



Some of the cadets and adult volunteers who took part.

CADET OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Hundreds of people in Dundee were given an insight into the Service Cadets during a Tri-Service Cadet Open Day on 3 June.

More than 100 cadets and adult volunteers set up stands in the City Square, showcasing the breadth of their activities.

These included Tag Archery, Fieldcraft, Laser Shooting, a Mobile Flight Simulator, First Aid demonstrations, and a RIB/dinghy.

There was also music provided by the Pipes and Drums of the ACF Battalions of Angus and Dundee, The Black Watch, and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the band of Dundee Sea and Royal Marines Cadets – TS Duncan. Each band put on several performances throughout the day, helping to pull in a large and appreciative crowd.

The event ran from 11am to 3pm and was designed to highlight the benefits gained from joining any of the cadet organisations.

Aside from the musical performances and stands there were also drill displays from the RAF Air Cadets, and from the Sea Cadets. The well-attended event was rounded off in style with an inter-services competition. The hotly-contested event involved dismantling and rebuilding a set of webbing. Roared on by cadets and the crowd, the team from TS Duncan won, thus securing bragging rights for the Sea Cadets.

Among the cadet units taking part on a very sunny Saturday were TS Duncan (Sea Cadets); Angus and Dundee Battalion Army Cadet Force, The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Battalion ACF, the Pipes & Drums of The Black Watch Battalion ACF and RAF Air Cadets from 1145 (Dunfermline) Squadron.



The band from TS Duncan (left) and (right) cadets from 1145 (Dunfermline) Squadron during a drill display.

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ERS SILVER FOR 29 ORGANISATIONS

Twenty-nine companies in the Highland RFCA-area have been awarded the prestigious Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Silver award for 2023.

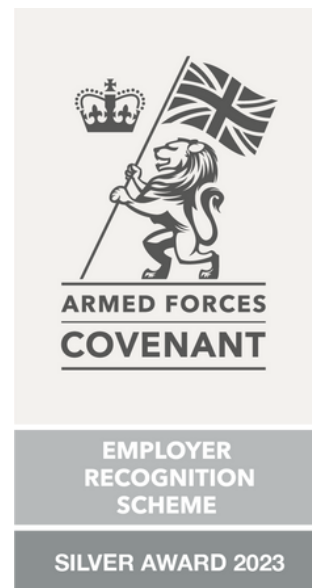
The award from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) is in recognition of the support the organisations give to the Armed Forces community.

The 2023 winners in the HRFCa-area are: 20/20 Business Insight Limited; Andron Facilities Management; BEAR Scotland; BRAVEHOUND; Central Fife Sheds Ltd; Dundee Football Club; EC Aluminium Ltd; Eclipse (IP) Ltd; Falkirk Football Community Foundation; Forth Valley College; G.H.Q. Spirits; Glenhead Engineering Ltd; Gray & Adams Ltd; Home Instead East Fife; HorseBack UK; International SOS Medical Services UK; Lochaber Chamber of Commerce; Lochgilphead Medical Centre; Munro and Noble Solicitors and Estate Agents; NHS Western Isles; Progressive Pathways Ltd; Royal Dornoch Golf Club; Serica Energy; Stirling Highland Games; Stroven Ltd; The Dundee Gin Company Ltd; The UKSI Limited; TSG UK Solutions Limited; Wings For Warriors.

The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme recognises those who demonstrate or advocate support to the Armed Forces community and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant – a pledge from the nation that those who serve or who have served and their families are treated fairly.

A ceremony will be held at The Black Watch Castle & Museum in Perth on June 22 to present the winners with their awards.

To read the full story with reaction from the winners, click [HERE](#).



SCOTS CADETS ATTEND CORONATION

A group of cadets and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) from across The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force attended the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla on May 6 in London.

Ten cadets and two CFAVs set off from the Army Reserve Centre in Stirling on May 5, heading for London to attend the Coronation the next day. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion ACF cadets were the only ones from Scotland invited to attend. Each Company nominated cadets for this huge honour, ensuring that the whole Battalion was represented. The cadets were accompanied by Sergeant Major Instructor Alan (Sid) Kelly and Officer Commanding of E Company, Captain Fay Whay. Captain Whay said: "I've got two cadets from my own Company coming down, so it's a great privilege to be able to spend the weekend with them and celebrate." Cadet Sergeant Mackay, the most senior cadet in attendance, said: "This is an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and not one that many people get."

EMPLOYERS SPREAD THEIR WINGS

Employers from across Scotland had the unforgettable opportunity to visit Scotland's only Royal Air Force base, RAF Lossiemouth, on 26 April.

The guests assembled at the Officers' Mess where Officer Commanding of 2622 (Highland) Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force (RAuxAF) Regiment, Squadron Leader Chris Beckley, kicked off the station tour with a warm welcome. Next stop was the Atlantic Building, home of Boeing's Poseidon MRA1 (P-8A) aircraft. RAF Lossiemouth's Station Commander, Group Captain Jim Lee, provided an introductory brief, highlighting "the power of the Reserves".

The guests then enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about one of the latest aircraft to join the RAF fleet. 201 'Guernsey's Own' Squadron, a Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron that has been operating the P-8A Poseidon since 2021, delivered a capabilities brief.

After a brief introduction to the 2622 Squadron's hangar, the group visited II (Army Co-operation) Squadron. Andi McColl welcomed the visitors with a Reservist presentation on one of the latest fighter aircraft in the RAF fleet and its role in defence in the UK airspace.

A senior engineering officer and two pilots led an in-depth tour of the Typhoon FGR Mk 4. The II (AC) Squadron visit finished in the pilots' crew room where they showcased some of their safety equipment and attire. The employers praised the Typhoon Squadron visit as the highlight of the



Some of the visitors in front of the Typhoon FGR4.

day. The afternoon tour was wrapped up with a chance for the employers to meet serving RAF Reservists from across Scotland to gain valuable insight into the Reserves' training and work. Reservists from 2622, 602 and 603 Squadrons RAuxAF answered questions from the employers.

Jane Henderson, HR Business Partner at Highland Council, said: "What a fantastic eye-opening day! I have a much better understanding of the role the Reservists play and how I can also influence the ethos at Highland Council. Thank you for the hospitality – I felt very privileged to be involved."

