply helping individuals fulfil their commitments; they are investing in a more skilled, adaptable and engaged workforce.

The Armed Forces Community is not separate from our city; it is woven into the fabric of Portsmouth. Many of our employees, colleagues, customers and business leaders are serving personnel, veterans, reservists, cadet force volunteers or family members. Creating an environment where they can thrive is both the right thing to do and good business practice.

Today is an opportunity to learn, connect and share ideas. It is a chance to hear first-hand experience, discover how organisations of all sizes can play their part in supporting our Armed Forces Community and most importantly, strengthen the partnership between Portsmouth's business community and the Armed Forces Community that contributes so much to our city.

I hope you leave today having made a new connection, gained a new insight and identified at least one action your organisation can take to better support veterans, forces families, reservists and cadet forces. Together, we can ensure Portsmouth remains the UK's best city for recognising, valuing and supporting all those who serve, and those who support them.

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