



# news release

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## **CAMBRIDGE AIR CADETS ACHIEVE THE DOUBLE**

Over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June, a team of Air Cadets from 104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron were crowned Wing Champions at the annual Adventure Training Weekend held at RAF Wyton.

The team of twelve cadets competed against teams from the other 28 Squadrons in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing in 15 activities ranging from Drill to First Aid, Teamwork and Leadership to specialist knowledge in a variety of subjects.

Earlier this year the Squadron was named best in the Wing, based on our performance during the previous 12 months so winning the Adventure Training Weekend Trophy really confirmed this to everyone.

The team was led by Cadet Warrant Officer Ross Catchpole (19) who, in his last year with the Air Cadets is preparing for a career in the Army and will shortly report to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst for the start of his Officer Training.

Training and selection of the team was carried out by Pilot Officer Helen Collis (who was commissioned at the end of May) and Civilian Instructor Ian Griffiths, both of whom were previously members of Squadron teams in the Wing competition.

In the Drill Competition, the 104 Squadron team finished in second place, just 6 points short of the winning score. Although disappointing, this was an improvement on previous years and this was helped hugely by the Squadron's newly qualified Drill Instructor Warrant Officer Guy Varley.

The awards were presented during the annual Review of Beds and Cambs Wing on Sunday by the Station Commander of RAF Wyton, Group Captain Bruce who, himself an ex-cadet, had nothing but praise for the 500+ cadets who were on parade.



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The presentations made to 104 Squadron were: The Cadet Forces Medal to Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack, Officer Commanding 104 Squadron, for 12 year's qualifying service; The Walker Trophy for the Best Squadron in the Wing; The Bower and Davies Shields for the Best Full Marching Band and Best Percussion Section and the Wing Adventure Training Shield for the Best Team in the Competition.

Following the presentations, Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt) Slack said "I am immensely proud of all of our achievements this year. To be named as the best Squadron back in March was a great honour but the Wing Adventure Training Trophy comes directly as a result of a lot of hard work and dedication from the Cadets themselves during a very long and tiring weekend.

"I would like to publicly congratulate everyone involved in the training and preparation of the team and especially the team members themselves!"

Anyone interested in joining as a Cadet (13-16) or as Adult Staff (20+) should contact 104 Squadron at our headquarters at 730 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8RS. Tel 01223 295324 or email [join@104atc.org](mailto:join@104atc.org).

Photographs:

**104 Sqn Team.jpg** – The complete 104 Squadron team with trophies at RAF Wyton on Sunday – Includes Staff, WATW Team, Drill Team, Band, Wing Banner Bearer and Escorts.

**Band Trophy.jpg** – Cadet Sergeant Zak Rush is presented with the Bower Shield by Group Captain (Gp Capt) Bruce.

**Walker Trophy.jpg** – 104 Squadron Commanding Officer Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt) Richard Slack is presented with the Walker Trophy by Group Captain (Gp Capt) Bruce.

**WATW Trophy.jpg** – Cadet Warrant Officer Ross Catchpole is presented with the WATW Trophy by Group Captain (Gp Capt) Bruce.

**WATW Team.jpg** – The victorious WATW team from left to right: Sergeant (Sgt) Will Stagg, Cadet (Cdt) James Good, Sgt James Boyle, Sgt Pepita Barlow, Flight Sergeant (FS) Daniel Cooper, Corporal (Cpl) Sadie Catchpole, Cpl Kimberley Norris, Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO) Ross Catchpole, Cdt Guy Hardwick, Cpl Lydia Galloway, Cpl Sam Treby, Cpl James Barton-Williams (All names checked for spelling).

**Drill Team.jpg** – The 104 Squadron Drill Team from left to right: Sgt Will Stagg, Sgt Zak Rush, Sgt Pepita Barlow, FS Daniel Cooper, FS Sophie Cracknell, Cpl Sadie Catchpole, CWO Ross Catchpole



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(kneeling), Warrant Officer Guy Varley (behind), Cpl Kimberley Norris, Cpl Emily Hunt, FS James Taylor, Cpl Lydia Galloway, Sgt James Boyle, Cpl James Barton-Williams (All names checked for spelling).