

East Anglia Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association March & April Newsletter



Before and after photos show the improvements to Norfolk's North Walsham Air Cadet hut

FIt Lt Alan Stevens is the Squadron OC. He said: "It's a vast improvement! It could get bitterly cold here before and now it's bright, fresh and inviting." Over twenty cadets parade at the hut twice a week.

Sustainability was a key consideration in the planning of this refurbishment project, completed with funding from the Air Training Corps.



Members convened for the Annual General Meeting of East Anglia RFCA 2023

Our <u>Annual Report</u> was submitted to members at the event and a <u>new Association Chair</u> was elected. Members will share the stories contained within the Annual report to raise awareness of the RFCA's work in the region.

This year's keynote speaker was Major General Greg Smith, Chair of the Board of the Council of Reserve Forces and Cadets Association agreeing policy and direction for the 13 RFCAs.



King's Lynn Air Cadet becomes qualified Aerospace Instructor

Eighteen year old Bailey Naish, a Cadet Flight Sergeant with 42F (King's Lynn) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets has just become a Qualified Aerospace Instructor.

Bailey trained for 7 months on a range of subjects including air traffic control, aerodynamics, basic flight training, teaching and presentation skills. He said: "As a QAI, I can now deliver high-quality and interesting training in these various subjects on Squadron, in the Wing, and also the wider Air Cadet organisation."



Essex Lord-Lieutenant appoints five Cadets to special role

Five young people were appointed by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jenny Tolhurst, to Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for this year at a special event, attended by Essex RFCA Chair Professor Mike Almond DL and former RFCA Deputy Chief Executive Jacqui Allan DL.

Five adult volunteers from the Cadet Forces also received recognition from the Lord-Lieutenant at the event.



Latest News from the regions

East Anglia RFCA is one of 13 RFCA across the UK. If you enjoy staying informed about local and national Reserve Forces and Cadet news, consider reading other RFCA newsletters: West Midlands RFCA, Yorkshire & Humber RFCA, East Midlands RFCA, Wessex RFCA.

<u>South East RFCA have a new website</u> showcasing everything they offer in support of Reserves and Cadets; take a look!



<u>Ulysses Trust supoprt to Reserve & Cadet Expeditions in East</u> Anglia

107 Reservists, Officer Cadets and Cadets in East Anglia successfully received a combined total of £15,350 from the Ulysses Trust in 2022 (6% of national).

The Trust aims to reduce the 50% proportion of expedition costs borne by cadets themselves to 33%.

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