

Voluntary police cadets' leaders dinner 1st Feb 2020

It is a huge pleasure to have the all-stars of Surrey's Volunteer Police Cadets at Hampton tonight, and I hope you have enjoyed dinner with huge thanks to Moll, Rachel and Molly's team.

Being your patron has been and is the highlight of being Surrey's High Sheriff. And why -well to me it resonates 100% with what the High Sheriff's duties are all about - helping to make Surrey a safer and more considerate community.

I am so proud of how you go about achieving this. Your cadets are inspirational, they are ace citizens filled with confidence, fun and community spirit and this is thanks to you.

In such a short time so much has happened with our cadets, 8 units in place, and so much activity.

I am always bowled over by the attitude and action of the cadets, whether it is in:

watching near perfect drill - at the Cathedral, -
outshining all the military cadets -

attending and representing at events - and this year I think of amongst others the Judiciary service in Holy Trinity church and of course PC Julie's funeral at Guildford cathedral where such dignity and maturity was shown

volunteering in an incredibly organised, professional and impressive manner, as at the Cobham Show or the open farm day here,

or undertaking police support work in lobbing rubber bullets and learning radio transmission as a police support unit,

All of this is down to you: to the support, the time, the training and most importantly the friendship you give to all the cadets. This is what I want to thank you all for- a dedication to something that is so important and so worthwhile -Thankyou, from me your Patron and your High Sheriff.

There is just one request I have to you all, the High Sheriff Youth awards which I hope you are all aware of continues to make small grants to community groups and charities that are working with children and young people to make surrey a safer community. I am sure you all have your ears to the ground and hear of these initiatives please don't forget if a grant would help deliver this work send them in the direction of The High sheriffs Youth awards.

And one final request before I pass over to the Chief – we must have a raffle-and tonight we have just one prize -no hundreds of pink blue and yellow tickets- but I hope we have everyone's table place names in here and I am going to ask the chief to draw the ticket for the

winner of The Take Life Higher -pair of Virgin Hot Air balloon tickets, and I hope whoever wins enjoys a great flight over Surrey.