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Welcome to the August 2025 edition of the National VPC newsletter. This action-packed summer edition highlights the activities & achievements of VPC Units, Cadets, and Leaders across the VPC in supporting Police Forces & Communities whilst developing young people

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Northamptonshire Cadets fundraise for fellow Cadet

Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadet, Cdt. Shannon, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

The Cadet Youth Council came together to help with fundraising for her treatment overseas.

Since their last meeting, the Cadet Youth Council have been organising with their units, and as a team, fundraising for their EMAS and Wellingborough units.

Cdt. Shannon, due to her health issues has a go fund me account to help and assist with treatment for her serious health diagnosis.

Cadets organised a cake sale at Darby House in Wellingborough opening a stall within the building to raise funds needed to help their friend and fellow cadet.

The cadets can be very proud of their efforts to co-ordinate and complete this as a team.

They raised over £300 which was donated to Shannon's go fund me account, along with this the cadets raised another £148.40 for the Police and Fire family.

All those at Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadets are very proud of all our cadets and other units are also taking part in bake sales to add to the fundraising.


Everyone is thinking of Shannon at this time and to see the units pull together to help a fellow cadet is fantastic.

Well done to Cdt. Scrimshaw, Cdt. Haynes, Cdt. Aengenheister, Cdt. Bennett and Cdt. Kennedy (all pictured below) for spending their time at Darby House and creating a great bake sale!

Help Shannon Beat Cancer – Again

This is Shannon.

She is only 16 years old and is now fighting cancer for the second time!



In 2017, Shannon was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma — a rare and aggressive soft tissue cancer. Her tumour grew behind her right eye and was visible early on. She went through months of chemotherapy and travelled to Florida for Proton Beam Therapy. It was a challenging time, especially being separated from most of her family, but Shannon pulled through with incredible courage. For years, it looked like the cancer was gone.

Then her health began to decline again. After over a year of uncertainty, Shannon was diagnosed with Crohn's disease — a chronic condition that has never been fully under control. Her "good" days are rare, and even those come with limits.

This year, Shannon began experiencing eye issues again. After months of tests, the heartbreaking news came: the cancer is back — another tumour, this time in a different part of the same eye socket.

She has already started chemotherapy, but the side effects are severe. Her nausea is so intense that she often cannot eat for days, likely worsened by her Crohn's.

The next step in treatment is drastic. Because the tumour has returned to the same area, standard therapy now means **removing the eye and all surrounding soft tissue** to prevent the cancer from coming back. Following that, the NHS approach involves a **second operation** to deliver **brachytherapy** — a treatment where radioactive rods are placed near the tumour site to kill any remaining cancer cells. This two-stage plan is effective but physically and emotionally exhausting.

There is another way — one we believe gives Shannon the best chance at a full recovery with less trauma.

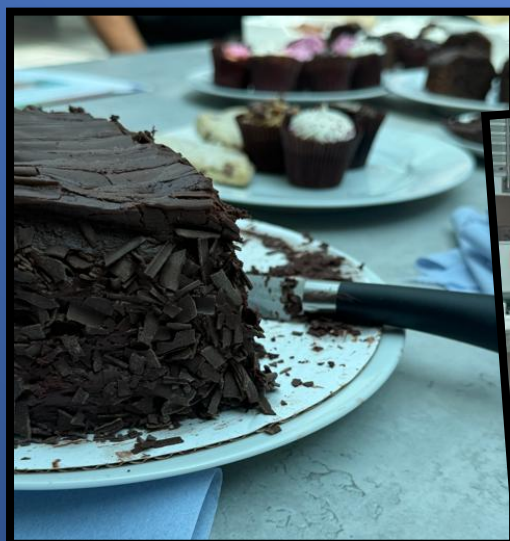
It is called the **Amore Protocol**. This treatment combines the surgery and brachytherapy into a single procedure over just three weeks. It is done in Amsterdam and is known for being highly curative with fewer complications and less recovery time. However, the NHS does not routinely fund it. While we are waiting to hear if it could be covered in Shannon's case, time is not on our side. A delay could put her outcome at risk.

If the NHS cannot fund it, we will need to raise the money ourselves — quickly. That includes the cost of treatment and living expenses for three weeks in Amsterdam.

They are not the kind of family to ask for help lightly but Shannon has already been through more than most adults face in a lifetime. She deserves the best chance we can give her — a chance to heal, to grow up, to live fully.

Please, if you can, help us get Shannon to Amsterdam. Every donation, share, or message of support helps.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

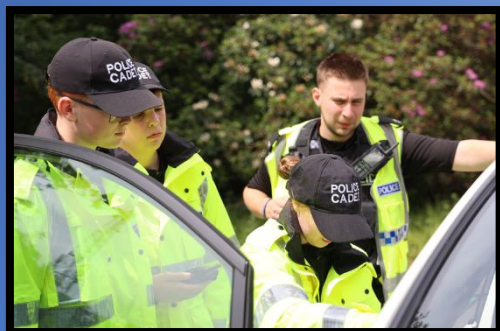


Major Incident in Nottingham

Nottingham Volunteer Police Cadets recently held a Police Cadet Major Incident Day, held at Force Headquarters.

The Cadets started their day with a training session, where they learnt about Major Incidents and the process followed, such as Methane.

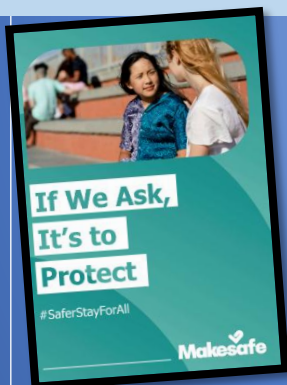
In the afternoon, the Cadets got stuck into their roles of Police Officers, where they dealt with a Major Incident, where multiple cars collided at a busy intersection in a City Centre. One of the cars veered off the roads and hit a powerline, which caused a widespread blackout. Multiple people were injured, and traffic built up quickly.



The Cadets were tasked with checking if the area was safe for them to begin to work, triaging the injured and administering first aid.



Humberside Cadets at the centre of Op Makesafe



As part of a Neighbourhood Police Week of action and the nationwide [#LookCloser](#) campaign, **Humberside Police Volunteer Police Cadets** were at the centre of an operation, to help highlight the importance of spotting the signs of both Child Criminal Exploitation alongside Child Sexual Exploitation in the Hospitality sector.

This work was completed under Operation MakeSafe, with cadets from all over the Humberside Area joining forces with Neighbourhood Police Officers, Special Constables and Cadet Leaders to visit over 60 venues in their local communities with the aim to create a safer environment for everyone. The teams conducted test purchases where they visited venues posing as customers to

assess whether staff can recognise and appropriately respond to signs that a young person may be experiencing exploitation.

This joined up approach to tackling child exploitation, working directly with venues to improve their knowledge around the exploitation of young people has been recognised as good practice nationally, and has been adopted by the [Hydrant Programme](#) to support other police forces in protecting the most vulnerable in their communities.

Detective Sergeant Jen Rayworth said *"The work completed during this operation could not have been achieved without the time enthusiastically given by our Police Cadets and Police Volunteers. By highlighting the signs of exploitation we can educate local organisations in a safe environment before an incident occurs, which will lead to better care for at risk young people in our area. This operation is one of many planned across several business sectors. Together we can work to spot child exploitation early and intervene before further offences take place."*

Force Cadet Lead Katie Hardy stated *"Having the Volunteer Police Cadets involved in operations like this helps them to understand the wider work we do in our communities and gives young people the opportunity to play an active role in making Humberside a safer place."*

Windsor & Maidenhead retain title

In June **Thames Valley VPC** held their Cadet Championships at Sulhamstead Training Centre.

Five units attended: Oxford, High Wycombe, Windsor & Maidenhead, Bracknell & Wokingham and West Berkshire.

On a rather hot day they were put through their paces with activities, which were:

- Observation
- First Aid
- Scavenger Hunt
- Radio Comms (throughout the day with Chief Officer Jason Morley-Smith as Control Centre),
- Drill & Uniform Inspection and Team Build.

Windsor & Maidenhead retained the Cadet Championship Shield for a 2nd year running and all the cadets, leaders and volunteers for the day were awarded a Cadet Championship medal from T/ACC Darren O'Callaghan.



T/ACC O'Callaghan kindly attended during his busy schedule and talked with the cadets and their leaders. The cadets enjoyed listening and learning how he reached his rank and what is involved within his role.



Gwent Cadets attend Court



In July, some Cadets from **Gwent VPC, Newport Unit** went to have a tour of Newport Crown Court. They were accompanied by PCSO's Aidan and Lucy, from Bettws Police Station and part of the Newport West Neighbourhood Policing Team.

They were met by staff from the Witness Service who welcomed them into the building and into the Witness side of the Court.

After an initial introduction to who they are and what they do, the group split into 2 groups in order to show them an actual court room and also the Video Link Room.

Explanations about the layout of the court, who sits in which seat and performs which role, and also a

stand in the Witness Box, which was a worthwhile experience for our Cadets to see the end result of where some of the most serious cases are finalised.

The Cadets also learned how the Witness Service utilise their own Volunteers and could be an avenue that some of our Cadets may wish to explore when they age out of our Cadets.

West Mercia hold awards ceremony

West Mercia VPC recently held their awards ceremony, Awards were presented by the High Sheriff of Worcestershire Ian Smith who is a huge supporter of their cohort, arranging several events and inspirational speakers for them.



Cadets Cadet of the Year – **Cdt. Amy**



Leaders Award **Cdt. Charlie**



Leaders Award – **Cdt. Luke**



Cadet of the Year – **Cdt. Kelsey**

City of London host 200 Cadets for public order weekend

The City of London VPC recently hosted a public order weekend at Gravesend, Kent for over 200 cadets. The cadets came from the VPC scheme in, [City of London Police](#), [Cleveland Police](#), [Essex Police](#), [Hampshire Constabulary](#), [Hertfordshire Constabulary](#), [Metropolitan Police Service](#), [Sussex Police](#) and [Thames Valley Police](#).

The cadets were given an insight into the world of public order, learning new skills through training, live demonstrations and activities led by our Cadet Leaders PCs Liam Masterson, Rosie Finnis, Phil Shuttleworth, Joshua Ndubuisi and PC Bonnie Day and SC Max Katernerich.



The first day consisted of two-hours of training and development sessions on level 2 public order, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN), dealing with violent persons and first-aid.

After camping overnight at a local Scout site, on the second day cadets put their training to the test engaging in scenario-based activities.

Cadets tested their new public order skills through live demonstrations and undertaking varying roles such as police officer, public order commander, protestor and rioter.

PC Liam Masterson (City of London), who arranged and organised the event, said: *"The weekend saw 200 cadets offered a taste of the real-life situations that public order officers face but in a safe environment, watched over by 50 staff members and 30 volunteers from Sussex Scouts and Explorers".*

"The weekend came about as our cadets enjoy doing public order activities at our sessions. We put on a small public order event last year and they have been asking for a bigger one ever since.

"Police cadets do not get as many national or regional events as Army cadets do, so over the past two years I have tried to change that. I felt we could improve the experiences for our cadets, and those from other forces, who would otherwise not get the opportunity to come together to learn new skills. This is the first event of this scale, and I hope we are able to do the same again next year.

"Thank you to our Cadet Leaders for their support and dedication to bringing this weekend to life. Their perseverance, in the heat, and work with cadet leaders from across the country to ensure a safe, engaging and fun weekend for our cadets is much appreciated. An additional thank you to PC Bush and the Tactical Firearms Group for providing CBRN masks to our cadets."

It's been busy in Merseyside



Merseyside Volunteer Police cadets and specials (former cadets) assisting at the Race for life in Haydock with marshalling and the cadets presenting medals to the runners on completion of their race. This included Cdt. Alyssa, a current police cadet who was running in the race.

Cadets and Leaders wished ex-cadet Lauren good luck as she started as a Police Officer back in July. Lauren was a volunteer police cadet in their 2023/24 cohort, then a Special Constable for 15 months. Lauren attended a cadet session and was given a sendoff by the cadets



Police cadets attended and assisted at a She Inspires Football event in Sefton, Merseyside and got to see the ARV demonstration.

Merseyside Police cadets have 3 new High Sheriff Cadets for the High Sheriffs year in role. They will escort him to events and represent the Force



Cadets in Durham recognised for their achievements

In July **Durham VPC** held their annual awards night.

Attended by the Durham Police & Crime Commissioner, Mrs Joy Allen, and Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Mr Graham Hall, alongside Senior Police Officers representation from the National VPC Safeguarding and Standards Hub, and in front of Cadets' family and friends, welcome certificates were presented to new cadets and awards were presented to Cadets which included -

- Fitness Awards
- Volunteering Hours
- Highest Attendance
- Cadet Commendations
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- The Norma Cowen Award



Kent Cadets Rise up and Remember



"Next time something feels impossible, I'll remember to smile". Cadet Aniela Twardy, (pictured left) who used a smile to rise above the clouds and aims to empower others to do the same.

This summer, 40 cadets and 20 volunteer leaders from **Kent VPC** took part in two unforgettable residential trips: One to the rugged peaks of Snowdonia, and the other to the historic beaches of Normandy.

These trips are part of Kent Police's commitment to supporting young people from all backgrounds, including those at risk of engaging in crime, through the Volunteer Police Cadet programme. The programme recently won the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award for volunteering groups, for its work in empowering and inspiring young people.

In Snowdonia, cadets and staff stayed for four nights in a country house nestled in the foothills of Snowdon. Activities included canoeing, rock climbing, a day at Zip World, and – the highlight – climbing Snowdon itself to witness a rare cloud inversion from the summit. Cadet Aniela Twardy from the Gravesend unit reflected on the climb:

"I didn't think I'd make it up Snowdon. It felt like the biggest challenge since I was really ill two years ago, and I was so scared I wouldn't make it. One of the leaders told me to try faking a smile and weirdly, it helped.

I felt less anxious, more confident, and before I knew it, I was leading my group up the mountain with a real smile. Eventually, we climbed out of the cold clouds into warm sunlight, and we reached the top together. It was amazing. I'll never forget that feeling, and next time something feels impossible, I'll remember to smile."



In Normandy, the mission was to remember and honour the fallen, and to learn from their stories of courage, service, and sacrifice. Cadets stayed for four nights in a youth hostel near Juno Beach, spending their time exploring picturesque villages, museums, war cemeteries, and all five of the D-Day beaches. Evenings were filled with volleyball, football, frisbee and lots of laughter, against the backdrop of spectacular sunsets over the ocean.

On the final day, the cadets donned their uniforms and marched to the British Normandy Memorial to lay a wreath. Several passing cars and pedestrians stopped to watch in silence as the cadets marched together in tribute, with many moved to tears.

Cadet Leader Donna Shorter had this to say: ***"I can honestly say this was one of the most emotional experiences I've had. Seeing the cadets march out at the British Memorial and paying their respects will be a highlight I will hold dear. I am so grateful to have been able to be part of such a wonderful trip, and the cadets were an absolute credit to Kent Police."***



Not to be outdone Junior cadets from **Dover and Maidstone** in Kent, came together for their first combined external trip, spending an exciting day at Bewl Water.

The focus of the outing was on teamwork, confidence building, and creating connections between cadets from different units.



Throughout the day, cadets participated in a variety of water-based activities such as canoeing and paddle boarding which was perfect for a hot summers' day. While some faced initial fears about being in the water, they showed incredible resilience and courage, overcoming their anxieties with the support of their peers and leaders.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter, encouragement, and fun, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved. This successful collaboration marks a significant step in fostering unity and personal growth among the junior cadets.

Sussex Cadets gain First Aid qualification



In August Cadets from **Sussex VPC** attended force HQ to complete a first aid training session with our training team.

They all worked really hard and have been given a College of Policing Mod 1 FALP qualification as a result

There were some very creative scenarios which really tested their knowledge.



Leaders in Wales exchange good practice & network

In July, Cadet and Police Youth Volunteer leaders from across the four Welsh forces came together at Bridgend Headquarters in South Wales enabling them to exchange good practice and network.

Assistant Chief Constable Maal, the Designated Responsible Officer for the SWP Youth Volunteer scheme, opened the event stating its focus on providing leaders with a clear understanding of their role and the importance of meeting the National VPC Safe to Operate Standards, in particular its safeguarding measures and practices.

She thanked the positive work Leaders do with young people by delivering preventative, positive community engagement, increasing trust and confidence as well as influencing and inspiring the next generation.



Leaders received presentations from Helen Nellany, National VPC Safeguarding & Standards Manager, and Ve Van de Voorde, Safe to Operate Standards Coordinator for Wales, providing leaders with a better understanding of the Safe to Operate Standards framework and an overview of the scheme in Wales.

The leaders were given the opportunity to share knowledge, experience and good practice throughout the day.

Youth sector partners played a vital role on the day such as Brook providing a stimulating session on exploring masculinity and tackling misogyny as well as a Children's rights session and youth voice workshop by the Children's Commissioner for Wales office.



Overall feedback from the event was very positive with the majority indicating they now feel more confident in running the VPC/PYV scheme because of the CPD day. They found it very beneficial to meet other leaders from across Wales and learn about each other's practices



Hertfordshire VPC go Stateside

Since 2022, a unique international bond has been forged between **Herts Police Volunteer Police Cadets** here in the UK and Montgomery County Police Department Police Explorers, in Maryland USA.

Policing colleagues and adult leaders, on both sides of "The Pond", have worked tirelessly to give their young people incredible life-changing opportunities to meet up, share experiences and learn all about who they are and what they do. In 2024 the Montgomery County Police Explorers came to the UK and were well looked after by the Herts VPC team. In 2025, East Hertfordshire VPC were invited to Washington DC in the USA - this is what happened, In there own words.

Herts Cadet Leaders Grace, Katie & Rob –

Our East Herts Volunteer Police Cadets — including cadets from Hertford and Ware Cadet Group and Bishop's Stortford Cadet Group — were warmly welcomed back by the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) in Maryland, USA. Following our hosting of the MCPD Police Explorers in 2024, it was now our cadets' turn to travel across the Atlantic!"

Six cadets were selected for the exchange after completing a competitive selection process. This involved several stages, including fundraising to cover travel, accommodation, and associated costs, as well as delivering presentations on their fundraising efforts.

The cadets had an incredible experience and took away valuable lessons from the trip. They spent a day at the MCPD Training Academy, where they received insights from officers of various ranks, learned about the different police departments and how they work together, and picked up life skills that will benefit them in the future. Highlights included experiencing a simulated pursuit on the driving track, trying on a range of police equipment, exploring the specialist vehicles used by different units and a demonstration from the dog section.



The cadets were also encouraged to step outside their comfort zones — giving presentations to senior officers and reading aloud from personal journals they had been asked to keep during the trip.

In addition to their police-focused activities, the group enjoyed a range of cultural and recreational experiences, including visiting the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, sightseeing in Washington D.C., shopping in a traditional American mall, and a fun-filled day at Hershey Park.

Throughout the week, the East Herts Cadets were joined by members of the MCPD Police Explorers. Together, they shared experiences, built confidence, and forged friendships that are sure to last a lifetime."

When asked to describe how the trip had helped them grow, in one word, the cadets chose powerful terms such as **confidence**, **leadership**, and **happiness** — a testament to the lasting impact of their journey



This trip was the result of months of planning, and had the full support from Hertfordshire Police Chief Constable Andy Prophet, who gave the cadets a special letter of thanks to pass to his opposite number in the US)

What a life-changing experience this will have been. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this annual event happen, the encouragement, partnership working by so many people giving up their own time to make this the success it has become — from Cadets, VPC Leaders, policing colleagues, volunteers, partners and supporters.

Dyfed-Powys Volunteer Police Cadet of the Year 2025.



The courageous actions of **Volunteer Police Cadet Tyler, Newtown VPC Unit** led to the arrest of a prolific offender and saw him being named as Dyfed-Powys Volunteer Police Cadet of the Year 2025.

In October 2024, an active police search for an individual that had reportedly stolen a television and was in possession of a blade was in progress. In their search for the offender, officers spoke with people in the area to see if they had seen them.

Recalling the day, Tyler shared that after being unable to help the police in their search he proceeded on his way to work. ***"As I arrived at the building, I happened to look at the CCTV monitor."***

In an unexpected turn of events, that quick decision to glance at the monitor led to him catching a "glimpse of the offender". Remembering the officer's description, Tyler, just 15, decided to call the police.

Remaining calm and observant, he provided a running commentary to the call handler, who ensured Tyler remained safe, until he met officers.

"Even though I knew that the police would be arriving shortly after they had received the phone call, my thoughts were with someone in the community getting hurt and not worrying about myself."

Tyler, a cadet for only a year at the time said, ***"having had the different units come give inputs in our cadet sessions helped me. It gave me an understanding of how I could support the police and what was important to observe and relay. Learning the phonetic alphabet was really helpful when I was on the phone to the call handler."***

Undoubtedly, Tyler's actions that day led to a significant arrest, putting the safety of others before himself. Showing bravery, immense maturity, and professionalism, Tyler was recently awarded Police Cadet of the Year.

Cadet Leader PCSO Melanie Ross said: ***"Tyler is always extremely willing to go above and beyond for Volunteer Police Cadets and Dyfed Powys Police. He always goes above and beyond in his role as a Police Cadet and is an outstanding ambassador for policing in our communities."***

Also finalists for **'Volunteer of the Year'** were Leaders from both Ammanford and Carmarthen. Ammanford Unit Leaders were nominated for making a positive impact within their communities. They have demonstrated positivity, commitment and supported force initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour and drugs.



Carmarthen Unit Leaders were recognised for their dedication shown to their Unit which has gone from strength to strength since it opened in 2021.



Northumbria Cadets provide innovation

Volunteer Police Cadets in **Sunderland** have once again shown the power of youth-led innovation.

While learning about the work of our response policing teams, the cadets identified a gap in support for children brought to police stations when under police protection.

Recognising how daunting and confusing this experience can be for young people, they proposed a thoughtful solution to help bridge that gap.

The cadets helped to develop a new initiative aimed at helping to provide comfort and reassurance to children in police care and came up with the idea of boxes filled with child-friendly resources including books, colouring, toys and dolls of all shapes and sizes, plus some mini police cars that could be used as a distraction.

The boxes have been created with donations from the cadets themselves, and the plan is to continue to add to the boxes, year-on-year.

The cadets presented the first box to the duty team at Washington yesterday and will be delivering boxes to Southwick and Houghton stations soon to ensure all stations have one. This is community policing at its best — young people making a real difference in their community!



Northumbria's amazing **Percy Hedley College Police Cadets** have been making a real difference through an inspiring social action project, in partnership with The Key and a local community toddler group.



After spending time with the toddler group and conducting thoughtful research, the cadets identified a need for safe play mats and new toys were needed to support the children's development. With a £250 grant from The Key, they carefully researched the best quality play mats within budget.

But they didn't stop there! The cadets launched a toy donation drive, spreading the word through social media and leafleting both in college and the wider community. They collected, quality-checked, and cleaned all donated toys to ensure they were safe and ready for play.

The cadets proudly presented the new play mats and toys to the toddler group — the result of weeks of hard work and dedication.

Through this project, the cadets have gained invaluable skills in: leadership, research, problem-solving, teamwork and communication.

Huge congratulations to the Cadets for their commitment to making a positive impact in their community and to the Cadet Leaders who have supported this project.



Met Cadet annual competition

300 Metropolitan Police Volunteer Police Cadets

descended upon Gravesend Specialist Training Centre in July to take part in their annual Volunteer Police Cadet



This year the competition was adapted to a new 1 day format meant early starts for all but everyone turned up raring to go.

The Competition is made up of 6 different Policing Scenarios where a Team of 12 Cadets from each London Borough VPC unit deal with the incident and are awarded points for their policing knowledge, teamwork, communication skills and observation skills, this year all carried out in the baking heat on the hottest day of the year.

Well done to the 25 Boroughs that took part and represented their Borough Command Unit with pride. The day ended with a short presentation of the trophies for each scenario and then the overall winner.

Results from the day –

- **Search Scenario** – 1st Bromley VPC / 2nd Richmond VPC / 3rd Islington VPC
- **CBRN Scenario** – 1st Bromley VPC / Joint 2nd Bexley & Croydon VPC / 3rd Greenwich VPC
- **Traffic Scenario** – 1st Bexley VPC / 2nd Croydon VPC / Joint 3rd Lewisham & Greenwich VPC
- **Shield Run** - 1st Lewisham VPC / 2nd Tower Hamlets VPC / Joint 3rd Bexley & Bromley VPC
- **Drill and Inspection** - 1st Bexley VPC / 2nd Lewisham VPC / 3rd Croydon VPC
- **Training Village** - 1st Lewisham VPC / 2nd Croydon VPC / 3rd Bromley VPC

The overall results of the day meant that –

1ST – BEXLEY VPC
2ND – BROMLEY VPC
3RD – CROYDON VPC

Congratulations to everyone for taking part. Our thanks go to all the staff that have helped train the cadets over countless hours and our Scenario Leads and role players who persevered in the heat to deliver a superb day of competition.

Suffolk VPC Summer Camp 2025

Over a weekend in July, 60 **Suffolk Cadets** and a number of leaders attended Suffolk Police HQ for the now bi-annual Summer Camp. This is a chance for all the units in Suffolk to gather together and take part in a mixture of activities, followed by a night of camping. The aim was to challenge their teamwork, observational and thinking skills, along with their knowledge of policing and first aid.

On the Saturday, the cadets and leaders gathered at Police HQ, and after being allocated into mixed teams (units and genders), the cadets were sent off to start the activities, which included – a CBRN Challenge / PSU Challenge / Sports Challenge / Traffic Challenge / Arrest & Search / Assault Course / Radio Challenge and a Quiz



All cadets took something from the day. This could have been as simple as working with someone they had never met before, right up to challenging themselves with figuring out how to make an arrest and handcuff a suspect or solving a challenge by thinking outside the box.

At the end of the day, one of the teams was declared the outright winner and they, along with the second and third placed teams, were awarded certificates and a photo opportunity with the Deputy Chief Constable, Rob Jones, who is a big advocate of the cadet scheme having been until very recently, the National Chief Officer lead for the Volunteer Police Cadets.



Lincolnshire Cadets carry out community engagements

Spalding cadets (right) have been busy supporting the neighbourhood policing team with local events and sharing their work with other organisations.

Bourne cadets (below) have been litter picking and tidying up their local areas.



Skegness cadets (below left) supported the neighbourhood policing team at a local Star Wars Day.

Lincoln cadets (below right) supported leaflet and newsletter drops locally to help keep residents informed about their community.



Boston cadets kindly spent some time tidying and cleaning a local building so it could be re-opened as a youth café. They also supported the local civic society to judge a local building awards.





Do you have a story that can be shared with everyone?
Has your Cadet unit done something to shout about?
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