

Army cadet force holds recruitment drive

ACTION, adventure and camaraderie on offer through the Guernsey Army Cadet Force (RGLI) was on full display at a recruitment drive yesterday.

Young people who attended the opening morning at La Mare de Carteret, had the chance to learn how they could challenge their limits, learn vital skills and go further in life, no matter what path they ultimately took.

The cadets was also showcased as an ideal launch pad for any youngster considering a military career in the future.

Detachment Commander Lieutenant Wendy Ayres said there was so much on offer through the cadets.

'It is fun, adventure, a chance to make new friends and take part in challenging experiences,' she said. 'If you are interested in a military career it definitely helps.'

The ACF (RGLI) is open to young people aged between 12 and 18 and training includes learning teamwork, organisation and leadership skills, as well as shooting, drill and fieldcraft.

Recruits will also learn first aid, take part in navigation and expeditions, physical training, kayaking, learn military knowledge and about being a cadet in the community.

Lance Corporal Billy Rive said he joined three years ago in September, wanting to go onto a career in the army.

'This gives you something to do within the week, you meet friends and make new friends,' he said.

'It builds your confidence, team work skills and generally you have a good laugh.'

Cadet Louis Pike wants to join the Royal Engineers and said the cadets had helped boost a variety of skills and build confidence.

The open day, which saw the cadets take part in team-building and problem-solving activities, was supported by the Jersey Field Squadron who are currently on their own recruitment drive for islanders interested in joining the Army Reserve.

This will see Royal Engineers Corps Engagement Team give a presentation at 5pm today at Les Ozouets Campus of the College of FE, covering a wide range of subjects concerning life in the army whether regular or reserve.

The ACF (RGLI) recruitment open morn-



Above, Lance Corporal Billy Rive, left, and Cadet Louis Pike at La Mare de Carteret High yesterday as part of the Guernsey Army Cadet Force's open morning. Right, the Force was re-badged on Wednesday evening at a ceremony including a changing of the guard for the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry. The ceremony was overseen by His Excellency the Lt Governor, Air Marshal Peter Walker, who is seen here with Cadet Sargent Simone Coe.

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ing follows a recent ceremony to re-badge the Guernsey Army Cadet Force to the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.

■ More open mornings will be held on 14 and 21 June, from 10.30-11.45am, at Fort Le Marchant. For information call Wendy Ayres on 07781 136104.

