On Monday 20 June the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor David Sanders, will raise a flag above the Town Hall in recognition of all those who are serving and have served in the Armed Forces.

The Mayor will lead a short service outside the Town Hall at 10.10am, after which the Armed Forces Day flag will be raised at 10.30am.

Other councils across the United Kingdom will also simultaneously raise flags, which will fly for the week running up to Armed Forces Day (https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/) on Saturday 25 June.

Councillor Sanders said: “Our Armed Forces perform a vital job worldwide, and not just in conflict. Many forces personnel are involved in peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, search and rescue and much more. I encourage all Peterborough residents to join me at the service. It’s important that we show our respect and appreciation to all those risk their lives for us at home and overseas.”

Attendees should assemble in the Town Hall Foyer by 10am. Refreshments will be served after the raising of the flag.

On Armed Forces Day, Saturday 25 June, past and present members of the military will take part in a parade in the city centre, joined by numerous community groups. There will also be music and stalls.

Councillor Gavin Elsey, Chairman of the council’s Armed Forces Committee said: “In previous years Armed Forces day has been a colourful event that’s full of pride. This year is set to be even bigger and better. Hundreds of people turn out to pay their respect for the armed forces and the atmosphere is fantastic. Do come along and take part in this excellent celebration.”

Armed Forces Day events start at 10am on Cathedral Square and Bridge Street and run through until 5pm.