



# Newsletter



## Happy New Year !

As we start 2025 we would like to reflect on the some of the projects, visits, education sessions and volunteering our cadets have been involved with since the start of September. Towards the end of the summer cadets assisted staff from The PCC, attending a number of Country shows including Wolsingham, Stanhope and Egglestone. They delivered leaflets and spoke to members of the public about the crime in their area. Cadets have also been learning about the different roles within the police service and enjoyed a visit to the Tactical Training Centre where they were shown how to deal with a trauma wound which could save lives. They got to experience the simulation room. We also had a visit from Cpl. Firth from the Royal Military Police to talk about his role. This is just the start, there are lots more activities and visits planned!



## Food Bank Donations

A massive 'THANKYOU' to our Cadets and their families who donated a huge amount of food and toiletries to local foodbanks. South Section donated to The Angel Trust at Bishop Auckland and North section donated to The Community Pantry, Glenroyd House, Consett. Both charities were extremely grateful for the cadet's donations which ensured that those families struggling over Christmas would have food on their tables.



*Community Pantry Glenroyd House, Consett*



## North Pennines Tree Planting

During October half term a number of cadets gave up their time to assist Molly & Will from North Pennines National Landscape planting trees. They put their new skills into good practice and planted 174 trees! Everyone had a brilliant day.

## Speed Watch

Also during half term 4 cadets assisted PCSo Hay and PCSo Gregson with Community Speed Watch in Darlington. They were pleased to report nearly all drivers were within the speed limit.



## NPT Community Christmas Event

Cadets were asked to assist the Sherburn Road Neighbourhood Police Team with their Christmas Light switch on. Cadets assisted the beat team serving hot chocolate, helping Santa give out selection boxes to the children and talking to the residents. Lots of residents attended and enjoyed their evening.

## Operation Trail Blaze

Cadets have completed a number of leaflet drops in the north and south of the county as part of a multi-agency Operation Trail Blaze. The leaflets explain to residents how to report Anti-social behaviour. The PCC recently nominated the cadets for a National Crime Beat Award to reflect their professionalism and dedication and to highlight their contribution as part of work to promote anti-social behaviour.





## Remembrance Sunday Parade

Durham North Cadets were super proud to take part in The Durham Remembrance Service and parade. They marched alongside the new Durham Police Recruits. Whilst South Cadets paraded alongside A/Sgt Smith and his team. A brilliant turn out!

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award



In September Cadets started their training for the expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Between 6pm and 8pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month they attend DAAC office to learn the skills they need to successfully complete their Bronze Expedition. This includes learning about map symbols, how to do a 6 figure grid reference, compass skills, first aid, emergency procedures, how to pitch a tent and how to use a Trangia safely.

In October the new Bronze group went out in the local countryside to practice their navigation skills. Everyone took their turn at navigating and managed to find their way back!

They are now looking forward to a training weekend in February at Carlton in Cleveland.

If you think you would like to volunteer as a leader to inspire or even be inspired by our young people, please get in touch to find out how @ [cadets@daac.org.uk](mailto:cadets@daac.org.uk)