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## A busy time had by all

It's been a busy few weeks for the local Air Cadets, who have spent their time training for a major swimming competition, netball, football... The list goes on.

And yet in amongst all this physical activity, the Cadets of 1003 (Leighton Buzzard) Squadron Air Training Corps, found time to come together and help those in need - namely those who benefit from the RAF Association's (RAFA) 'Wings Appeal'.

A gorgeous warm Saturday in Leighton Town Centre meant that practically the whole population of the town was out in force - and a generous force it was too. Thanks to the kindness of Leighton Buzzard's shoppers, the Air Cadets were able to pass on over £300 to the RAFA, so that they can continue to support the welfare of those in its care.

Meanwhile, for five Cadets, another Saturday saw a stiff battle fought. Cambridge Swimming Baths was the battle ground as an inter-Wing competition came to a head, with a number of our neighbouring Squadron's in the Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing.

And the results: 1 Gold and 5 Silver medals in addition to coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Girls category.

"It was a tough competition and I'm really pleased with how it turned out.", said Cadet Shelly Gray (15), who scooped up the gold and two silvers.

Officer Commanding 1003 Squadron, Flying Officer Lauraine Buggs also commented; "It has been a very active time for all the Cadets over the past few weeks and they have pulled themselves through quite admirable. But even though the year is winding down, it's no time to relax. There are many more activities coming up and plenty more opportunities for them to shine."

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 (1930-2100), 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.
- Royal Air Force Association information available through [www.rafa.org.uk](http://www.rafa.org.uk).

