



# Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust

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# Welcome from our Patron, the Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire - Mrs Anna Turner.

*I am pleased to have been asked to be Patron of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust.*

*Over the last year the Trust has made great strides forward thanks to the strong team of Trustees working with a clear vision to support the Shropshire Army Cadets with financial aid, skills development and personal growth. By raising sufficient funds, all Cadets have an equal chance to benefit from gaining new skills, friendships, and prospects through the development programmes.*

*Being part of the Cadets can offer wonderful experiences and skills to young people and gives them a great start in life that could be continued in the military or in the workplace generally.*

*I hope you enjoy this newsletter – hopefully the first of many!*



**As we approach the first anniversary of Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust as a registered charity, we have great pleasure in sharing our first news update with you.**

The Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust has been established to raise funds to support Shropshire Army Cadet Force activities.

As a charitable organisation, The Trust aims to shape the best opportunities for young Shropshire Army Cadets and adult volunteers to flourish.

The primary function of the trust is to raise funds to be able to support the Cadets in Shropshire and to finance the equipment not supplied by the Ministry of Defence. This will be done via donations and sponsorship so the Trust welcomes interest from businesses who want to be part of the Cadet journey.





# What do Shropshire Army Cadets do?

## “A Weekend in the Field”

Cadets from The Copthorne Platoon along with other Cadets from Shropshire Army Cadet Force enjoyed a ‘weekend in the field’. Over the weekend the Cadets learnt tactics and living in the field under rustic tentage. They also enjoyed composite rations.

Thankfully the weather was kind, and they all had an enjoyable time thanks to their Adult Instructors.



## CPSA Shotgun Skills Training

A CPSA Shotgun Skills Course and Familiarisation Shoot took place at Venning Barracks and Buller Range, at Donnington, Successful cadets were awarded their CPSA Shotgun Skills and Discover Clay Shooting Certificates.

## The Lucas-Tooth Shield

All Army Cadet detachments in Shropshire participate annually in the competition for the prestigious ‘Lucas-Tooth’ shield, a distinguished trophy dating back to around 1916.

Every Army Cadet County possesses a ‘Lucas-Tooth’ shield, which was established thanks to a generous donation from Sir Robert Lucas-Tooth, 1st Baronet (7 December 1844 – 19 February 1915), a noted philanthropist.



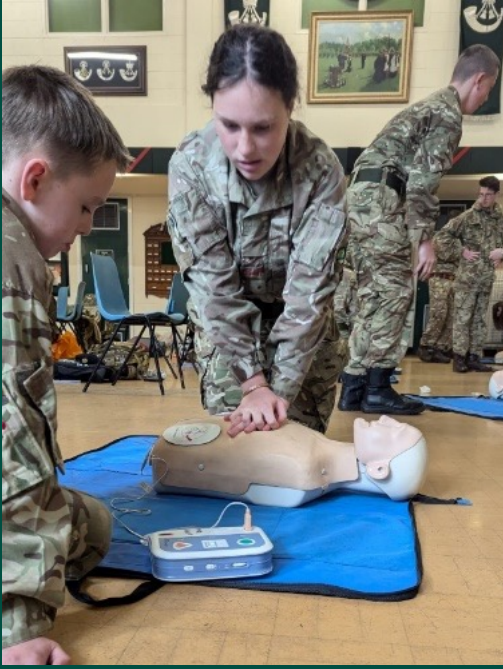
The shield is awarded to the detachment that accumulates the most points across various activities, including Football, Cross Country, Athletics, Skill at Arms, First Aid, Military Skills, participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Swimming, Army Cadet Syllabus achievements, and attendance at annual camp.

For the 2023–2024 competition, Dawley Bank detachment secured first place with 103 points, followed by Wellington detachment with 98 points in second, and Pontesbury detachment in third with 96 points.

At the annual camp in August, Mrs. Anna Turner, HM Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire, presented the trophy to the cadets from Dawley Bank.



## First Aid Training



Cadets and adults from Shropshire took part in comprehensive First Aid training, either completing refresher courses or new qualifications based on their experience and skill level.

The training included 2\* Youth First Aid, focusing on essential first aid skills like CPR, treating minor injuries, and responding to medical emergencies. The 3\* Emergency First Aid at Work course covered more advanced techniques, including assessing workplace hazards, managing shock, and handling injuries until professional help arrives.

Finally, the 4\* First Aid at Work course provided in-depth training on a wide range of medical emergencies, including severe injuries, resuscitation, and prolonged care. All participants gained valuable life-saving skills to support their communities and fellow cadets.

## Banner Parade

On October 13, 2024, the Shropshire Army Cadets gathered at St Alkmund's Church for their annual Banner Day Parade, a prestigious event celebrating the cadets' dedication and achievements. The ceremony was attended by local dignitaries and community leaders, adding to the significance of the occasion.



The highlight of the day was the formal presentation and blessing of all the detachment and Shropshire ACF County Banners. During a solemn drumhead ceremony, the banners were officially handed over to the detachment cadets for the upcoming year. The service was led by the Shropshire Army Cadets Padre, who delivered a heartfelt blessing over the banners and the cadets.



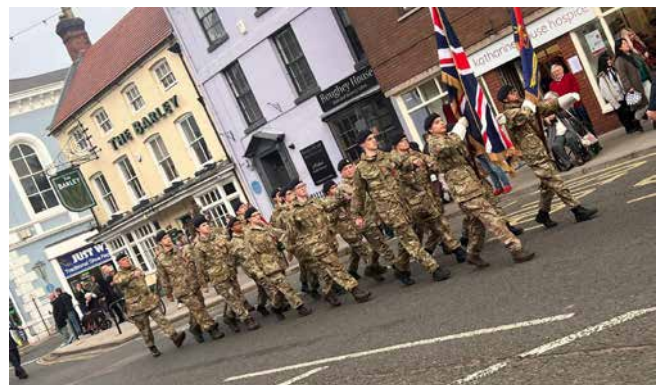


# Shropshire Remembers 2024

An extraordinary dedication unfolded across Shropshire, with countless hours devoted by every detachment to support and amplify the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. This collective effort has been a powerful testament to the unity, spirit, and commitment of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each CFAV and cadet who played a part in this meaningful endeavour. These weeks of dedication culminated in the deeply moving Remembrance Parades held throughout the county, moments that brought us all together as one.

United as a county, we stood to pay tribute and express profound gratitude to the members of our armed forces, those who have served, those who continue to serve, and the brave souls who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of our beloved nation.



## Lord-Lieutenant Cadets 2024 - 25

Lord-Lieutenant Cadets are selected for their remarkable dedication.

Shropshire Lieutenancy is dedicated to recognising and rewarding ambition and achievements, qualities which are of particular importance in younger generations.

A representative who has shown outstanding commitment and achievements in their cadet training is chosen from the Sea Cadets, the Army Cadet Force, the Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force to accompany the Lord-Lieutenant on civic and military visits.

This year's Army Cadet Force representative is Cadet Company Sergeant Major Izzy McAree.





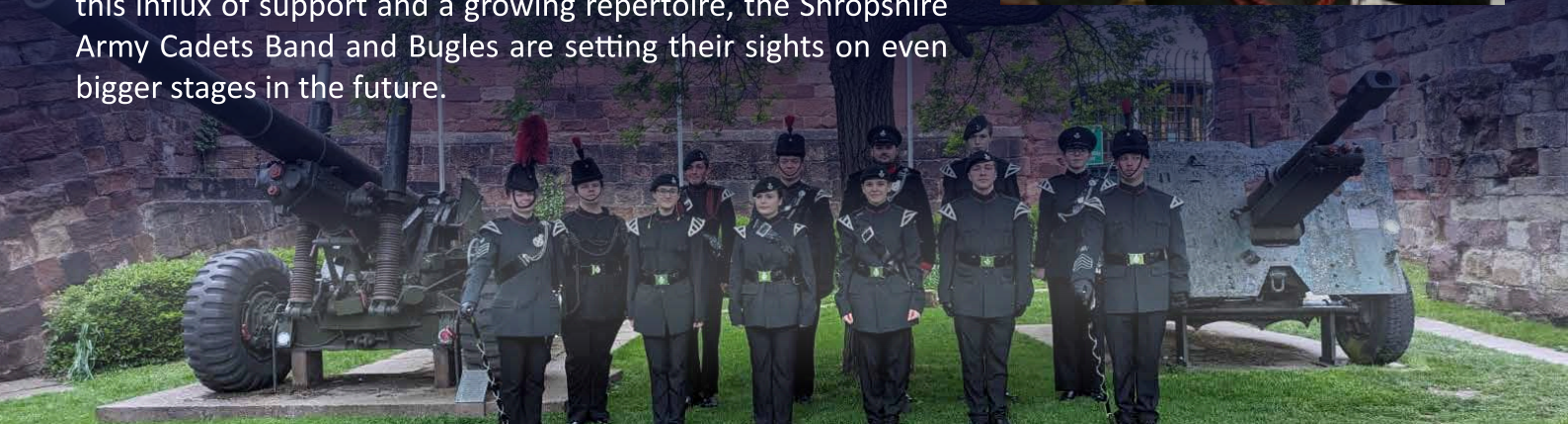
## The Bligny Band and Bugles

The Shropshire Army Cadets Band and Bugles have been making their presence known performing at a variety of prestigious events across the county.

Their stirring marches provided the soundtrack for the Armed Forces Football Match in Shrewsbury, the Lord Lieutenant's Evening at Copthorne Barracks, Shropshire Society in London garden party, and the Friends of the Museum event at Shrewsbury Castle's Light Infantry Museum.

The band completed a week-long training stint at the prestigious national music camp organised by the Army Cadets, further honing their skills and fostering growth.

This surge in activity is bolstered by the arrival of experienced adult musicians who are lending their talents to the band. With this influx of support and a growing repertoire, the Shropshire Army Cadets Band and Bugles are setting their sights on even bigger stages in the future.



## *Supporting Shropshire Army Cadets To learn and experience these skills for life*

Supporting the Shropshire Army Cadet Force Trust as an individual, company or local organisation is easy. Sponsorship can be in the form of funding, time, advice or skills and offered regularly or as an ad hoc provision. Patronage packages can be provided to a specific cadet detachment within Shropshire or gifted to an individual by request.

Sponsoring the Trust offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of tomorrow's leaders. Sponsorship benefits encompass:

- **Opportunities for local corporate social responsibility (CSR) and community involvement.**
- **Enhanced brand visibility by displaying your logo and company bio on our website and promotional channels.**
- **Positive national and local PR coverage.**
- **Participation in entertaining clients at prospective events and fundraising activities.**
- **Networking opportunities for collaborative ventures and business growth.**

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<b>Individuals £100 per year</b>	<b>£950 per year for 3 years</b>	<b>£1950 per year for 3 years</b>
<b>Corporate £250 per year</b>		

## **This year we have gained sponsorship from:**

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