

# LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

## Astle BMW pavement art attack

If you've been out and about in Lincolnshire and the Humber recently you may have spotted some intriguing pavement art underfoot.

Courtesy of Grimsby and Scunthorpe Astle BMW, the quirky street art promotes the dealerships' upcoming transformation into contemporary art galleries by local students to mark the launch of the new BMW 5 Series.

A team of pavement artists took to the streets in towns across Lincolnshire and the Humber to stencil on each piece of three-foot by four-foot floor art.

The designs can be seen in Grimsby, Market Rasen, Louth, Cleethorpes, Scunthorpe, Brigg, Louth, Horncastle, New Waltham and Scartho.

As well as bringing a refreshing change to local streets, the artwork actually cleans the areas it's sprayed onto, causing no damage or long-term effects.

"We like to be different and wanted to step away from the norm," said Astle BMW's Dealer Principal

Paul Wooding. "The pavement art looks great and it's very in keeping with our BMW 5 Series launch theme which focuses on art and an exploration of beauty."



PAUL AND FRANKLIN COLLEGE ART AND DESIGN CO-ORDINATOR MIKE LAMB

## Racing for success

The Humber Network of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) has linked up with the local University, and apprentice training providers to provide a unique opportunity for young engineers/technicians to visit Mercedes GP Petronas (formerly Brawn GP) F1's facility in Brackley. The IET has sponsored different events and in conjunction with training providers awarded as prizes for student excellence places on the visit to: twenty undergraduate engineers from the department of engineering University of Hull, twenty Technicians from North Lindsey College and five apprentices from Humber engineering and training association (HETA).

University of Hull has had a long standing association with the IET, with their degree courses being accredited for over twenty-five years, HETA and North Lindsey

College both have IET Approved Apprenticeship schemes which allows their technical trainees to

apply for professional registration as Engineering Technicians on completion of their apprenticeship.



NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE

# Lincolnshire Cadets enjoy trip to the Palace

Two St John Ambulance Cadets from Lincolnshire enjoyed a day out at Buckingham Palace recently when they represented the charity at a reception hosted by HRH The Princess Royal.

Sixteen-year-old Paul Haw from Sleaford was selected to attend the prestigious event having completed his Grand Prior Award; the highest award a St John Ambulance Cadet can achieve. The award marks at least three years of sustained effort studying twenty-four different subjects - from using social media and working in the community, to outdoor pursuits and first aid.

Tariq Ajumal, also sixteen and from Sleaford, was chosen to attend the function in his role as Lincolnshire's County Cadet of the Year for 2010.

The teenagers, who are both studying for GCSEs at Carre's Grammar School and are members of the Sleaford Quad Division, said they had been delighted to be nominated.

Paul said he was pleased to have met Her Royal Highness. "Visiting Buckingham Palace and meeting The Princess Royal was an amazing experience and one I will never forget. Being a St John Ambulance Cadet has provided me with so many fun opportunities and it is also a great way to make friends and try new things. I'm so proud I've managed to complete the Grand Prior Award and

the visit to the palace has been an exciting way to celebrate."

Tariq added: "I was really looking forward to seeing inside Buckingham Palace! I enjoy being a member of St John Ambulance as it enables me to help people in need and to maybe save a life."

Daryl Perkins, Chief Officer Youth with St John Ambulance commented: "It's important that we recognise the achievements of young people and this reception presents us with a perfect opportunity to do so. These Cadets have worked so hard and demonstrated real commitment to learning and developing new skills and we are very proud of them. They are a credit to our organisation and especially to their youth leaders who have played a big part in inspiring and guiding them.

"Being a youth leader requires dedication, but it's a rewarding role. We're always looking for volunteers so please get in touch to find out more."

Approximately 120 Cadets were invited to the Palace to represent St John Ambulance from across the country. Cadets were nominated by the county Principal Youth Officer for their outstanding hard work and dedication.

For details on becoming a St John Ambulance Cadet or youth leader in your area call 01522 523701 or visit [www.sja.org.uk/lincolnshire](http://www.sja.org.uk/lincolnshire)



THE P7350 MK IIA SPITFIRE

## Battle of Britain Flight honoured with top award

A group of war heroes stood to attention once more when one of the world's best known and loved fleet of aircraft was honoured with a prestigious heritage award from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMEchE).

IMEchE presented its Engineering Heritage Award to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) at its base in RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire before a rare reunion of dignitaries ranging from RAF personnel to the pilot who originally flew in the Avro Lancaster bomber aircraft.

These awards are usually given to a single artefact or invention that has earned its place in history, but it was decided that the entire flight was an example of engineering excellence and worthy of an award. The award goes to the Avro Lancaster, Hawker Hurricanes and Supermarine Spitfires citing the planes as "a tribute to the airmen who lost their lives in the service of this country and an inspiration to all." BBMF is known as 'the museum without walls' and is the longest surviving commemorative unit in the world.

The P7350 Mk IIa Spitfire which is the oldest airworthy spitfire in the world will be seventy in August and fought in the Battle of Britain. Hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent on her restoration. In 1948 the MOD sold her for scrap at a cost of £25 to what was believed to be an engineering company and she was then restored for the first time for the epic Battle of Britain film. She was then presented to the BBMF once filming was complete and is now priceless.



TARIQ (LEFT) AND PAUL WITH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR YOUTH NIKKI DUDLEY (CENTRE)