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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EXERCISE MOUNTAIN GOAT**

Young Air Cadets from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron have spent the weekend brushing up on their fieldcraft skills on the training area adjacent to their headquarters on ATR Bassingbourn. The exercise, codenamed exercise mountain goat, was the brainchild of the Squadron JNCOs who have planned the exercise from start to finish under the guidance of service instructor SAC Scott Allen.

During the weekend cadets have used skills such as shelter building, cooking in the field, camouflage and concealment and movement in the field. All of this was put into practice with cadets living and surviving outside, eating military rations and sleeping under bashas. The word basha is a Malaysian word meaning shelter and is constructed using a waterproof plastic sheet held up with string and bungee chord. The weekend also gave Cadets the opportunity to test their first aid with some practical exercises complete with fake blood.

The weekend was delivered by Squadron staff including SAC Natalie Tranter, a service instructor from RAF Henlow who said *"The weekend was very enjoyable and the cadets all had a great time. This is one of my first activities with the Squadron I look forward to the next"*

Cadet Katherine Hanley added *"I enjoyed the weekend very much and learnt a lot of new things that would help me with the rest of my cadet career"*.

**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 or visit our website [www.2484aircadets.co.uk](http://www.2484aircadets.co.uk)**

Civilian Instructor Gemma Cox  
MCO 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron

### **Notes to editor**

[DSC00619.JPG](#) – SAC Scott Allen from RAF Chicksands gives a cooking in the field lesson to the cadets

[DSC00626.JPG](#) – Cadet Corporal Matthew Sibley practices his camouflage and concealment training

