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PRESS RELEASE

Cadets Celebrate Success

Parents, cadets and staff recently celebrated another successful year at the annual awards evening of the Huntingdon Air Cadets.

Over 50 people gathered at RAF Brampton for the event, which showcased the achievements of the Brampton-based 73 (Huntingdon) Squadron Air Training Corps. Following a short introduction, awards were presented to cadets for excellence in a range of different categories including adventure training, aviation and sports. A number of special awards were also made, including the Challenge Trophy, presented to two cadets for their role in dealing with a road traffic accident using first aid skills learned with the squadron.

Following the awards outgoing commander, Flight Lieutenant Heather Pateman, showed a video she had made of her three years in charge of the squadron. She said afterwards, "I am very proud of all the cadets. They are truly an inspiration to many, myself included, and I am honoured to have worked with them all."

19 year old Cadet Flight Sergeant Ryan Sheehan, who soon leaves the squadron to undertake commercial pilot training, said, "I have had a great time with the Air Cadets, and it has helped me achieve my goal of becoming a pilot." He was presented with a miniature RAF Officer's Sword as a thank you for his service.

Even after such a successful year, the cadets will not be resting on their laurels. They have a busy time ahead when they restart training early in the New Year, and hope to surpass this year's excellent results with even better ones!

Notes for the editor

The Air Training Corps is a voluntary youth organisation parented by the Royal Air Force.

Cadets can join from 13 years old up until their 20th birthday.

Adult staff are always required and welcome. There is no requirement to join the RAF and all staff are volunteers.

73 (Huntingdon) Sqn is based at RAF Brampton.

Interested cadets or staff can contact using adjutant@73huntingdonsqnac.org.uk