

Windsor & Maidenhead Volunteer Police Cadets Spring 2023 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.

Welcome to the latest edition of our cadet newsletter. Don't forget joining instructions can be found at the end of the newsletter.

It has been a very busy time for our Cadets, engaging in community events and increasing their confidence, showing off their qualities as young men and women.

Cadet Profile

Hi I'm Deputy Head Cadet Billy Aldermam my time in this cadet unit has been extraordinary when I first started I can admit I was nervous but also very excited and I was only a cadet back then to now where I'm deputy in this cadet unit we teach you and others on how to communicate with the members of public and be able to speak freely and we do all sort of things eg test purchasing for knives, fireworks, alcohol, and things that can't be sold to under 18s as I've been here for almost 3 years creeping up to be four years I've attended every cadet meeting and mostly all of the engagement with public things that our leaders staff Stentford and staff Wingrove has kindly set up also they put the effort in to boost our confidence every Wednesday night and I just want to thank you.

Community event...



The last few months as seen Cadets take the opportunity to engage with groups comprising of the elder generation. Giving them instruction on how to use their mobile phone or tablets more efficiently. This has not only been of great benefit to the recipients of the training but also helped to break down any misconceptions there may have been of the two generations.

The feed back on these sessions has been so positive that we are looking to increase this initiative in the future.

Test Purchasing...

Cadets continue to participate in operations with trading standards personnel and Police Officers testing retail outlets and their willingness or otherwise to sell knives, cigarettes or other items to under age children.

Protecting young women from violence...

In the days before St Valentines Day some of our older female Cadets participated in the promotion of a Police Operation 'Ask Angela'. This is where women feeling vulnerable in pubs or clubs could ask staff for help. The Cadets would give out posters and flyers. Police Officers would later test the staff to ensure the protocols were being followed. A fine example of Cadets engaging in real live Police Operations for the benefit of the Community.

Clear Car Campaign...



A damp, chilly, Wednesday evening saw our Unit in the Car Parks of Windsor noting down details of vehicles left with valuables on display in the car. Letters are then sent to the registered keepers of the cars encouraging them to look after their valuables to prevent vehicles from being broken into. Cadets noted down over 100 vehicles they thought were vulnerable to breakins

Ascot gets a drizzling of Smartwater...

Cadets have taken part in a police operation in selected roads in Ascot engaging with residents promoting the use of Smartwater. This a clear liquid that is painted on valuable property. It has a unique chemical marker which when registered will have stolen property returned to their owners.

Future events...

May will see the Coronation of King Charles III, with events and celebrations anticipated around Windsor Castle. It is hoped that Police Cadets will be involved in this event in some way. This will be determined as and when the Police plan is finalised. Watch this space!

An exciting initiative that Cadets are working towards will bring all their knowledge and communication skills together in a Community Hub. This is where a venue is organised so Cadets can give specific information on crime prevention, scams, using mobile phones and other areas. It is hoped that light refreshments will be available. Please look out for this in the future and if possible come along to support your local Police Cadets.

Leaders notes...

This term has seen our Cadets step up and undertake numerous tasks. It has given the Leaders great satisfaction to see all the Cadets grow in confidence and show their potential.

Stop press...

It is with great pride that we can now announce that while our Head Cadet Isabel is leaving us reaching the age of 18, she has been accepted onto Thames Valley Police's Constable Apprentice Degree programme starting in the next academic year. A coup for her and this Unit. We all wish her the best of fortune in her studies.

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

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