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## **PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Lydney Town Council Recognises Outstanding Youth Leaders with Mayor's Cadet Appointments**

The Mayor's Cadet Scheme, established in 2009 by former Mayor Councillor Martin Bowring, continues to honour exemplary young leaders from Lydney's vibrant youth organisations. Each year, this prestigious appointment celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership within their respective cadet units.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Lydney Town Council announced the appointment of three outstanding individuals to the esteemed role of Mayor's Cadet:

1. Leading Cadet Toby Salmon of the Sea Cadet Corps has been recognised for his outstanding contributions to the organisation.

Known for his unwavering commitment, maturity, and exemplary behaviour, Leading Cadet Salmon consistently sets high standards for their peers.

His leadership, discipline, and integrity has earned him admiration both on and off the parade ground, embodying the core values of the Sea Cadet Corps.



Photo of: Leading Cadet Toby Salmon of the Sea Cadet Corps

2. Cadet Sergeant Jess Rydeard from the Royal Air Force Air Cadets has proven herself as a valuable member since 2021.

Despite currently being abroad, she eagerly anticipates her duties as one of Lydney's Mayor's Cadets upon her return.

Cadet Sgt. Rydeard's dedication and skills, including her qualification in methods of instruction, highlight her commitment to supporting her fellow cadets and contributing positively to her community.



Photo of: Representative for Cadet Sergeant Jess Rydeard receiving the award on her behalf.

3. Cadet Corporal Joshua Fearon of Lydney Army Cadet Force (ACF) has been selected for his exceptional service and leadership within the Lydney Platoon.

Since joining in 2021, Cadet Corporal Fearon has distinguished himself through his proactive involvement in various activities and his role as a mentor to junior cadets.

His achievements, including receiving the 'Cadet of the Cadre' award and passing the Junior Cadet Instructor Cadre, underscore his dedication to personal and professional development within the ACF.



Photo of: Cadet Corporal Joshua Fearon of Lydney Army Cadet Force

In summary, these appointments recognise not only the individual accomplishments of Leading Cadet Toby Salmon, Cadet Sgt. Jess Rydeard, and Cadet Corporal Joshua Fearon but also their collective contributions to fostering camaraderie and excellence within Lydney's youth organisations.

Mayor Tasha Saunders expressed her admiration for the Mayor's Cadets, stating, "These young leaders embody the spirit of service and dedication that are crucial to our community. Their roles as Mayor's Cadets will undoubtedly inspire others and contribute positively to our Town."

The Mayor's Cadets will play pivotal roles in civic events throughout the year, representing Lydney with pride and distinction.

Their appointments highlight Lydney's commitment to nurturing leadership and excellence among its youth.

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