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# The Panther

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## LEES Trophy Inspection 2016

April 26th 2016, was a huge day for 146 Squadron, Air Cadets, Northwich.

The Squadron was visited, by Group Captain Richard Allen RAFR. The event was to mark the inspection for the coveted Lees Trophy, the award for excellence in The Air Training Corps.



The Lees trophy, is awarded to the Squadron that displays the highest standards and the finest values of the Air Training Corps and reflects the efforts and activities of the past 12 months.

The evening started with a parade, with Group Captain Allen RAFR, completing an inspection of the cadets. Following the inspection, The 146 Squadron band gave a performance including: 'When the Saints go Marching in', 'The Assam Rifles' and 'Swing March'.

Group Captain Allen commented "Northwich clearly a very large and



*thriving squadron which continues to provide good opportunities for our young people as the air training corps has been doing for 75 years. I have been very impressed by the wide range of activities that the hard working staff have been providing for the cadets."*

Following a short break, the cadets broke into several groups, taking part in a variety of activities.

These included; training on the in house flight simulator, training on the indoor rifle range, Duke of Edinburgh award expedition planning as well as a training and an eDofE session, and our newest recruits completing First Class had first aid training.

These are just a few of the vast array of opportunities the Air Cadets have access to.



146 Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader Paul Thompson RAFVR(T) said "It is extremely pleasing to see the cadets demonstrate their commitment and determination to the ACO, and they are a credit to Merseyside Wing and justifiably the nomination for the Lees Trophy"

Should the Inspection be a success, 146 Northwich Squadron will be one of six finalists within the Air Cadet organisation and represent Wales & West region as their nomination. The Air Cadets has 1009 squadrons and over 42,000 cadets. The final decision will be made by the Officer Commanding the Air Cadets, Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty.

The Air Cadets Organisation celebrates their 75th Anniversary in 2016. To be awarded the Lees trophy would be an outstanding achievement. However, no matter what the outcome, all the staff and Cadets are rightly proud of the achievements over the past year.

*CI Dutton*

### UPDATE

**Following our inspection on Tuesday, 146 Squadron has been selected to represent Wales and West Region in the next stage of the Lees Trophy competition!**

**This means we will now be inspected by Air Commodore McCafferty, as one of the top six units in the Corps.**

**This achievement is a testament to the hard work every staff, civ com and cadet member has put in over the past year and particularly the past few months, to prepare for the event. What a privilege to be part of such a team!**

*Fg Off Moores*

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### A Years' Worth of Achievements at 146

- 54 New Cadets joined
- 22 New Staff qualifications
- 119 Camp places
- 72 Cadets flown
- 68 No 8 WHT passed
- 2 Gliding Scholarships
- 3 Overseas camp places
- 25 Wing blues
- 7 Region blues
- 2 Corps blues
- 36 Basic Swimming Certificates
- 16 Intermediate Swimming Certificates
- 2 Advanced Swimming Certificates
- 3 ACLC Passes
- 28 Bronze DofE Awards
- 14 Silver DofE Awards
- 12 Gold DofE Awards
- 21 Communicator badges
- 48 Heartstart Certificates
- 20 Youth First Aid Certificates

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