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### **It's The Big Won!**

Air Cadets from 134 (Bedford) Squadron representing the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing of the Air Training Corps have won the Central and East Regional Drill Competition.

The competition held at Royal Air Force Wittering, Cambridgeshire, on Sunday 7th September 2008, saw 6 teams from around the region competing against each other for the coveted 'Coleman Drill Shield'.

The competition was fierce and the cadets from 134 (Bedford) Squadron knew that they were up against the best of the best as the current Corps Drill champions, 220 (St Albans) Squadron, representing the Hertfordshire & Buckinghamshire Wing were looking to win the competition for the third year in a row.

Flight Sergeant Sean Denham, 17 yrs, led the Bedford team onto the parade square and under his command they performed a well polished drill sequence under the watchful eye of Warrant Officer Steve Poulton, the Station Warrant Officer at RAF Wittering.

The drill sequence includes 52 individual drill movements together with a detailed head to toe uniform inspection. For five of the Squadron team this was their very first Regional Competition, for others it was their 5th consecutive appearance. However their nerve, skill and precision showed through and they proved exactly what a well led team can achieve.

The Coleman Shield was presented to FS Denham by Group Captain Brett Morrell RAFR, the Regional Commandant of the Central and East Region. The Squadron now becomes the Regional Drill Team and will go forward to the Corps competition being held at RAF Halton on Saturday 15th November 2008.

The Coleman Shield was last won by the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing eight years ago and this success is the very first time 134 (Bedford) Squadron has ever won the Regional Drill Competition in its 69 year history.

Warrant Officer Paul Taylor said, "Every member of the team should be immensely proud of what they have achieved. Beating the current Corps champions is no mean feat and justifies the many hours of their own time that they have given up to practice for the competition. I am delighted and so very proud of each and every one of them."

Bedford Squadron is currently recruiting new cadets and staff members, if you are interested please contact [www.134.org.uk](http://www.134.org.uk) and get in touch with us.

