

# HRH The Princess Royal opens the new RFCA headquarters

News story

The Princess Royal officially opened the new headquarters at the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for the North West of England and Isle of Man (NW RFCA) and sealed a time capsule.



HRH The Princess Royal at Alt House. Crown Copyright.

On Monday 26 July 2021, The Princess Royal visited the NW RFCA, based at Altcar Training Camp in Hightown, to officially open the new headquarters and seal a time capsule.

Her Royal Highness was accompanied by the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mr Mark Blundell; Mayor of Sefton, Cllr Clare Louise Carragher and met by NW RFCA Chairman, Colonel Nick Williams and Deputy Chief Executive, Colonel Alex Barnes before touring the facility and meeting staff.

The Princess Royal unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of the Headquarters.

Colonel Williams said:

We were delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to the NW RFCA to formally open the headquarters. It was a fabulous opportunity for her to meet our dedicated staff, board members and representatives from our Service provider Aramark, the Military Guard Force and two cadets from Merseyside Army Cadet Force.

We are grateful to Her Royal Highness for taking the time to visit us and to showcase our modern, low carbon and sustainable building, which provides an enduring base for the Association's ongoing work in support of the Reserve Forces and Cadet organisations across the north west of England.

The new headquarters have been operational since late 2020 and is on target to be awarded the BREEAM 'Excellent' rating. The international BREEAM standard is the highest award for best practice in sustainable design and environmental performance for buildings.

The move has also reduced the financial burden imposed on the association and frees more resources for the benefit of the Reserve and Cadet estate in the region.

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