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## Hard work pays dividends

The culmination of a lot of hard work by the local Air Cadets has resulted in the presentation of a significant cheque to a worthy cause.

As previously reported, a number of Cadet's from 1003 (Leighton Buzzard) Squadron, Air Training Corps competed between 18 and 26 miles in the annual Spitfire Cadet March in Folkestone, Kent. Well now, they have seen the efforts pay off, in the form of an £800 cheque, presented to children's hospice, Keech Cottage.

Ms. Carol Young from the hospice near Luton, spoke to the Cadets, explaining the work the hospice undertook and the potential that the fundraising effort will have for the children in their care as well as their families.

"It is very satisfying to see the end result of what was a lot of hard work. Finding sponsors was hard enough, and then there were the hills! But it has been a very rewarding experience.", said Cadet Stephen Proctor (15).

Following on from the cheque presentation, led by Civilian Committee Chairman Mr. Peter Hopley, the Squadron took pride in enrolling eight new young people into the ranks.

Officer Commanding 1003 Squadron, Flying Officer Lauraine Buggs officiated the 'swearing in' of the new Cadet's who, in time honoured tradition, swore an oath of allegiance, before being handed their service log books.

Commenting on the evening, Flying Officer Buggs said; "It is always a proud moment to increase the size of the Squadron and we are very happy to have some more faces to add to our growing numbers. As for the presentation to Keech Cottage, this is just one example of what Cadets can achieve and I think all of them who helped raise this significant sum, should hold their heads high."

1003 Squadron are always happy to welcome new members. If you are between 13 and 17 years old, and are interested in Aviation, Adventure Training, Local/National/International Camps... we'd love to hear from you. Visit our Adastral Avenue HQ (off Stanbridge Road) on Monday's or Thursday's (1930-2130), call us on 01525 851 728 or check out [www.aircadets.org](http://www.aircadets.org) for more information. Hope to see you!

### NOTES TO EDITORS

- More information can be obtained by contacting CI Wickens on 07837 830 916 or the Squadron number above.
- For more details on Keech Cottage, visit [www.pasque.org.uk](http://www.pasque.org.uk)
- Photos by Adam Wickens.



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*Keech Cottage Cheque presentation: (from L-R) Mrs. Melissa Vickers, Ms. Carol Young (Keech Cottage), Cadet Stephen Proctor, Mrs. Mary Grimwood (Squadron Treasurer), Mr. Peter Hopley and the Staff and Cadets of 1003 Squadron.*



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*The new enrolled Cadets: (L-R) Niamh Cahill, Keliieann Mitchell, Lewis Mitchell, Jordan Ephgrave, Matthew Walker, James Batchelor and Macy Scarborough.*

