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Felixstowe Detachment Suffolk Army Cadet Force are delighted to be awarded monies from the Grant Fund to support our young people. At detachment over the last two years, we have actively been supporting our young people at home via Zoom meetings in providing both Army Cadet syllabus training and pastoral care. On return to Detachment, we canvassed the group as to what would assist them in the return to face to face training. It was highlighted that the current system of plugging a laptop into an old television was probably outdated and we may need to move into modern times.

We therefore decided upon a Projector to deliver and this would solve issues of enabling enough people to see the presentations without over crowding around a television. In addition, we could then split the groups down into different syllabus groups to further enhance the training provided.

We were successful in our bid and have begun utilising the projector for teaching sessions. Previously we also had problems using our Laptops as there was confidential information on them which prevented our senior cadets from utilising them and now they are fully able to use the technology to present to younger cadets thus enhancing their confidence and skill sets.

As a group the Army Cadets takes young people from the age of 12 to 18 and will enable them to grow in confidence and skills that will benefit them in the years to come. We have a comprehensive syllabus that teaches the young people about a range of subjects from military history, Navigation, First Aid, shooting and community spirit and supporting the local community.

As part of our work we provide education and support into the Army Cadets Healthy minds project which has helped cadets through Covid and lockdown, by providing on line zoom sessions to keep up morale and wellbeing.

Felixstowe has 3 adult volunteers who support the detachment and they are unpaid on parade nights.

We adapt and overcome to the best of our ability but it was previously difficult to always ensure delivery if for example the Detachment commander is away with his work, then we do not have access to a means of delivery either PowerPoint or video lessons.

The projector has enabled us to meet a need and present higher quality lessons across our range of subject matter.



Felixstowe Cadets in a break out group discussing solutions to a task presented on the new projector.

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