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**CRC LECTURER & STUDENTS RECEIVE  
POLICE COMMENDATION FOR VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**Val Ross, a Lecturer in Citizenship at Cambridge Regional College and two recent CRC students have been awarded an Assistant Chief Constable's Commendation in a ceremony this week in recognition of their work on 'All Stops'; an operational review of the impact of Stop & Search laws on young people.**

Val has been a volunteer with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary since August 2006, when she identified two students to get involved in All Stops. Laura Leadbetter and Ross Turner, former students on the National Diploma in Public Services, joined a steering group, 'Young People's Involvement in Stop and Search', to discuss the development and application of police's tactics in this area.

The presentation ceremony took place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Cambridgeshire Constabulary Police Headquarters in Huntingdon, where Valerie, Laura and Ross received a certificate to commend them for their hard work and dedication.

(Photo)

***Pictured are Valerie Ross, Laura Leadbetter and Ross Turner with Detective Superintendent Jeff Hill and Detective Chief Superintendent Russell Wate***

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Val said, “My involvement in ‘All Stops’ has given me a unique and fascinating insight into policing in contemporary society. I have enjoyed the opportunity to contribute and have been pleased to support the Cambridgeshire Constabulary in their research”.

Val routinely attended meetings with the students, as well as finding CRC accommodation to help facilitate these discussions. Detective Superintendent Jeff Hill, Cambridgeshire Constabulary said, “Val has been extremely supportive of the Constabulary, with nothing being too much trouble. Equally evident is the passion she has for supporting and developing her students, who clearly have a real affinity and a lot of respect for her. She has been a real ambassador for the College”.

In spring this year Laura and Ross developed and managed a questionnaire at CRC. This aimed to gauge the level of students’ understanding on ‘All Stops’ issues such as; who can be stopped and searched, why it’s done, what will happen and your rights if you are stopped. Conclusions were drawn from 185 students recommendations for Cambridge Constabulary and CRC were made, regarding the need to promote better understanding of the role of the police and the need for improved awareness of students’ rights and responsibilities.

Dale Turner, Sector Leader Uniformed Services said, “Ross and Laura have been at the college for 2 years and have been a real asset to the course, completing their National Diploma in Uniformed Services with Distinction. Always giving 100%, they will be missed. This is a fantastic opportunity and a real display of how two individuals can excel in their studies and take on greater responsibilities. Ross is waiting to become a Fire Fighter and Laura has already taken on a role with the Police supporting Special Constables in Cambridgeshire, well done to them both and we wish them every success”.

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New ways of working together are continually being sought, such as the effective provision of educational information, as well as the planning of Youth Justice Week. New ways of working together are continually being sought, such as the effective provision of educational information, as well as the planning of Youth Justice Week. Val will run this in conjunction with national Inside Justice Week, locally managed by the Cambridge Criminal Justice Board, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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