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PRESS RELEASE

▢ Air Cadets on an expedition

Air cadets from 511 Ramsey and 73 Huntingdon Squadrons spent three days walking in the Peak District as a practice expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Each cadet had to plan their expedition in great detail, preparing route cards, deciding what equipment to take and ensuring they had appropriate food, which would give them the energy they needed to complete the walk.

Depending on the level of award they were taking, the teenagers had to walk between 20 – 30 miles using their navigation skills to find their way through the hills and forests.

As a part of the expedition requirements the cadets had to carry with them all of their equipment, including tents, food, water and cooking equipment.

During their weekly meetings, the cadets had been practising map reading, tent pitching, radio communication and cooking skills.

511 (Ramsey) Squadron is based in Bury near Ramsey. The Cadets meet twice a week and take part in various activities during the weekends. They are currently recruiting both Staff over the age of 20 and young people age 13-18. For further details on how to join ring 01487 710776 on a Tuesday or Thursday evening between 7.15 - 9.30pm or email: 511Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org

by CI Suvi Tenkanen

Notes for editors

There are three levels of Duke of Edinburgh Award: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Activities include: Service, Skills, Physical Recreation, Expedition, Residential Project

It's proving popular, as over 225,000 young people in the UK are now doing the Award.



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Many employers regard the Award as an extra qualification. <http://www.theaward.org/>

Photos:

Boys from left: Rikki Parsons, 17, and Joseph Sawyer, 18 (511 Ramsey Squadron)

Girls from left: Tia Linton, 15, and Kerry Turner, 15 (511 Ramsey Squadron)

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