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## PRESS RELEASE

### GOLD SUCCESS

James Hankins, a former Cadet Warrant Officer at 1220 (March) Squadron Air Cadets, recently travelled to St. James Palace to receive his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Certificate. During the ceremony the Duke of Edinburgh took the time to chat with the award recipients and then certificates were presented by BBC Breakfast Television Presenter Kate Silverton.

At Gold level there are 5 parts to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award which takes over 18 months to complete. James volunteered at Air Cadets by helping to teach junior cadets parts of the Air Cadet Syllabus. He developed his skill through Weapons handling and worked out at a Gym for his Physical Recreation. For his residential he spent a week at the Catterick Training Area in North Yorkshire where he helped with the general running of a camp for over 200 Air Cadets.

The most memorable part of his Gold Award was completing his 4 day expedition in North Wales. Another member of the Expedition team was Ben Pegram, also a former Cadet Warrant Officer from 1220, who received his award in October last year.

For further information on 1220 log onto the website at [www.1220atc.org.uk](http://www.1220atc.org.uk) .

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Attachments:

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