

1936 (Newton) Squadron Air Training Corps

The Air Training Corps was originally formed in 1941 and is a national voluntary youth organisation supported by the Royal Air Force. It caters for young people aged between 13 and 20 years of either sex. HRH Prince Philip is the ATC's Commander in Chief.

The Aims of the ATC are:

To promote and encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force.

To provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life.

To foster the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

1936 (Newton) Squadron was formed in April 1942 and has continually served a catchment area of some twelve miles since that date. The Cadets meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 1845 hrs to 2115 hrs at their HQ, The Old NAAFI Shop, Trenchard Close, Newton.

Once enrolled the Cadets undertake many activities including, Adventure Training, camping, Shooting, swimming, Navigation training, First Aid and the Air Cadets Organisation is also the largest supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme with many Cadets holding Bronze, Silver and latterly Gold Awards. The Cadets also have opportunities to attend Air Experience Gliding at RAF Syerston and Flying at RAF Cranwell with many Cadets able to pilot an aircraft before they are 17 years old.

Opportunities are available for Cadets to attend week long camps at RAF Stations in the UK and abroad during the Easter, Summer and Autumn school holidays and a week at MOD Swynnerton at Spring Half Term is always very popular. Many of these camps are subsidised.

The Cadets always enjoy helping the local community at Fairs or Charity events by either car park marshalling, helping with stalls and serving food as well as helping at the annual Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion.

Please see the Air Cadets Official Website at www.aircadets.org or www.semidsatc.org.uk for even further information. If you would like to join us please telephone 01949 20384 (Mon & Wed evenings only).

Janet Greasley, Hon Chairman 1936 (Newton) Sqn Civilian Committee