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WELCOME...

The VPC is the NPCC supported framework for Police Cadet programmes across the UK, all of whom share common Aims and Principles. The National VPC team supports forces in their delivery and development of the VPC programme.

OBE for services to Young People and Policing

In the 2017 New Years honours list, National Volunteer Police Cadets Director Ed Sherry was recognised through his appointment as Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Young People and Policing.

Ed Sherry was a police officer in London for 30 years, retiring in 2013 as Chief Inspector with responsibility for youth strategy across London. From 2007, following a pilot in Westminster, Ed developed a standardised framework for the operation of Volunteer Police Cadet units across London that provided guidance and practical support to



cadet units. His leadership was instrumental in establishing the service which aimed to support all young people regardless of background, including those that were vulnerable to the influences of crime. By 2012 the number of young people in the VPC had reached 3,200 with over 25% of the members being from crime vulnerable or personally challenging backgrounds.

Since 2012, Ed Sherry has overseen the development of an agreed



framework for the VPC programme across the UK, which has seen it grow from a disparate group of local schemes run by local police forces to a national network of programmes with over 11,000 young people involved across all but one police force in the UK.

During the same period, Ed was instrumental in developing a collation of the main uniformed youth groups in the UK. He was director of 'YOU London' (Youth Organisations in Uniform), which led to the subsequent creation of 'Youth United', a national coalition of the uniformed youth groups. Through the principles and processes that Ed developed, Youth United and YOU London have



received over £22 million in grants, which uniformed youth groups have used to create over 42,000 new places for young people to become members of organisations in the most deprived areas of the UK.

Ed is also a volunteer with the Scout Association in the role of Harrow and Wealdstone District Explorer Scout Commissioner and is a volunteer leader with Harrow VPC.

Devon and Cornwall Police Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer, the National Police Chief lead for Volunteer Police Cadets said: "The award of this OBE is well deserved recognition for Ed Sherry. It recognises the sustained contribution that Ed has made to developing community relations by encouraging young people to participate in social action at a local level. His work has contributed significantly to ensuring positive relationships between police, young people and their local communities."

National VPC Director Ed Sherry said: "I was completely unprepared for news of my OBE, but I'm delighted that the programmes I've supported throughout my career have been acknowledged. I am honoured to accept this great accolade on behalf of everyone who has been involved in helping young people flourish."

Thames Valley cadet is first on scene at RTC

In December 2016, Cadet Charlotte Jones from Thames Valleys Aylesbury unit was on her way to school when she witnessed a road traffic collision. The incident involved a younger student from her school being struck by a car.



Charlotte who was the main witness to the incident, remained calm and called the emergency services whilst reassuring the injured child and applying basic first aid, which she learnt at police cadets. Once the ambulance and police arrived on scene, Charlotte provided her account to officers who were impressed with her actions and composure. Charlotte attributed the skills and confidence associated with being a police cadet – all this despite having an exam to attend that morning.

On behalf of Aylesbury cadet unit, head cadet leader PC Justine Haw said: “The Aylesbury unit has only been running since May 2016 and this is a brilliant example of the dedication shown by one of our cadets to have a positive impact in the local community and put important skills into practice. Cadet Jones had represented Aylesbury Police Cadets fantastically and we are all so proud.”

Charlottes efforts have been highlighted to Aylesbury LPA Commander Superintendent Olly Wright, who has indicated that she may even receive an LPA commanders commendation.

VPC Challenge Coin



These coins are limited to 3000 and are being sold at £3 each. To order, contact ealingcadets@met.police.uk for more information. All profits will go to the charity UK COPS.

Santa and his elves *visit Ipswich Hospital*

This year Ipswich Police Cadets decided they wanted to give something back to the community. After lots of careful consideration they decided they would like to provide presents for children who would be staying in hospital over Christmas.

Funding was provided from the cadets weekly subs, they also made the decision to donate a small amount from their own pockets. Funds provided by both Ipswich and Martlesham cadet units, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Suffolk Constabulary Sports and Social Club totalled £450.

The Entertainer Toy Store in the local town centre was approached to see if they could support the project in any way. They were able to provide a 10% discount, which meant cadets were able to purchase 75 presents for both the children and hospital staff. This included 10 presents from the parents of Jenna Milne who kindly donated to the project.



On Christmas Eve, Santa (PC Dave Dyble) and eleven of his elves (cadets from both Ipswich and Martlesham units) visited Ipswich Hospital to hand out the goodies. They visited the paediatric Accident and Emergency unit and the paediatric ward to hand out presents to children, staff and parents. These were warmly received by all.

PC Trevor Spinlove, cadet leader said: “A big thank you must be given to all of the cadets and leaders involved, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, Suffolk Constabulary Sports and Social Club, The Entertainer Toy Store, Mr and Mrs Milne, and of course Ipswich Hospital itself for letting us in.”



South Wales Cadets set sail in the Canary Islands



On Monday 28th November, South Wales Police Youth Volunteers Morgan Howells and Joshua Coray set sail aboard The Sail Training Ship Lord Nelson in the Canary Islands, accompanied by cadet leader Sgt Mark John.

The Lord Nelson is owned by the Jubilee Sailing Trust and is a square rigged, three mastered barque sailing ship. At 55 metres in length the ship has the capacity to accommodate up to 50 crew of all abilities, including up to 8 wheelchair users.

Morgan, Joshua and Mark made up part of the 40 strong crew who set sail from La Palmas, Gran Canaria and travelled in excess of 600 nautical miles, stopping off at the island of La Gomera. Whilst in La Palmas they were given a tour of the island and shown the volcanic devastation site caused in 1971. Whilst aboard Morgan, Joshua and Mark were asked to ‘buddy up’ with a less able member of the crew to assist them with various tasks. They were also part of a 24/7 watch and took turns assisting kitchen staff during meal times.

Cadet leader, Sergeant Mark John said: “The trip was a fantastic opportunity for the Youth Volunteers to display their leadership, communication and social interaction skills.”

“The young people were a real credit to South Wales Police and the Youth Volunteer Scheme, they conducted themselves with the utmost behaviour and professionalism throughout. They have certainly paved the way for future trips to be conducted.”



British Transport Police cadets celebrate first birthday in style

British Transport Police Cadets based in London have just celebrated their 1st birthday, and they celebrated with a bang on New Year's Eve.

The unique factor about BTP units is the fact that their community is everywhere the tracks will take them, this brings vast opportunities around Britain. 2016 saw cadets deployed to Southend, Brighton, Harlesden, St Albans, Preston and Isle of Man.

One of the fantastic opportunities cadets had this year was to visit the Isle of Man and experience a variety of new challenges. One of the cadets that attended had never been on a plane before, so this was a new experience in itself. Another had never seen the ocean before, never mind throwing her self of a cliff whilst coastering. This really highlights what cadets is all about, offering young people experiences that they will not only enjoy, but that will last them a life time.

BTP London and Birmingham also lifted this year's National Cadet Competition Trophy. Therefore this year's National Competition will be hosted by BTP, it will take place at RAF Cosford in Shropshire on the 28th-30th of July. Further details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

2016 really went out with a bang for BTP London as they completed a nightshift alongside officers at the Transport for London headquarters at St James, London. They saw 2017 in at the top of the headquarters building, with a view better than any other.





Don't forget...

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Aims of the VPC

- Promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people
- Encourage a spirit of adventure and good citizenship
 - Support local policing priorities through volunteering and give young people a chance to be heard
- Inspire young people to participate positively in their communities