



356 (Felixstowe) Squadron

Air Training Corps report

In November 2025 the Felixstowe Town council kindly donated £1,000 towards our archery equipment restoration project for 356 (Felixstowe) Squadron ATC. This generous donation from our friends at the council has enabled us to purchase new arrows, 3 new target stands and bosses, repair kits, new strings for bows, arm guards and more!

The defence community is changing, the RAF is changing and their RAF Air Cadet branch is changing with it. Archery is a discipline focused sport which is now becoming an official competitive sport throughout the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, having this new equipment means our own Cadets can be sufficiently trained to compete against Cadets from across Norfolk and Suffolk Wing, with the hope that they could represent the Wing at a higher level once competitions are rolled out.

This equipment has enabled our Squadrons Cadets to further their skillset, all Cadets at 356 Squadron are now well trained archery shots through our parade night sessions and further training, our Sector Field team represented the Squadron at the annual competition and put in a very strong showing for the archery activity (1 activity of 7), contributing to 356 (Felixstowe) Squadron winning the Annual Field Competition for the 3rd year in a row (other Squadrons represented : Ipswich, Leiston, Manningtree, Stowmarket and Woodbridge)!

With equipment like this and other modernisation undertaken over the last year, 356 (Felixstowe) Squadron ATC has recently moved from strength to strength. We have maintained a 31 strong Squadron with attendance increasing from below 60% to 81% since this time last year with further recruitment plans ahead to maintain steady growth in numbers. We have sent Cadets across the UK on exciting Adventure training camps in the lake district and in Thetford, D of E expeditions (including at Gold level), Cadets have taken to the skies for the first time in powered aircraft at RAF Cranwell, we have supported many community events such as the carnival, 3 poppy appeals and VE & VJ day memorial events, Cadets went on a Camp at RAF Halton and various training courses around the United Kingdom covering Leadership, Cyber Space, Aerospace, First Aid (including instructor Gold Level), Road Marching and more.

The next months of the year are equally if not more exciting as we gear up for a camps at RAF Benson and RAF Odiham, Adventure Training Camps at RAF Leeming, Military Skills Training around the UK and the Norfolk and Suffolk Wings first Multi Training Camp in Thetford, Courses, expeditions, flying and more!

