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PRESS RELEASE

Dunstable Air Cadets charity total Flies over £1500

Air Cadets from 460 (Dunstable) Squadron entertained the estimated 8000 people who attended the Dunstable Town Council's Charity Firework Display at Bennett's Recreation Ground on Sunday 5th November with a display re-enacting the precision flying sequence of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows. To the stirring music of 'Top Gun' and the Royal Air Force March, the Cadets, led by 'Red 1' Cadet Flight Sergeant Lauretta Matthews, demonstrated the full Red Arrows display using 'mock-ups' of the Hawk aircraft used by the RAF and specially made for the occasion by the team. As well as formations such as the 'Diamond 9' and 'Concord' the display also included the 'Heart' formation with the Syncro Pair, Corporal Dale Poole and Cadet Kenneth Lussier, marking the shape of a heart on the ground with glow sticks. A large screen, showing a pre filmed sequence intermixed with film of the Red Arrows ensured that all the crowd got a good view of the display. The display was in aid of the Royal Air Force Association and the total raised this year by the Cadets through sponsorship and by donations on the night has topped the £1500 raised last year by their successful swimming pool drill sequence. The Officer Commanding Dunstable Squadron, Flt Lt Mick Bell RAF VR(T) commented "As well as a good show that raised a lot of money for this worthy cause, this has been a worthwhile project as part of the training provided to the Cadets. Every Cadet at the Squadron has had an input, whether as a member of the display team or in the background constructing the aircraft or in the filming of the sequence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dunstable Town Council for allowing us to do the display at the fireworks celebrations in front of so many people, and particularly the people of Dunstable for their generosity, including £295 collected on the night, for giving so generously to the Royal Air Force Association."

Dunstable Squadron are currently recruiting so, if you are aged between 13 and 16 years of age with a sense of adventure why not contact Flt Lt Mick Bell on 01234 307776 or at atc460sqn@yahoo.co.uk, visit our web site at www.dunstable-aircadets.org.uk, or visit the Squadron any Monday or Thursday evening.

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Photograph 1 – The display team in Diamond 9

Photograph 2 – Cadet Spendelow leads a high speed turn

Photograph 3 – The display team with Dunstable Squadron's other Hawk



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