



# Brighton Air Cadets

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## Welcome

If you're a fan of flying, action and adventure, or enjoy sports and getting to know people, you're in the right place. Every year nearly 60,000 air cadets and volunteer staff take part in exciting events all over the country — Brighton is no exception!

The [Air Training Corps](#) is a uniformed youth organisation sponsored by the Royal Air Force and run by a staff of almost 10,000 volunteer instructors.

226 (Brighton) Squadron is one of the biggest units in Sussex with over fifty cadets between 13 and 20. We take part in an enormous variety of [activities](#), both on Monday & Wednesday evenings and at weekends. Flying, gliding, shooting, adventurous training and sports all form part of the programme, but radio communications, airmanship training, fieldcraft and drill are also staple activities.

As well as these activities we also offer BTEC and leadership qualifications and the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. You can see some of the things we've done recently in the [news section](#).

The current cost is **£10 per month**, although this shouldn't be a barrier to anyone so please do get in touch if this seems like a lot.



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**Join**  
**aircadets**

## When do we meet?

**Monday** 19:00 - 21:00

**Wednesday** 19:00 - 21:00

**Weekends** activities like flying and adventure training take place at weekends

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## Latest News

Find out what the squadron has been up to on our blog



## Photos

See some photos of our cadets and activities.



## Activities

Learn more about our activities & training.



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#### Adventure Training

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#### BTEC & D of E

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## What happens when you join?

After we've met you and you've had a chance to talk to some of our cadets and staff, either at an open evening or on one of our parade nights, we'll take some details from you and give you some forms to fill in. We'll then invite you down to the squadron for every sports and projects evening until our next recruit course begins.

The course consists of three weekends, usually spread out over a few months, and we'll teach you everything you need to know to be a cadet. After you complete the course you'll receive your First Class Cadet badge, have a uniform issued for free and take part in a "passing out parade". You'll then be part of the squadron!

The course programme is as follows:

**Day 1** You'll meet everyone else on your course and learn about the ATC, 226 Squadron, our rank structure and how to look after your uniform.

**Day 2** You'll spend the day learning to march, salute and do all the other basic drill movements.

**Day 3** You'll learn about the RAF, the history of flight and practice your drill.

**Day 4** You'll learn how to safely handle and fire a rifle, as well as the principles of good marksmanship.

**Day 5** You'll spend the morning learning how to communicate with radios and in the afternoon we'll teach you everything you need to know in order to fly - airfield layout, safety in aircraft, runway markings and aircraft instruments.

**Day 6** You'll learn how to use a map and compass, how to pitch tents and pack backpacks and a load of other stuff you need to know before you participate in expeditions.

The final part of your training, which takes place sometime after you "pass out" is a two-day Basic Fieldcraft Course, where you'll learn how to live and eat in the field, as well as camouflage yourself and make tactical moves as part of a team.



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