



Promoting a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people

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Encouraging the spirit of adventure and good citizenship

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Supporting local policing priorities through volunteering and giving young people a chance to be heard

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Inspiring young people to participate positively in their communities.

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of the National VPC Newsletter. This action-packed 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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Cadets come together for VE/VJ anniversary concert.

2025 marks the 80th anniversaries of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) on 8 May and VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) on 15th August.

In May an 80th anniversary concert to celebrate both events, held in Horse Guards Parade, London and VPC units from across the UK were invited to apply for free tickets for the event as part of a larger uniformed youth group allocation.

370 Volunteer Police Cadets, Leaders & families from VPC units from the **Metropolitan Police, Thames Valley, Dorset, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Surrey, Kent, Herts, Suffolk and West Mercia** took up the opportunity and made their way to London.

The VPC contingent were sat next to the Royal Box with great views of His Majesty the King and the royal family.



The concert was attended by 10,000 people including World War 2 veterans (one aged 107!) and there were performances by Samantha Barks (Frozen, Les Misérables, Oliver!), Fleur East, Freya Ridings, The Darkness, Toploader, Tom Walker, professional dancers from Strictly Come Dancing and actors such as Brian Cox, who reenacted Winston Churchill's iconic wartime speech plus Kevin Eldon, Iain Glen, Nigel Havers, Sir Derek Jacobi, Larry Lamb, Alex Macqueen and Daniel Mays who performed a revival of Dad's Army.



It was a wonderful event, emotional too, with real life stories from those who lived through it.

A Brilliant atmosphere from standing in the queue, to being inside and Cadets were in full voice singing "Sweet Caroline" and waving their union jack flags.



It was a fantastic show and a great experience for Cadets and their Leaders.

The concert is available on the BBC iPlayer [HERE](#)

Supporting Communities

Over the Easter half term, Cadets from **Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadets Towcester Unit**, were out in the south of the county, supporting Community Speed Watch efforts.

Speeding remains a top local priority, and thanks to the dedication of the Cadets, a significant number of speeding drivers were reported.

They also reported drivers committing other offences — including using mobile phones behind the wheel.



Pictured above are the knives and bladed articles that were sold to a PYV.

In **South Wales, Pontypridd's Police Youth Volunteer (PYV)** hub assisted a neighbouring sector allocating a Police Youth Volunteer to a proactive day of action involving test purchase operations. This is South Wales Police's newest Police Youth Volunteer hub.

The operation was set up in conjunction with the Mid Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership, Rhondda Neighbourhood Policing team and the Pontypridd Police Youth Volunteer hub. PYV's and plain clothed officers conducted 21 test purchases in one day throughout the Rhondda area which resulting in 6 venues making positive sales of knives or bladed articles and one venue for making a positive sale for Alcohol which has been followed up by the areas licensing officer.

Witney Police Cadets in Thames Valley proudly took part in a local 999 Emergency Services Event, engaging with members of the public and providing valuable crime prevention advice. The cadets played a key role in representing Thames Valley Police, showcasing their commitment, professionalism, and the important role young volunteers play in community policing.

A highlight of the day was the attendance of Thames Valley Police's Mounted Section, featuring Police Horses Luna and Odin. For many of the cadets, it was their first opportunity to see the mounted unit in action, offering a memorable and inspiring experience.



This was the first event of its kind hosted by the Witney Neighbourhood Team, and it received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees. Plans are already underway to expand the event next year, with the cadets expected to play an even greater role.

Cadets help tackle youth related ASB

At the start of 2024 **Blackpool and Fylde Police Cadets** were approached by a Neighbourhood PCSO to help with a recurring issue of a group of 10–11-year-olds who were on the cusp of criminality, causing Anti-Social Behaviour, being excluded from school and refusing to engage with authorities.

Using skills they already had, and drawing on the strengths of what they had learned as cadets they spent two hours with the group of youngsters one evening (who had been rounded up by the PCSO) in a variety of engaging activities, such as Missing Person scenario,

bleep test, drill and Manhunt! In the end the youngsters had to be asked to leave – they were having too much fun and everyone else wanted to go home!

This was the beginning of **ICE POP** (INTERGRATING COMMUNITIES through ENGAGEMENT PROBLEM ORIENTATED POLICING).



Working alongside the Neighbourhood Police the cadets targeted hot spots across the Blackpool and Fylde area and began a series of ICE POP sessions during exam season, with a different group of cadets taking responsibility for running them each time. These were in place of the weekly cadet classroom sessions. The cadets borrowed boxing pads and dodge balls, and brought their own footballs, frisbees and felt tip pens to keep the kids entertained.

At the first session, nobody turned up despite the PCSOs having raised publicity around the schools. Undeterred, the cadets approached a group of youths they had spotted throwing stones and rocks at some new build houses. The youths ran away at first but were encouraged to join in with the cadets in games and activities. A week later, the same youths were sitting on the grass waiting for the cadets' arrival, along with more of their friends. And so it rolled out.

St Annes Town Council were running a programme during the summer months to try and reduce ASB in the town and approached the cadets to run some sessions, which they did every week for two 2-hour periods, reducing ASB incidents by nearly 40%

The success of the programme means that the cadets will be running them again this summer, building confidence in the cadets, providing positive activities for often bored and badly behaved youths and better opportunities for the local Neighbourhood policing teams to engage with the public.

The Cadets were shortlisted for the National CrimeBeat Awards in London in March this year for the programme. They gave a presentation to esteemed guests including High Sheriffs and senior ranking police officers, and other youth group finalists. The Cadets were crowned **RUNNERS UP**, and also received a special award for **BEST PRESENTATION**. This was a first time visit to London for most of the cadets who enjoyed a seeing the sights of London as reward.



2025 Security EXPO unforgettable for Cadets

What an unforgettable experience for our incredible Volunteer Police Cadets! Thanks to our amazing partners at Nineteen Group, the organisers behind Europe's biggest international security expos, Cadets from **Warwickshire, Derbyshire, Kent, Nottingham, Leicestershire, Cumbria and Metropolitan Police** gained exclusive access to an event normally closed to young people—and they made the absolute most of it.

At The Security Event, held at the NEC, **150** cadets stepped into a world of cutting-edge innovation, industry-leading security technology, cybercrime prevention, and emergency response tactics.

Armed with VIP all-access passes, they engaged with top exhibitors, explored career opportunities, and expanded their understanding of safety, protection, and resilience.

Their commitment, enthusiasm, and curiosity as inspiring, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback from Cadets and Leaders spoke volumes. Many teenagers left with new found aspirations, motivated by the diverse professionals who shared insights into the huge range of careers within the security sector.

A big thank you to our hosts, corporate friends, and supporters who welcomed the Cadets.

Also a big thank you to the cadets and leaders who attended and represented the VPC in the way they did.



We are now looking forward to other major events in the Security Expo calendar, including the International Security Expo (ISE) at London Olympia and The Emergency Services Show, NEC, both in September.

Details of how to apply for tickets and passes will be advertised very soon in the **VPC Leader's e-Bulletins** which are emailed to every force to be disseminated to VPC leaders.

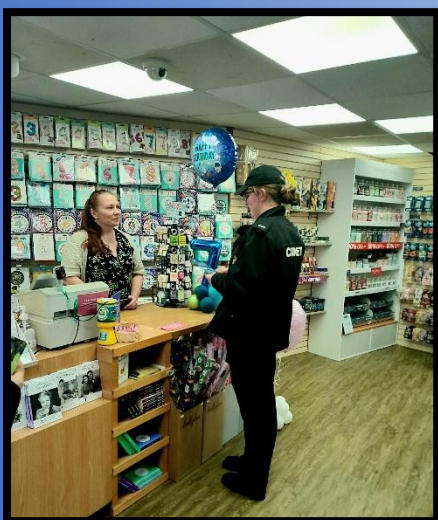
Blandford Cadets

supported the 80th VE day Beacon lighting. (Pictured left).

This tradition of beacon lighting commemorates the "light of peace" that emerged from the war.



During the Easter Holidays Dorset Cadets were also supporting the retail section of the Force's IRC team, visiting retailers in their local town centres advising on the importance of reporting shoplifters and sending in the evidence and leaving an information leaflet with them.

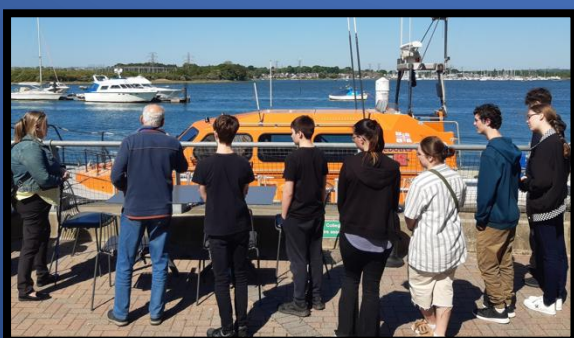


In May the Weymouth Cadets had great fun and really enjoyed visiting their local Fire station and learning about Fire safety (as well as getting wet).

They also had a great time solving a fictional missing person case on a detective trail around the local coastal town and enjoying chips along the way. Fire stations visits have been planned for all units.



Christchurch Cadets enjoyed a Tour of the RNLI training college in Poole and visits are planned for other unit to attend throughout June.



Christchurch Cadets also supported OP sceptre test purchasing knives. Sadly a sale was made. 3 years supporting this op and that was a first.

Dorset provide support

Throughout April Cadets from across Dorset were out and about delivering leaflets containing tips on how to keep homes secure and safe, supporting a PCC initiative.



Thames Valley put learning into practice.



South Buckingham VPC have been learning first aid, scene management and road traffic. Recently they did a joint emergency services event with the crew from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue (Green watch) based at Beaconsfield fire station, staging a two vehicle road traffic collision.

Green Watch were able to provide them with a real time event where they had to respond as either police or ambulance and deal with the incident and casualties.

It was also a great opportunity for the Cadets to learn about what it is like to be a firefighter and learn about the role. The crew were amazing showing them around the pump, explaining what they do and the recruitment process. They definitely influenced three cadets who are very keen to do this role going forward.

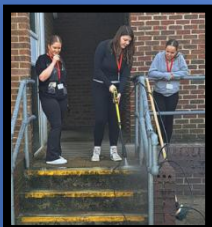
The support they have given us was invaluable and an experience that the cadets will never forget.



Newbury Cadets clean up.

In April Newbury Cadets had a Community Clean Up Day at Newbury Police Station. Walkabouts were carried out of the station to see which areas needed attention and it was noted that the backyard and front of the station could do with some TLC.

We arranged a suitable day for staff and officers to volunteer alongside an invite to Cadets to take part. 9 cadets volunteered along with a leader.



It was such a good day, the weather was very kind and they got all the jobs done and it would not have achieved this if it hadn't been for the cadets, they were amazing.

Running for fun

In May, Thames Valley Cadets from **Windsor & Maidenhead Unit** took part in the All Nations 5k fun run at Dorney Lake. The Cadets were of varying ages and abilities so decided to run the event as a team starting and finishing together.



Sussex Cadets cause Mayhem!

In May, **Crawley** and **Mid-Sussex VPC** units had the pleasure of attending May-hem organised by Girlguiding London & South East England at the South of England Showground.



There were approximately 6000 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in attendance along with 2000 leaders who engaged in numerous activities throughout the day.

The Cadets were delighted to be able to provide some activities including exploring Police vehicles, trying on Police equipment, colouring in Police related pictures, fingerprinting and experience what it is like to be a Public Order Officer wearing a helmet and carrying a shield whilst having items thrown at them.

City of London Cadets benefit from Leader's award

In May **City of London VPC** visited the Lee Valley White Water Rafting Centre and undertook Hydrospeeding activities as part of a Jack Petchey Leader award won by PC Anne King.



Jack Petchey Foundation Leader Awards recognise the incredible commitment of adults from the London and Essex areas who go above and beyond at the schools and youth organisations they support young people. The awards give young people the chance to say 'thank you' to these incredible adults! You can find out more about the Jack Petchey Foundation, the awards and how to nominate



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Hampshire celebrate Dedication & Impact

During their annual Citizens in Policing awards 2024 Cadets, leaders, and Units across **Hampshire and the Isle of Wight**, were recognised for going above and beyond to support their teams, communities, and the wider policing family.

Cadet of the Year – Chloe Anderson

Chloe Anderson, Head Cadet of the New Forest Unit and Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, has been named Volunteer Police Cadet of the Year.

Known for her strong leadership and unwavering commitment, Chloe regularly leads sessions for new cadets, covering topics such as drill and first aid.

She also plays a vital role in supporting her peers, sharing her own experiences to help others learn and grow.

In addition to her cadet responsibilities, Chloe has taken on the personal challenge of completing all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Her achievement and encouragement have inspired others within the unit to take part in the programme. Chloe's enthusiasm, reliability, and willingness to help others have made her a highly respected figure among both cadets and leaders.



Leader of the Year – Staff Ken Ford

Ken Ford, from the Isle of Wight Unit, has been recognised as Volunteer Police Cadets Leader of the Year. Since joining the unit over three years ago, Ken has become a key member of the leadership team.

He consistently arrives early, fully uniformed and polished, and stays until the last cadet leaves, showing his dedication every week.

Ken brings a lifetime of police and life experience to his role, which he shares with cadets in a relatable and inspiring way. His leadership style is grounded in the core values of the NHS. His passion and pride in the cadets are clear to all who meet him.



Team of the Year – Southampton Unit

The Southampton Unit has been awarded Volunteer Police Cadet Team of the Year for their outstanding teamwork and community involvement. Over the past year, the unit has significantly increased its presence at events, particularly in collaboration with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Their involvement has included supporting Operation Sceptre, conducting anti-social behaviour surveys, distributing leaflets, and assisting with test purchasing.

They also organised a town-centre surveillance exercise, supported the Southampton Shine the Night Walk for Cancer Research, and proudly represented the VPC at the Lord Mayor's Show in London.

Through their commitment and initiative, the Southampton Unit has helped raise the profile of the VPC, built strong partnerships within the community, and demonstrated the important role cadets play in supporting local policing.

These awards celebrate the drive, passion, and teamwork that define the Volunteer Police Cadets, recognising individuals and groups who make a lasting impact both within their units and beyond.



Wiltshire Cadets show their charitable side.



Over the course of a single sunny weekend in May, **Wiltshire Police Cadets** demonstrated their dedication to service, compassion and community by supporting two major charity events.

From sleeping under the stars to getting muddy in a park, the Cadets gave up their time to help raise funds and awareness for both local and national causes.

Doorway Big Sleep Out – Raising Awareness of Homelessness

Thirteen Cadets and four leaders from three Cadet units took part in the Doorway Big Sleep Out, held in Chippenham's John Coles Park, to raise money and awareness for those affected by homelessness.

Doorway is a Chippenham-based charity that has been supporting vulnerable people since 2010. They provide immediate help including hot meals, showers, and clean clothes, as well as long-term assistance such as housing support and signposting to physical and mental health services.

The Cadets joined other members of the public in spending the night under the stars, supported by musical performances from the Rock Choir and a live band. Before lights out, local celebrity Marc Allum, known for his appearances on BBC's Antiques Roadshow, read a bedtime story to participants.

Despite enjoying the experience and a hot breakfast the next morning, the event offered valuable perspective. The Cadets have raised an incredible £1,606.25 with donations still coming in.

Sarah McClymont from Doorway said: *"The Cadets did us proud – a pleasure to have at the event and so nice to see young people thinking about others in need and supporting their community. Thank you for your fundraising, we appreciate your efforts. See you next year!"*

Trowbridge Cadet Leader, PCSO Mel Culliford, added: *"Sleeping out under the stars with just a roll mat and sleeping bag was a first for me and many of the Cadets. It was an experience I won't forget. I'm so proud of their commitment and for raising so much for the charity—smashing our target almost three times over!"*

Race for Life – Supporting Cancer Research UK

While some Cadets were experiencing the reality of rough sleeping in Chippenham, others were busy supporting Cancer Research UK's Race for Life event at Lydiard Park in Swindon.



Around 2,500 people took part in the event, completing 3k, 5k and 10k courses, including a 'Pretty Muddy' obstacle run.

The Cadets helped to provide refreshments, handed out medals, and ensured that the obstacles stayed as wet and muddy as possible—much to the delight of the runners

The event raised over £225,000 for life-saving cancer research. For some Cadets, this was a deeply personal cause.



Cadet Coordinator, Alison Creswell reflected on the Cadets' efforts personal cause. across both events: *"It is amazing that on a sunny bank holiday weekend, these young people chose to be on duty—supporting their local communities and these life-changing charities—instead of spending time with their friends and families. Our Cadets are truly inspirational and have proved once again that they are a huge asset to Wiltshire Police and the communities they serve. I would also like to thank our incredible Cadet Leaders and volunteers who work so hard to provide these opportunities for our young people."*

In May, Gwent Volunteer Police Cadets organised a Wellbeing event at Gwent Police HQ in conjunction with the Force Wellbeing Team and, Animals Interactive.

Gwent Cadets go 'Wild'



Led by one of their most experienced Cadets, Jack, 6 other Cadets joined him for this event that was offered to all staff within Police Headquarters.

Jack used this event for his Duke of Edinburgh Award, where he has had to organise, run and review an event to be able to complete his portfolio.

The event saw staff being invited into a room at Police HQ that has been set out with stations hosting a variety of animals including Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, Rats, Mice, Snakes, Bearded Dragon, Tortoise, Tarantula, Skunk, Meercat and Owls.

Cadets are challenged to increase their confidence and resilience, but sometimes adults struggle to do this at times. So the Cadets ran the session for staff to overcome their fears.

Over 150 Police Staff, Officers and colleagues came through the doors within the 2 hours that the session was running and provided some great feedback –

"I was terrified of spiders but, after holding the tarantula, am much happier around the monsters I get in my cottage, lol. I do, however, want a meerkat now."

"I was impressed with how well the cadets did with their knowledge of the animals and how informative the session was"

"It was a lovely experience and a pleasure to meet the animals."

"Great experience with the Animals that's different to anything I can remember since joining the police. It got all the team into the office together, and it was nice that it was the police cadets leading the show rather than an outside contractor."

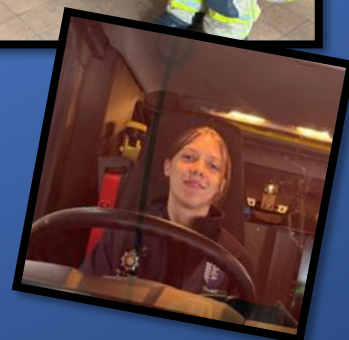
"We can never underestimate the positive impacts animals have on our mental health and wellbeing; it was such a relaxed and invaluable experience. It was great to see so many people supporting each other to step outside of their comfort zones. Thank you to all involved in organising this amazing event and especially to the cadets who were all amazing themselves".

Also in May, **Torfaen** and **Newport VPC Units** attended a visit to Cwmbran Fire Station This was as a result of some earlier multi-agency work around Wild Fires in the community and forging links between Emergency Services.

The Cadets got to have a discussion with Fire Officers about safety at home, and then got hands on with some of their equipment that is used on a daily basis.



Some of the equipment is used in Road Traffic Collisions that our Officers attend, so it was worthwhile for our Cadets to know how we work together in emergency situations, but also how our Cadets can offer advice to their parents when they went home.



I'm a Cadet.....Get Me Out of Here!



Hertfordshire Cadets recently came together for this year's overnight camp and team building exercises.

Aptly named "I'm a Cadet... Get Me Out of Here!" the youngsters were split into 10 teams and took part in a variety of challenges and exercises which saw them get wet and mucky!

Activities included an assault course where they worked as a team to complete the different stages and plenty more exciting challenges which brought the cadets together.

The weekend provided them with some well-deserved downtime and an opportunity to get to know other people from different units.



Herts Cadets celebrate awards and an anniversary



In May, the **Broxbourne and Cheshunt** Volunteer Police Cadets held their annual awards ceremony which also included a special celebration of the unit's 10th anniversary.

Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector Gerry Harrison and Deputy Mayor for Broxbourne Councillor Sacha Kanatli presented the awards.

The cadets received a certificate for their achievements this year, which included hosting a number of crime prevention events, collecting donations for Marie Curie and other work in the community.

In addition, the cadets were awarded certificates after successfully completing a three-week course on canine first aid. They are the first VPC unit in the UK to complete this training.

Cadet Leader Bob Cox said: "I am so proud of all the cadets' achievements this year, it is truly an honour to work with such amazing young people. I'd also like to say a big thank you to the parents, cadet leaders, Inspector Harrison and the Broxbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team for their support."

South Wales annual attestation ceremony

The annual **South Wales Police Youth Volunteer** (PYV) attestation Ceremony took place in the impressive surroundings of Margam Orangery back in March.



Over 70 young people, witnessed by their families, took the Police Youth Volunteer Oath. They were then called individually onto the stage to collect their certificates from ACC Jo Maal and to have an official photograph taken.

The young people and their families, from across the South Wales Police force area, were treated to the sights and sounds of the SWP Mounted Section, the Halberdiers, and the South Wales Police Band.

Both ACC Maal and the PCC, Emma Wools addressed the assembled gathering of over 250 people. The young people also heard from Hannah Brier, Welsh women's 100m record holder.

She reflected on the impact which volunteering has had on her life and about the importance of remaining resilient in times of adversity.

ACC Maal welcomed the PYVs and encouraged them to reflect on their promise to serve their communities and to take pride in being part of the South Wales Police family.

She said: "At its core, the Police Youth Volunteer scheme is a simple concept. It aims to encourage 14–17-year-olds to be good citizens by volunteering in their communities, learning about policing and by giving young people a chance to be heard... It's a simple concept but it has transformational effects. It transforms the young people involved.

They learn new skills, gain confidence, and are exposed to unique opportunities. It transforms our PYV leaders as they engage with and learn from the perspectives of our young people who inspire and challenge them. It transforms our communities as they become safer and more cohesive places to live".



Devon & Cornwall VPC provide valuable contribution

Ahead of National Volunteers week, which this year ran from 2nd until 8th June, Devon and Cornwall Cadets attended a special celebration event at police headquarters in Middlemoor, Exeter, which shone a light on the valuable contribution cadets make to the force.

At the event held in May, Devon & Cornwall Police recognised 100 Cadets and 30 Cadet Leaders for their efforts and for giving up their free time to support police officers to make local communities safer.

Cadets attended the event from units in **Camborne, St Austell, Launceston, Plympton, Plymouth (Crownhill), Newton Abbot, Torbay, Exeter, Mid Devon and Barnstaple** and were supported by 30 volunteer cadet leaders, who give up their free time to run cadet units and support social action projects across the two counties.



The Cadets were welcomed to the event by Deputy Chief Constable Dave Thorne and Assistant Chief Officer Alexis Poole, who both acknowledged the importance of cadets in policing and celebrated their widespread achievements.

Over the last 12 months, Police Cadets have supported Neighbourhood Policing teams by taking part in test purchasing operations, provided a visible presence at key community engagement events, distributed crime prevention leaflets, supported Community Speed Watch teams and organised first aid training for young people.

Katie Kwidzinski, Strategic Lead for Devon & Cornwall Police Cadets, said: *"The day was all about celebrating our amazing Volunteer Police Cadets, aged 13-17, and all that they contribute to our organisation and their communities. The cadets support the force with social action, community engagement, supporting neighbourhood policing, sharing important personal safety messaging and advocating for other children and young people. Operational teams and police staff dedicated time and resources to celebrate the Cadets and provide them with important information and insights into a variety of careers in policing."*

"It was an amazing day that left us all feeling very proud of our cadets and our incredible Volunteer Cadet Leaders."

The cadets also shared their views, ideas and experiences with officers using the 'Youth Voice Corner' and then took part in a team-building competition before a surprise visit from the National Police Air Service (NPAS) who brought their helicopter and educated the group about the value NPAS brings to policing, especially in the cases of high-risk missing persons



Devon and Cornwall Police currently has more than 450 Volunteer Police Cadets, based at 12 active cadet units, with the unit at Bodmin set to re-open this year.

Opportunity through Partnership

The partnership between the National Volunteer Police and Walt Disney Company Global Security EMEA (TWDC GS EMEA) has opened up some incredible opportunities and experiences for young people, with inspirational insight days, studios visits and much more.



For International Women's Day 2025, women from TWDC GS EMEA invited a group of female cadets to spend a day with them learning about their roles, careers, mentoring and empowering women and girls.

Cadets from Kent Volunteer Police Cadets joined Fire Cadets from the London Fire Brigade and had an exceptional day and a fantastic experience with TWDC colleagues, including meeting film site location managers and coordinators and visiting the 24-hour emergency control centre which links with other emergency services and international organisations



Speakers included, Senior leads from across Europe, Middle East and Africa regions.

Talking to cadets about their dedicated roles in security, filming, locations, travel, safety, technical operations, support and intelligence gathering about situations around the world and potential risks and mitigation.

The team also learned about careers opportunities, preparing CVs and interviews, networking, self-development, confidence and mentoring, with a great exercise that really highlighted valuable skills, awareness and signposting.

A very empowering day uplifting and promoting women and girls across a wide range of specialisms and professional disciplines, that definitely was in line with the International Women's Day goal to #AccelerateAction!

The outstanding hosts at TWDC GS EMEA said *"It was an absolute pleasure hosting the cadets for our first International Women's Day event. We particularly loved hearing about their journeys which led them to becoming cadets. We look forward to continuing this amazing partnership!"*

Here's what some of the cadets had to say!

Cadet Maddie (16) *"Having been given the opportunity to gain an insight into the integral roles women play in the global security of Disney I aimed to take everything in. From doing so, I gained invaluable knowledge and skills. However, the most crucial information I took away from the wonderful and intelligent women is to not give up no matter how many times you may be rejected or fall as the right path will always reveal itself when you are ready. I will always remember that and having learnt that from the women running Disney's global security for EMEA."*

Cadet [P (17)] *"The cadets programme has given me so many opportunities and really helped me believe in myself. The senior women we met today, they are so down to earth, personal, they've worked so hard to get where they are now. They've been very honest, about success but also personal challenges, self-belief and confidence. Being here today has really inspired me thank you!"*

Tim Mann, National Volunteer Police Cadets Partnerships lead said *"This was a great experience for our amazing female cadets from both VPC and LFB Fire Cadets, thank you everyone who took part, the dedicated Cadet adult leaders, and a very special thanks to our good friends at TWDC EMEA who do so much for our cadet programmes".*

Northumbria commemorate Black History month



In June, Cadets from Sunderland and South Tyneside came together for a charity football match against a local youth team from the African Caribbean Northeast Football Club, to commemorate Black History month 2024, postponed from last year.

The cadets have never played football together as a team before, and 3 of the Sunderland cadets had never even played football before.

Northumbria Police FC's coach John Boddy worked with the cadets for some last-minute coaching before kick-off and throughout the game.

South Tyneside Cadet Leader, Gayle Muizelaar reported 'I was in awe of John's ability to get the cadets to work as a team'. The first half; the cadets went 7 – 0 down, but after the half time team talk, and more encouragement from the sidelines, the second half was much better. Northumbria VPC trailed 4-2 but the cadets worked much better and started playing as a team.

The day was a huge success, and the cadets are keen for a rematch!



Do you have a story that can be shared with everyone?
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