P & SA Chairs report - 29th October 2025

Chairs Report

The P & SA has grown and evolved over the past 12 months and we are in a much stronger position to support the Unit by attending more community events, recruitment events and to apply for grants. Thank you to the current members of the P & SA who have supported me over the last 12 months.

During the period April 2024 to March 2025 the P & SA have attended several events including

April 2024 Recruitment event - CMK shopping centre July 2024 Newport Pagnell Carnival 2 day event November 2024 Newport Pagnell Lights November 2024 Stony Stratford Lights November 2024 Wolverton Fireworks

With your generous support we raised £5,000. With the money raised, we have contributed £2,500 towards the running of the minibuses, which allows our cadets to attend so many varied events.

A massive thank you to John Lewis Partnership for donating £1,000 in December for Christmas 2024 Connections.

The P & SA receive a variety of donations including tombola items, raffle prizes etc from supporters which allows the P & SA to raise funds at various events. We were donated a large amount of vintage dolls house furniture during the year, which has raised £100. A huge amount of lego was also donated and this was bagged and used as tombola items, as well as being sold online.

As a thank you to cadets and staff, the P & SA bought Easter eggs for everyone for Easter 2025.

The Easy-fundraising Scheme is still available and is straight forward to sign up to when shopping online. Gift Aid donations also help the Unit with fund raising and we actively encourage all parents to sign up for this as part of our fund-raising activities.

The P & SA are always looking for new members, whether to help at an event, serve refreshments, fold raffle tickets etc. Informal meetings are held during the year to plan and discuss events. Everyone is welcome.

I would like to thank Michael Snell, Unit Treasurer, for his help to the P & SA, with grant applications and especially when counting cash we have received in donation buckets. Old pound coins and euros can all be exchanged at the bank!

Finally, I would like to thank Lt J Tilley, Commanding Officer and her staff for their support to the P & SA, and last but not least all of the UMT, for their support and encouragement.

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