



Could You Be A Merseyside Police Volunteer Cadet?



What could I do as a Volunteer Cadet?

Through a structured training programme, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the police service, with insights and visits into many departments including:

- *Firearms - learn more about the dangers of weapons and have the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a firearms office*
- *Control Rooms and Contact Centres - the first point of contact for the public. This provides the opportunity to see how the calls are taken and dealt with*
- *Public Order Training - find out how difficult public order/riot situations can be, how officers are trained and why these tactics are used*
- *Forensics - learn the reality about crime scene investigations*
- *Team building – taking part in fun activities to get to know the rest of the team*



As a Volunteer Police Cadet you are a uniformed member of the Extended Police Family and will attend sessions each Saturday morning between 10am – 12pm at Police Headquarters in Liverpool City Centre where you will develop your communication, leadership, problem solving and team working skills.

You will also have the opportunity to get involved with fundraising events, local problem solving exercises, high profile events, team building exercises and gain an insight into football operations. You may also have the opportunity to become the High Sheriffs Cadet.

This is just a flavour of some of the activities you could get involved with. The Merseyside Police Volunteer Cadet Scheme will provide opportunities you will not get anywhere else, and will be memorable for life!

When can I apply?

Eligible candidates will have to have a date of birth ranging from 01/09/2003 to 31/08/2005. Recruitment lines will be open online for a limited period from May 7th 2021.

No formal qualifications are required to apply.

What does the Recruitment process involve?

The Recruitment process involves an online application and a vetting/integrity check. These are standard across the Force.

Once you have been successful at the above stages, you will receive an offer letter and your induction to the Merseyside Police Volunteer Cadet Scheme will commence.

Further information

If you require additional information or are interested in joining the next scheme, please email:

Volunteer.Police.Cadets@merseyside.police.uk

Or alternatively, from May 7th 2021, further information can be found in the 'Join Us' section on the Merseyside Police Website:

www.merseyside.police.uk



VOLUNTEER POLICE CADET VACANCIES - FAQ

QUESTION	ANSWER
DAYS OF WORK – When will I be expected to attend	The Cadet Scheme runs its Mandatory sessions Saturday during term time between 10am-12pm. There are other dates throughout the year where volunteers would be asked for. Some of these are held away from HQ.
WHERE IS IT HELD – Where is the Scheme run from	The Cadet Scheme runs from Police HQ, Canning Place, behind the Liverpool 1 bus stops. Some sessions are held away from HQ but transport is provided for most of these sessions.
DO I HAVE TO PAY	No payments to become a Police Cadet are required.
IS UNIFORM SUPPLIED FOR FREE	Yes. All Cadet uniform is supplied free of charge. You only need to provide your footwear.
HOW LONG DOES THE SCHEME RUN FOR	The Scheme will last 18 months from September 2021 – March 2023.
WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED	No qualifications are needed to join the Scheme
WHY AM I VETTED	Everyone who works for the Police in any capacity is vetted.
ARE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED	No. As the session only runs for 2 hours, we do not provide refreshments. If a session lasts longer than the normal 2 hours, Cadets will be informed to enable them to bring drinks and food of their own should they wish
WILL BEING A CADET GET ME INTO THE POLICE	No. Being a Police Cadet will not automatically allow you entry into the Police Force. The team will assist with applications and mock interviews should you need require the support.
DO I HAVE TO WANT TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER	No. The Cadet Scheme is a personal development programme. There is no requirement for a Cadet to wish to become a Police Officer
DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE FITNESS TESTS	No. Cadets will have the chance to take part in a small fitness test should they wish to. There is no fitness requirement to become a Cadet. We try to accommodate all students regardless of their fitness capacity.
DO I GO OUT ON PATROL	No. Cadets will not physically go out on Patrol. They will be involved with community events but will always be supervised by Police Officers or PCSO's.
DO I WORK IN DIFFERENT AREAS	Sometimes. Normally the sessions are held at HQ and mosts of the lessons will take place there. There are events throughout the Force on different occasions and Cadets will get the chance to volunteer to take part in these. They will always be supervised by Police Officers or PCSO's
DO I GET ISSUED WITH ANY EQUIPMENT	No. As a Police Cadet, you will only be issued with uniform.
WHAT KIND OF ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED	We expected 80% attendance at the Cadet Scheme. If you are not able to make it to a session for any reason, there is an email address and phone number for you to call the team to inform them.
COVID IS AN ISSUE NOW – HOW WILL OUR CHILDREN BE PROTECTED	Masks, wipes and sanitising gel will be provided and available for all Cadets. Cleaning of desks/tables will be done before and after a session.

HOW MANY CADETS WILL ATTEND A SESSION AT ANY ONE TIME?	We will have limited numbers of Cadets attending during a session. This would mean that the Cadets will be split into groups to limit the numbers. This will not impact on the amount of Cadets that we will be able to have in the scheme. Due to this, it may be that the Cadets will take part in 1 session every 3 weeks. It is understood that they may not be taking part in something every Saturday but we are doing what we can to negate any unnecessary risks.
WILL MY CHILD BE AT RISK OF INJURY DURING A SESSION	All risk assessments have been carried out before a session begins. They are completed for every session that is run with the Cadets, whether it is within a building or out and about. If something is deemed to be a risk to any of our Cadets, it will not go ahead.