



May 2019 Newsletter



New recruit assessment evening

As part of this year's NESC Assessment Evening, both cadets and leaders took part in the assessment of potential new recruits to the NESC scheme. We have held three assessment evenings so far for new recruits, during which we have seen 100 new potential cadets. The successful cadets will join the NESC family in September.

During the assessment evenings, we completed several tasks including uniform administration, ID badges and vetting, followed by a fun, interactive session run by DCI Julie Mead and Ann-Marie Lawson.

These sessions saw new recruits working as a team to repopulate an imaginary planet. During this exercise, we observed the group deliberation on who should have a place on a new planet, which is a task that can often bring up some prejudices.

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Crime prevention activities

Op Crooked



Northampton cadets were out and about supporting Op Crooked by handing out crime prevention advice to members of the public.

Op Crooked is the Force's response to tackling residential burglaries across Northamptonshire. As part of the campaign, every burglary victim in Northamptonshire is guaranteed a visit from a police officer. This targeted support from the Cadets will contribute towards making sure members of the public can put measures in place to protect themselves and their property before falling victim to crime.

Cadets attend trials!



Kettering Cadets supported the Rockingham International Horse trials by directing cars, filling out LIPs and interacting with the community.

Riders from 19 nations came together for Rockingham's seventh year of hosting the International horse trials. The trials offer a great day out for the family, and is the ultimate treat for horse lovers. With something for everyone, there is a wide range of trade stands to be explored and a variety of food and drinks vendors to sample. There was even a have-a-go dog agility ring - so even the canine family member could get involved!



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Northampton Pride

Northampton cadets and leaders supported this year's Northampton Pride, the second event that Northamptonshire has hosted.

The colourful event took place in Market Square and Councillor Anna King, from Northampton Borough Council, said it was "amazing".

Our cadet, Alfie Kingston, was interviewed by Inspiration FM on the day, and was asked for his opinion on why he thought so many young people turned up on the day. For his response, Alfie said: "People are often shouted at for being different, but this kind of event really brings people together and helps you to stand up and say: This is the person I want to be."



Letter of thanks



Daventry Cadet Unit supported an event on May 18 and 19 at Welford Canal Basin to celebrate its anniversary of reopening 50 years ago.

After the event, Bill Wright, one of the event organisers, wrote a letter of thanks to the cadets:

"I would just like to say that the weekend was a great success and I've been getting a steady stream of positive feedback about your cadets. People are saying how polite, responsible and professional they were at all times and how nice it was to see them walking the site and engaging with people. They are a great credit to you and to Northamptonshire emergency services.

"Please pass on my gratitude to your team and I hope that we will get an opportunity to work alongside them at some point in the future."

Corby reassurance

Following a spate of crime around Grendon Avenue in Corby, PC Chris Vickers and PCSO Tony Greening were joined by the Kingswood Cadet Unit as they carried out reassurance patrols to members of the community.

As part of this reassurance, residents were offered the opportunity to complete a questionnaire, with the results then contributing towards the decision of the Force's Locally Identified Priorities.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LocallyIdentifiedPriorities

In addition to providing reassurance and crime prevention advice to the residents, the cadets also handed out Easter Eggs to elderly residents to wish them a Happy Easter.



St David's Event

As a result of several serious incidents recently occurring in the St David's area of Northampton, PCSO Rachel Barber has been working with key community members to successfully source funding from Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold to establish a weekly youth club, Kidz Link.

Having previously worked with NES Cadets as part of her core role, Rachael was keen to involve the cadets in this project and spoke with one of our leaders, Reanna McGuinness, to identify ways in which cadets could assist. As a result, a small number of experienced cadets were asked to commit to attending and supporting the weekly sessions.

Cadets have continued to be actively involved in supervising activities at the youth group, engaging with young people and their parents, and taking part in fundraising activities aimed at sustaining the project in the longer-term.



The Kidz Link project has been a huge success in engaging young people in an area at a time when there were genuine risks that they could be negatively affected by the crime in the area.

PCSO Rachael Barber said: "The cadets have been a real asset in running Kidz Link. Without their support, it would have been so much more difficult to get the project up and running: The way they engage with the young people has been a real pleasure to see."

Corby Fire Memorial Day



Firefighters were joined by cadets at Corby Fire Station on Saturday, May 4 to mark a special day to remember those in the fire service who have died or been injured while keeping their communities safe.

This year was the third annual national Firefighters Memorial Day, arranged by the Fire Brigades Union in partnership with the Firefighters Memorial Trust, which saw current and retired firefighters, and their families, attend gatherings at fire stations across Northamptonshire.

The day was supported by the cadets at Corby Fire Station, who helped with setting up the event and parading for the midday minute's silence. Pictured, left, is Staff Vickers with Cadet Emily Bull and Cadet Georgia Summerfield on the day.

May 4 honoured the sacrifices of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, acknowledges the courage and dedication of generations of firefighters, including those who continue to serve our communities today.

Dzień wspólnoty

PC Chris Vickers and Cadet Georgia Summerfield both attended a local Polish Community Day on Saturday, June 1 in Coronation Park, Corby to engage with the local Polish community.

In addition to providing crime prevention advice, Chris and Georgia offered free face painting for the children whilst discussing with their parents/carers what their local policing priorities were. The responses will all be fed into the final decisions for the Force's Locally Identified Priorities (LIP) in the future.

