

Citation for
The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire's
Army Cadets Unit Award 2019

Tetbury Platoon, B Company, The Rifles

The Tetbury Platoon is an outstanding platoon that has made an amazing contribution to the Community. The Platoon organised a charity walk to raise funds for SSAFA, from Gloucester to Weston Super Mare. This event raised well over £1,500 for SSAFA Gloucestershire. This also involved the organization of an Open Evening in order to promote the charity event, where many local and regional SSAFA representatives attended, adding support to this Charity. In addition to the above, the Platoon and its members undertook a number of fundraising events off their own backs, in order to raise additional funds for the Charity. The walk was also promoted to a number of other local companies in the surrounding areas, gaining additional support for the event.

Last year, Cpl Jake Walker, a Cadet NCO at the Platoon, also received a letter from Her Majesty the Queen, thanking him for his involvement in organising an event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War. The Queen stated that she was particularly pleased that Jake and his other cadet colleagues recognized the importance of honouring our serving soldiers, both past and present. The event involved the knitting of thousands of poppies, which were used to create a special piece of commemorative artwork across the outside of their cadet building. The Platoon invited members of the Community along, including the Mayor of Tetbury.

Tetbury Platoon has a positive relationship with the Royal British Legion. The Platoon is affiliated to its local unit and every year they support this charity by collecting for a number of days over the Remembrance Weekend. Their efforts have raised thousands of pounds over many years, and this continues on an annual basis. As well as this, the Platoon also attends the Town's Remembrance parades and services every year.

In addition to the above, the Platoon has become even more involved in local events, including the Tetbury Woolsack Races, and the annual 'Christmas Lights Switch On'. The Tetbury Platoon is certainly 'out there' in the Community, which is why Tetbury Platoon has been awarded the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire's Army Cadets Unit Award for 2019.