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Bedfordshire Lieutenancy: HM Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets ready for service

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Helen Nellis recently appointed her cadets for 2021/2022 at a ceremony held at Bedford Modern School by kind permission of the Head, Mr Alex Tate.

Dignitaries present at the ceremony, which was held in line with current COVID-19 guidelines, included the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire Eric Masih, Speaker of Bedford Borough Council Cllr Jane Walker, Mayor of Luton Cllr Mahmood Hussain, Chairman of Central Bedfordshire Council Cllr Brian Saunders, Chief Fire Officer Andrew Hopkinson, Deputy Chief Constable Trevor Rodenhurst, Chief Executive of the East Anglia Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association Colonel Ray Wilkinson QVRM TD VR DL and the President of St John's Ambulance Anthony Duggan OBE. They were joined at the ceremony by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Chris Sharwood-Smith MBE, representatives from the various cadet organisations, Deputy Lieutenants and cadets' family members.

The role of Lord-Lieutenant's cadets is to support the Lord-Lieutenant in carrying out her duties and their selection and appointment acknowledges their outstanding contribution to their cadet service and to the community.

This year's cadets are Cadet Corporal Benjamin Cornforth (Luton Royal Marines Cadet Detachment), Cadet Sergeant Matthew Brewer (Bedford Modern School Combined Cadet Force), Cadet Staff Sergeant Chloe Bezer (Beds & Herts Army Cadet Force), Flight Sergeant Toby Shortman (Henlow Squadron, Air Training Corps), Cadet Sergeant Cameron Moore (St John Ambulance), Drill Cadet Lukas Wescott (Bedfordshire Police Cadets), Cadet Crew Manager Keown Seldon (Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service).

The Lord-Lieutenant's cadets are the finest of the many talented young people in the cadet forces within Bedfordshire. They are excellent leaders and a credit to their organisations and to the county.

Speaking after the commissioning the Lord-Lieutenant said: "My Lord-Lieutenant Cadets continue to impress me year on year with their professionalism, dedication to the county and confidence in meeting a wide range of people. They represent some

of the finest young people of Bedfordshire and I am excited for the year ahead. I wish my new Lord-Lieutenant Cadets a fulfilling and rewarding year."