

Recognising Our Achievements

Squadron hosts annual awards evening



By Acting Pilot Officer
Liam Cromack

Friday 6th February saw the squadron assemble at Scarborough Rugby Club for our annual awards ceremony, celebrating the fantastic achievements of our cadets over the last twelve months.



➔ Squadron photograph with RBL President Tom Fox

Although the weather was pretty dismal it didn't dampen the spirits of our smartly dressed cadets who gathered with proud parents to showcase their accomplishments alongside guest of honour Mr Tom Fox, President of the local Royal British Legion, and his wife.

Cadet Corporal Isaac Macneish excelled by securing the trophy for Best Attendance with an impressive 98%, having missed only three parade evenings during the year.

Next up, Cadet Esmond Swift was awarded Best Shot having achieved his marksman badge on the air rifle.

Cadet Megan Orrells took the top spot for Best Recruit showing an outstanding commitment to the Air Cadets by throwing herself into a number of

courses and earning a fantastic array of badges and awards along the way!

Meanwhile, the coveted "Ginger" Lacey Award for Best Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer went to Cadet Flight Sergeant Poppy Roxborough.

The Best Male Cadet was named as Cadet Corporal Finlay Napier while Best Female went to Cadet Megan Orrells in what was her second award of the night.

Poppy also managed to rack up a second award, this time for Best Archer having represented the squadron and wing at their respective competition days.

The night didn't end there, however. Several cadets were also awarded

certificates in first aid, radio and cyber as a testament to their hard work whilst we formally inducted our latest recruits into the organisation as First Class Cadets.

After presenting several well-earned awards, the cadets and parents tucked into a hot beef bap with vegetables to round the night off nicely.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the awards night and congratulations to all of our cadets for their hard work and dedication over the last year. Here's to an even more successful 2026!

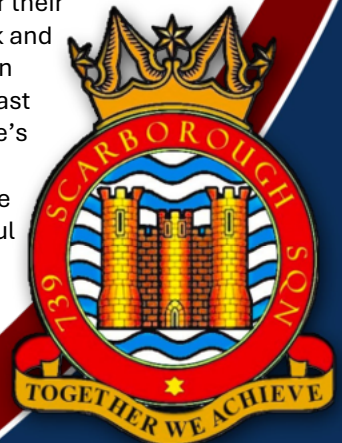


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Leading The Way



By Cadet
Eddie Titcombe

On Saturday 7th February, three of our cadets successfully completed a bronze leadership course in which they were tested through a series of theory and practical exercises.

We arrived at the squadron building for about 9am and took a seat inside. The first part of the course was the theory side which covered the fundamentals of being a good leader and leaning about the whole range of different leadership styles.

After spending some time in the classroom, we moved on to our theory exam consisting of twelve questions on what we had just learned. I was very pleased to learn I had passed!

After breaking for lunch we jumped into the fun side of the course which was the practical leadership exercises. We were split into three different groups and had to complete four separate activities, each time rotating who was the leader. This took us about two hours but was really enjoyable if a little difficult at times. I'm happy to report that all cadets passed their assessments with really good scores.

The staff put on some excellent exercises and I learned lots from the day. I can't wait to put myself forward for the silver course when the time comes!

Hands-On With Police Chopper



By Cadet Sergeant
Dylan Ferguson

Friday 20th February saw the cadets experience a parade evening with a difference as they got up close and personal with a police helicopter of the National Police Air Service (NPAS).

The visit to NPAS was probably one of the more exciting and educational visits of the year, offering cadets a valuable opportunity to experience real-world aviation operations up close. It was definitely one of the highlights of the squadron's training calendar.

The trip across to Wakefield was a long one but provided cadets with an in-depth look at how NPAS supports police forces across the country using highly specialised aircraft and advanced surveillance technology. These aircraft play a crucial role in modern policing, assisting officers on the ground in a variety of situations. From tracking suspects to monitoring large public events, NPAS is an essential part of maintaining public safety.

During the visit, cadets took part in a guided tour of the facilities, where they learned about the day-to-day operations of the service. They were able to have a good look around the police helicopter up close and even got to sit in it and see how the equipment is operated. It was also great to hear from the experienced crew members who shared insights into



their role, training, and the challenges they face while flying on a callout.

For a lot of the squadron, this visit was their first exposure to operational aviation outside of the training environment and provided a unique opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-life applications, helping cadets better understand how aviation skills can be used in meaningful and impactful ways.

The squadron hopes the visit was both inspiring and informative encouraging cadets to consider future careers in aviation, emergency services, or other public service roles. Opportunities like this are designed to broaden horizons and give cadets a clearer picture of the possibilities available to them.

The journey back was filled with cadets expressing their enthusiasm for the visit, particularly the chance to see the aircraft and speak directly with its crew. For many, it was an unforgettable experience that was both educational and fun!



Behind the Scenes at HM Coastguard Humber

By Cadet
Megan Orrells

The Humber Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) is one of eleven specialist rescue control rooms situated around the UK. Cadets from Scarborough and Bridlington squadrons were lucky enough to be invited along for a visit to this essential facility on Friday 27th March.

The trip to Bridlington Coastguard Centre was one of the most interesting trips I've ever been on. I didn't really know what to expect before we went, but it turned out to be both exciting and really informative.

When we arrived, we were welcomed by the coastguard staff, who were friendly and explained what they do. I learned that they are responsible for helping people in trouble at sea or along the coast, and they work 24 hours a day. It surprised me how many different types



of emergencies they deal with, from missing people to boats in danger and even unexploded munitions along the coast!

One of the coolest parts was going into the control room. There were loads of big screens showing maps, weather, and boats out at sea. They showed us how they track incidents and send help quickly, like lifeboats or rescue helicopters. I found it really interesting to see

how calm and organised everything has to be, even when the situation is so serious.

Overall, I really enjoyed the trip. It made me respect the coastguard a lot more, and it even made me interested to learn more about careers in emergency services. I also realised how important teamwork and communication are in high-pressure situations like these.

Five New Space Cadets Earn Their Badges

By Cadet
Jaime Markas

On Sunday 8th February, the squadron held a Blue Space Studies course for twenty cadets from across the Yorkshire coast, including five of our very own from Scarborough.

In this session, we learned the basics about space and received a basic understanding of how the solar system works; how spacecraft orbit the Earth and how the Earth and the Moon interact with each other. We also discovered the many different moons that belong to each planet in our solar system.

Cadets from across nearby squadrons gathered for this exciting and educational Blue Space Course, an introduc-

tion to the RAFAC space syllabus. The session brought together young people with a shared curiosity about the universe, creating an atmosphere full of energy, teamwork and discovery.

Our instructor CI Cromack led the session with enthusiasm, encouraging questions, discussions, and teamwork. Every cadet was fully involved, and the interactive style kept us engaged from start to finish.



The supportive environment made it easy to learn, share ideas, and build confidence in understanding space concepts.

A valuable experience for all cadets, the Blue Space Course was more than just a lesson—it was an opportunity to connect with cadets from other squadrons, develop new skills, and spark a deeper interest in space and STEM subjects.

Events like this highlight the strength of the RAFAC programme in inspiring young people and preparing them for future challenges.

The course was really enjoyable and I would recommend it to anyone interested in science. I am looking forward to completing the bronze level in the future.

Full Steam Ahead At National Railway Museum

By Cadet
Eddie Titcombe

On Sunday 1st March, our cadets and staff headed across to the National Railway Museum in York for a day spent looking around the fantastic collection of trains and railway memorabilia from throughout history.

We arrived at squadron building for 9am and got on the minibus ready for the hour-long journey to York. After the smooth ride to York we parked the bus and made our way into the museum.

We regrouped at the bottom of the main staircase and received key information for the day which included times and the rules we had to follow so we didn't get lost in the massive buildings!

We then made our way around the Great Hall looking at all of the locomotives there. We were given the opportunity to inspect and take photos of "The Rocket", "4472 Mallard" and the "shinkansen", or Japanese bullet train which was really amazing! Not to mention lots of other trains. The Flying Scotsman was simply huge!

After spending time in the Great

Hall, we moved across to the North Shed where we walked up and down the isles full of memorabilia from various time periods throughout history. It was really interesting to see how far we have come over the last hundred years.

This was followed by a trip to the signalling area where we got to watch some trains passing by for the next 15 minutes or so.

After grabbing a bite to eat at the museum cafe to recharge our batteries, we all headed across to the newly opened Station Hall which is packed with more locomotives and their carriages, all decorated in a traditional fashion. This was another fantastic opportunity for some photos which made me happy as I love trains!

We spent around an hour in Station Hall before regrouping again, having a quick break and a debrief, before heading back to the minibus for the trip home.

All of the cadets really enjoyed the trip to the National Railway Museum. It was a really interesting and educational experience, and something a little different from the usual cadet trips and it's really nice to go somewhere new for the day.



Squadron Marks Commonwealth Day

By Cadet Warrant Officer
Harriet Speight



The squadron was represented at this year's Commonwealth Day service in Alma Square as we gathered to pay respects to those citizens who have fought as part of the British Armed Forces over the years.

On Monday 9th February, Corporal Isaac Macneish and I joined various other dignitaries at the town centre Garden of Remembrance. In attendance was Member of Parliament Alison Hume, the Town Mayor Thomas Murray and students from St Peter's Primary School, among other guests.

The day commemorated the service and sacrifices of those individuals from Commonwealth of Nations countries who served in our armed forces, especially those who died protecting our way of life.

The service itself began with a rousing call from the Town Crier followed by a speech by the Town Mayor. Wreaths were then laid by him, Alison Hume and the school pupils in attendance. The children were then presented with the commonwealth flag to take away with them. This was shortly followed by the playing of the last post, lead by the standard bearers which included our own Corporal Macneish proudly displaying the squadron banner. The National Anthem capped off proceedings as the Commonwealth Flag flew from the mast high above.

The squadron is proud to attend these types of events to ensure we remember those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.



Quarterly Snapshot...

The last three months in pictures



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Submit Your Stories!

Have you recently been flying? Earned your first bronze badge? Perhaps you've had a blast on camp? Whatever it is, we want to hear about it in the next issue! Submit your articles to a member of staff in good time.

Scarborough Armed Forces Day

This year Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday 27th June. The squadron will have a stall on the day followed by participation in the final parade along the foreshore. We would like as many cadets as possible on parade. Please add the date to your diary and sign up on Cadet Portal!

New Staff Appointments

Congratulations to CIs Orrells and Cromack on recently passing their adult uniformed staff interview boards. CI Orrells has now taken up appointment as an Acting Sergeant whilst CI Cromack is now an Acting Pilot Officer. Both will attend their Combined Initial Course at RAF Cranwell later this year.

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Bronze DofE Adventure

By Cadet **Isaac Macneish**

Easter Weekend saw a number of cadets undertake a practice expedition in Ryedale as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our very own Isaac Macneish was among them.

The day started at 10am at the duck pond, where our parents dropped us off for our two-day practice hike, camp, and food preparation around Newton-on-Rawcliffe. I was pretty excited, but also nervous about what was ahead.

The first thing we did was set up our camp. As I was the only cadet from our squadron, I was paired with the only cadet from Whitby squadron, who I knew from completing blue space. As I had brought my own 2-person tent, he helped me set it up.

Once everything was sorted, we ate our packed lunches and got ready for the hike. We had to take our backpacks with everything apart from the tent which made them very heavy. The instructors gave us a coordinate of a checkpoint we had to navigate too using maps and compass, it was at the village pub but we weren't allowed to stop as they gave us another coordinate. This continued for seven checkpoints with the final one back at the campsite. It was an enjoyable walk, and we had to use leadership, teamwork, and map reading skills to make sure we stayed on track and supported each other.

When we finally made it back to camp, it was time to cook food. The staff watched to see how we did, and we got to eat what we'd made. Afterwards, we chilled out around the campfire for a bit before heading to bed.

The next morning was freezing; there was cold condensation dripping inside the tent! I had some porridge to warm me up and get some energy for the day. We packed down the tent and put it in

my survival bag along with a few things I didn't need for the hike. The instructors briefed us on all the check point coordinates and after a small error in direction when first setting off, which was corrected by Warrant Officer Bell, who came running after us, we set off independently to find the checkpoints. A few checkpoints had a hidden pack of chocolate egg for us to find that the instructors had planted beforehand which was a nice surprise. After successfully navigating to all the checkpoints we got back to camp late in the afternoon. I picked up my survival pack and then headed back to the duck pond, where my parents came to collect me.

The whole experience was awesome. I learned loads about working as a team, being independent, and not giving up even when things got tough. I can't wait for the main expedition, it was a brilliant weekend, and I made some new friends too.

Upcoming Events

30/05/2026 Yorkshire Air Museum Squadron Visit
27/06/2026 Armed Forces Day Scarborough
08/08/2026 Summer Camp RAF Shawbury
12/06/2026 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Ripon
01/08/2026 Summer Camp RAF Boulmer
15/08/2026 Summer Camp RAF St. Mawgan

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