

Windsor & Maidenhead Volunteer Police Cadets

Winter 2022 Newsletter



The Aims of the VPC are: -

- To promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people.
- To encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship.
- To support local policing priorities through volunteering and give young people a chance to be heard.
- To inspire young people to participate positively in their communities.

Hello...

Welcome to our newsletter for this term. Hopefully this will give you a little insight into what we do at your local Police Cadets Unit.

Volunteer Police Cadets is a Youth group based on Policing principles for 13 to 18 year olds. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9pm at Maidenhead Police Station.

If after reading this if you would like more information about the Police Cadets [the](#) contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Founders Day...

October saw the 11th anniversary of our Unit. It was celebrated with a



cake and a speech from our Head Cadet. It's always good to share some cake. Over the past 11 years we have seen many Cadets move into the Policing family becoming Police Officers, PCSOs or volunteering to become Cadet Leaders.

Mobile Phones...

Cadets took part in an initiative to help the elderly community of the Borough understand their mobile phones worked better. This came about after Cadets were instructed on the subject and planned how to deliver the content to their audience. This had the extra advantage of breaking down possible stereotypes between the



younger and older generations.

Cadet Profile...

Head Cadet Isabel Spring:

When I joined Windsor and Maidenhead Police Cadets I was welcomed with nothing but kindness and consideration. I joined with the passion to gain a deeper understanding of the police force alongside a group of people who have a similar passion.

In my year at cadets I have helped our community in many ways to enable my understanding to develop. Some of these include building a workshop to prevent all ages from being the victim of fraud; also taking part in first aid and most

recently visiting local community groups to aid residents using their mobile phones. In the future we hope to deliver these projects to more people throughout Windsor and Maidenhead to enable them to feel safe and optimistic about the future of our community. All of these have helped us cadets to develop our understanding of the police and inspire not only our knowledge, but our communities.

Whilst doing these projects I set out with the intention to become Head Cadet as a position opened up. Not only did this make me work harder but challenged me to interact with new people amongst the cadets, present my ideas more frequently and gain the confidence I needed to achieve this goal. With determination I managed to gain this position in June of 2022 and I am extremely grateful. This position has taught me how to lead a group of cadets and ensure that everybody's ideas are considered, how to write and plan speeches such as when I delivered a speech for our awards ceremony in July. This position will continue to help me grow as Head Cadet as well as help the cadets grow too.

Our Wednesday evening sessions have seen the Cadets learn about the latest updates regarding online and telephone fraud. We look forward to passing this knowledge on to various community groups in the future.



Waterways Project...

Cadets are looking forward to participating in a community activity in association with Maidenhead Waterways. Volunteers under supervision are asked to help keep the waterways around Maidenhead clean and tidy.

Op Sceptre...

Early November saw Cadets involved in Thames Valley Police's Operation Sceptre. A multi strand initiative to combat knife crime. Cadets along with Police Officers and Trading Standards officers tested a number of retail outlets to see if knives would be sold to underage children. Valuable experience for our Cadets in live Police work.

Find out more about Police Cadets at: WWW.VPC.POLICE.UK

To find out about applying to join Windsor and Maidenhead Volunteer Police Cadets please email your name, date of birth and address to wmtvpvpc@outlook.com