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1206 (Mercian) RAF Air Cadets Lichfield Staffordshire 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### **Lichfield RAF Air Cadets announces Search and Rescue Mission**

Due to the ever increasing number of cadets, the Lichfield 1206 (Mercian) Squadron are using all the training rooms at their base in Cherry Orchard and need to find new facilities. The Search and Rescue Mission was launched when the Squadron realised that with the planned intake in January 2013, cadet numbers would be approaching 60 and urgent action was needed.

Even with sports, fieldcraft and flying taking place offsite the training accommodation is stretched to capacity as running five concurrent streams of interactive training takes a significant amount of space.

Flight Lieutenant Chris Kelly, the commanding officer is appealing for local businesses, charities and organisations to help with the search and rescue mission. "We are actively looking for space that we could move into within the next month. Ideally it would be for a facility that could fit us all in or that we could use as additional classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you can help or can identify a potential building please contact me at [oc.1206@aircadets.org](mailto:oc.1206@aircadets.org)."

As the Squadron's success continues they are planning to move to two flights. This is excellent news for cadet career and promotion prospects as it creates another path for cadets to rise to the more senior ranks of Sergeant and Flight Sergeant. At the same time it creates further vacancies for uniformed and civilian volunteers and Flight Lieutenant Kelly is keen to recruit in the early part of 2013. So whatever your background, if you want to help train the next generation of pilots, navigators,

managers, salespeople and professionals, you can volunteer through the website at [1206mercian.org.uk](http://1206mercian.org.uk).

1206 (Mercian) Squadron of the RAF Air Cadets was formed in the 1960s and is based in Cherry Orchard in Lichfield Staffordshire with a cadet force of 53 on the books as at December 2012. As part of one of the largest youth organisations in the country the positive attitude, sense of friendship and fun delivers a highly professional and rewarding environment that helps prepare cadets for their chosen career when they leave school, college or university.

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