

March 2018

NESC News

Wootton Hall Park, Northampton, NN4 0JA

Hello everybody!

We've had a very busy month this March. Op Crooked has been a focus for us, helping Northamptonshire Police tackle serious acquisitive crime. We have also been developing our safeguarding within the charity with six of our leaders now qualified as Level 3 Safeguarding Instructors. Plans are in place for the introduction of a fantastic new instructor training program and the cadets had a wonderful (and tiring) time at the county-wide Residential.

Cadet recruitment is in full swing and we are working on our next adult leader recruitment strategy. The charity is really flourishing and progression is definitely underway!

It's an exciting time to be in NESC!

Ashleigh Houlden, NESC Operational Commander

We are recruiting!

We are looking for expressions of interest for our September cadet intake. Please have a look at our website www.nescadets.co.uk or email admin@nescadets.co.uk for an application pack.

We are also looking to recruit more adult leaders! Please email admin@nescadets.co.uk for more information.

Partnership working

We have done some great work this month with Zoe from NAYC over in Daventry looking at learning styles as well as Sam Ward from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office on the advertisement campaign for Time2Listen.



Upcoming Events

April 5

Community Engagement, Weston Favell – Northampton

April 7

Monthly Fire Drill night – Fire

April 14

Hiking in Mam Tor – Daventry & Northampton

Recruitment & Rushden Lakes Crafts – Wellingborough

Charity Car Wash – The Mounts Fire Station

April 15

Community Engagement – Royal Park, Daventry

April 19

Op Keep Safe – Arson Task Force, Wellingborough

April 22

Norbital Cycle – Northampton

April 30

Recruitment closes

Staff Updates:

Congratulations to:

All twenty instructors who completed their Youthwork Level 1 Qualification.

Ashleigh Houlden, Ann-Marie Lawson, Steve Bedford, Andy Evans, Adam Jeskins, Mick Leonard & Laura Parker-Guest have qualified to teach Level 3 Safeguarding

Katie Alland who was successful in her application to Chief Fire Officer's Cadet. (more details next month).

Upcoming:

Nick Caplan is cycling across Vietnam for Help4Heroes. Visit his site to show support for this awesome cause: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nickcaplan2018>

Goodbye and thank you to:

Thank you so much to Matthew Van Lier at Kingswood Academy in Corby, who was instrumental in setting up the school's NESC unit. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2a9VaDp>

Events in March – We've been busy!

- Cadets and parents from Northampton Unit collected and donated clothing to Street Angels and volunteered with Amarjit Singh Atwal at the Langar Seva community kitchen.



- Kettering cadets assisted with Op Crooked by providing crime prevention advice and leaflet dropping in the St Peter's Ward of Kettering, out on foot in the street to offer advice. They have visited the Newlands Shopping Centre, Asda superstore and Kettering town centre.



- The Northampton have also been doing their part for Op Crooked, delivering burglary crime prevention advice in Billing and Eastfield and delivering crime prevention leaflets in Kingsley.

- Kingswood Unit did their part for Op Crooked, providing crime prevention and leaflet drops in Oakley Vale, Corby.



- Kingswood cadets held a goodbye presentation ceremony for departing Vice Principal, Matthew Van Lier, who has been instrumental in bringing NESC to Kingswood Secondary Academy.



- Zoe from Northampton Association of Youth Clubs visited the Daventry Unit to work with cadets and leaders on learning styles.



National Fire Cadets Games

We are submitting a Team for the National Fire Cadet Games which is on the 18-19 August 2018. The Games is a competition around fire fighter skills and is open to anyone aged 16 & under. Try outs are being held during April to find our Team of 6. All cadets welcome to try out. The competition will be held over the weekend and will be a large scale camp out with all the other competing cadet units from around the country.

National Volunteer Police Cadet Competition

We are submitting a Team for the National Volunteer Police Cadet Games which is on the 3rd to 5th August 2018 in Scotland! Tryouts dates TBC.

The competition is around police and team building skills open to any cadet

Please contact me asap if you have not yet registered your interest for try outs for either of the games!

Events in March – continued...

- Wellingborough cadets have been working with Wellingborough's Neighborhood policing team on crime prevention for Op Leven, a series of high value burglaries.



- Wellingborough also assisted at the Mayor of Wellingborough's quiz held at the Council Offices on Friday March 23, 2018. The Mayor was raising money for his two charities - Sunflowers and the Gateway Club. These are charities in the borough helping young people and adults with learning difficulties

- Fire, Kettering and Wellingborough cadets assisted at the Rushden and Corby fire station charity car washes helping to raise a whopping £1,272 for the Air Ambulance Service and The Fire Fighters Charity. Really well done!



- Cadets at Kingswood supported Down's syndrome Awareness Week by wearing #lotofsocks. Why? Because chromosomes look a lot like socks! People with Down's syndrome have an extra chromosome.

- Northampton male adult leaders supported Prostate Cancer UK by wearing their #menunited pin badges on parade.



- Northampton Unit visited Moulton Rainbows to talk about keeping safe



Two new officers join the ranks!

Two of Northampton Unit's adult leaders have successfully applied to and now joined the police. Russ Barnes was a special constable and Georgia Sees was a cadet, both are now valuable assets to Northamptonshire Police



NESC Bus Update

Funding has been approved for the renovation of the old mobile police station for the NESC bus. The exterior will be completely stripped and a new design placed on featuring logos from Jessip, fire, police and ambulance and NESC. The generators will be serviced, the interior deep-cleaned and reupholstered, and a new kitchen fitted. A new folding wall to house the EMAS defibrillator will be an amazing addition.