

2430 (Holbeach) Squadron
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PRESS RELEASE

Cadets tug 'O' Fire

Cadets from 2430 (Holbeach) Squadron gathered in the morning at the Anglia Motel, Fleet awaiting the arrival of the crew and appliance from Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue ready to put their strength to the test.

The cadets were tasked with gaining sponsorship to fund a new squadron website and possibly putting any excess towards a new computer to run the site from. The staff set them what they thought a good target of £150 to cover the costs but were totally amazed that by the first week that figure had already been exceeded. Their task on the windy Saturday morning was to pull the Fire Appliance with Crew Manager Kinder, also a civilian instructor with the squadron at the wheel, across the motel car park. The appliance arrived and it was time to get ready, just in case the beepers went and the crew and vehicle went off on a shout to help someone in need as they were still on call in case of emergency. The rope was attached and the gloves were donned ready to try to get a full vehicle complete with 400 gallons of water on board across the car park. There was already an added incentive thanks to a very generous donation of traffic cones stretching out across the course with money bags them, pass the cone, get the cash was the call, get them all and it's another £100 towards to total.

The slack was taken up and the effort applied and before you could blink the vehicle was on its way at an impressive speed making easy work of the distance between cones. At the far side, the brakes came on and 21 very happy cadet faces stood there a little out of breath but at the same time very happy in having completed the challenge watched by parents and patrons of the Anglia Motel, who probably no doubt did not expect to see a Fire Appliance being pulled by cadets as they stopped for a cuppa on the journey. So after the pull, with money already collected and with more to come in, along with generous donations on the day, the total looks set to exceed an impressive £850. This was far in excess of the staff's original hopes.

The squadron would like to thank Harold Payne proprietor of the Anglia Motel, Lincs Fire and Rescue and the crew of Charlie 53 Holbeach and all the generous friends, family and many others who donated towards the fund raising.

Anyone interested in joining the squadron, aged 13-18 can come along to the Church Street headquarters on a Wednesday or Friday night, 7-9pm or call 01406 422883 or call Flt Lt Mason on 07715 119136. If you are too old to be a cadet, then why not think about becoming a member of staff (subject to necessary clearance checks). Come and talk to us and help the squadron continue going from strength to strength.

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