

Cadet Cpl Davey attends Northwich Detachment which is part of C Company Cheshire ACF.

Cpl Davey swam impressively at our County Swimming Gala at Ellesmere Port Indoor Centre (EPIC) on Saturday 5 September 2009 where he represented his Company.

He was selected to swim for the County at the North West Regional Championships at EPIC on Saturday 26 September he competed against cadets in the Senior Boys category from Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire many of them club swimmers in their own right. Once again he put up a very confident but modest performance and was selected to swim for the North West at the ACF National Championships at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst a unique setting in the British Army.

I travelled down on Friday with Philip along with Adults and Cadets from Greater Manchester he immediately built up a rapport with the Cadets and the other Officer and Adults commented on how polite and well mannered he was.

On the day of the Championships he excelled himself winning the Butterfly and the Individual Medley by wide margins. In hindsight after seeing his performance in the Individual Medley I selfishly should have included him in other events. Finally at short notice he anchored the Freestyle Relay squad to 2nd and helped our North West team to a very creditable 3rd overall. He was also crowned the National Senior Boys Champion. This honour was achieved for competing against Cadets from all over the UK.

The Commandant, Officers, Adult Instructors and Cadets of Cheshire Army Cadets are very proud of Cadet Cpl Davey and he is a credit to Sandbach Sharks Swimming Club.

This year unusually he was Cheshire's only representative at National level. He has proved he can combine his swimming talents with his Cadet activities. In your area we have Detachments in Sandbach, Alsager, Congleton, Crewe, Nantwich and Winsford. As a recruiting tool which may benefit both our organisations we are looking for young people (age 12.5 - 18) who want a challenge. Army Cadets learn responsibility, leadership and self confidence through activities such as sport, adventurous training, music, military skills and community activities. Next year we celebrate Cadet 150 which apart from the swimming includes many exciting events.

Philip is eligible to swim for a further two years and it would be very encouraging if we had more talent like him.

I hope you find this information helpful. Further information should it be required is available from the undersigned.

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