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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **STRIKE UP THE BAND**

Air Cadets from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron have received a massive fundraising boost thanks to The John Lewis Cambridgeshire Music Awards. The Awards were established in 2008 to enable young Cambridgeshire-based musicians under the age of 21 to apply for a financial grant which would enable them to access a musical experience which financial constraints currently precludes.

As the Squadron has recently formed a marching band, aided by Civilian Instructor Kirsty McArthur, an application was submitted to help purchase more musical instruments and all were pleased to hear that an award of £2000 had been granted. The award was presented to the Cadets in the John Lewis store in Cambridge's Grand Arcade during an evening ceremony in April.

Cadet Sergeant Katie McArthur said "It was such a privilege to receive this award, the money will help develop the Squadron band and more importantly the young people involved, some of whom would possibly have never got an opportunity like this away from the Air Cadets. The instruments will allow young people to gain qualifications in music, teamwork skills and develop confidence whilst at the same time bringing music to the community"

Spokeswoman for John Lewis Eileen Hughes said "We are delighted to support the band at 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron and we look forward to hearing of their ongoing success"

Our thanks go to John Lewis and Cambridgeshire music for this kind gesture.

2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron is open to young men and women aged between 13 and 17 years old. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 18:45 and 21:45 at Bassingbourn Barracks. For more information please contact 01763 249156.

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MCO 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron

**Notes to editor**

**Photo:** Cadet Sergeant Katie McArthur and Civilian Instructor Kirsty McArthur receive the award from a representative from John Lewis.

