

## Attestation Ceremony 4/5/2019

Deputy Lieutenant,

Your Honours

Police and Crime Commissioner

Chief Constable

Cadets

Families of cadets

Friends and supporters

Welcome to you all and an especially **huge** welcome to the cadets, who will shortly be officially sworn in as voluntary police cadets, and to their careers and parents.

This is an **important** moment in your lives. You have done so well by completing the initial training. I know this will have required lots of effort and determination on your parts. You are now able to wear with **Pride** the smart uniforms. This is a tremendous achievement and something to be really proud of.

What **smart** uniforms you have -smart and purposeful. When you wear them in the community people will look up to you with respect.

As High Sheriff of Surrey, I am so proud to be Patron of the Surrey voluntary police cadets. I am new into this voluntary role -just 3 days in -3 days as your Patron. Patron means to support, and **I will** support you to the hilt, as I think what you have achieved and what you will go on to do as a cadet is inspirational.

Now back to uniforms yours is smart and purposeful, mine is the result of over 1000 years of history. As a result, I have feathers, buckles and frills. I do have a sword which I have entrusted to The High Sheriffs Cadet Meghna Singh, to guard, as I am sure Meghna will be much more competent with this than me. So we may have differences in our uniform but The Cadets and the High sheriff have things in common too.

We both have a responsibility to help make our communities better through volunteering. It might seem strange but I think we are very lucky to have this

opportunity, it makes you feel better when you can help someone else, and I know you will be putting great effort into making a difference for communities and people in Surrey.

I have this wonderful badge of office with the 11 points for the 11 boroughs in Surrey, hopefully there will soon be 11 Voluntary Police Cadet units. The badge says **it is more blessed to give than to receive**. This is exactly what you will be doing and for that I am proud of you and proud to be your Patron.

The volunteering is only a part of your role and I know that the drill ,the learning of policing skills as well as the team building and support you will give to each other is all part of being a voluntary police cadet .I applaud you for all of this and I want you to feel proud of yourselves for what you have achieved and excited about the possibilities the future in the cadets holds.

I hope that I will see you all through the year at different events remembering of course that I might have to dispatch the frills and feathers and buckles or be challenged by some of those helpful and invaluable jobs you will do with ease.

Finally I think we should all give a huge thank you to your Volunteer leaders to your careers and parents and Helen Hartley and Sgt Kerslake who make it all happen.