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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Celebrities support Sandy Air Cadets**

Eastenders stars Jake Moon and Honey Mitchell supported the Air Cadets from 22 (Sandy) Squadron last weekend, in their marathon 3 day bag-pack event for the RAF Benevolent Fund, Princess Marina House, and Squadron Minibus Fund.

Joel Beckett who plays Jake Moon, and Emma Barton who plays Honey (Sue) Mitchell were one of the regular customers who popped into Budgen's store on Sunday. They were staying locally with Joel's family over the Christmas period.

It was quite a surprise for the Cadets, Cadet Casey Elsby stated "Oh my God look who it is, it's Jake and Honey from Eastenders". As the stars unloaded their trolley the Cadets gathered round to have a chat to "Jake", who wanted to know which Squadron they were from, and were surprised to find they were local. The female Cadets clambered to pack their bags, and following a photo shoot, they wished them a Happy Christmas before they left the store. The day continued with the Cadets looking for more celebrities to pounce upon. Commanding Officer Flt. Lt. Margaret Bell said "There are quite a few celebrities that live around the area, it was extremely nice of the Eastenders stars to give some time to talk to the Cadets at this time, particularly as they need some space from their celebrity status over Christmas, and they want to do their shopping like everyone else. I expect they got quite a surprise to find the Air Cadets there, and not the anonymity they wanted. All the Cadets have worked extremely hard over this 3 days and I would personally like to thank them and congratulate them on all their achievements over the past year".

Although the donations are still being counted, it is hoped the Squadron will raise a good sum for both causes. We thank the Town's people for its support over the past year, and wish everyone a very Happy New Year. The Cadets return to the Squadron on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

If you would like more information on how to join as a Cadet or a member of Staff or Civilian Committee please call 01234 307776, email [22Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org](mailto:22Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org) or log onto the website at [sandy-aircadets.org.uk](http://sandy-aircadets.org.uk) and follow the link.

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Photo 2 – Bag-pack 1

Photo 3 – Backpack 2



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