



TWO teenage army cadets are to work alongside a town mayor for the next 12 months.

Royal Welsh Regiment cadets Lillie McCabe-Allen and Rhys Hatzenboer will accompany Rhyl mayor Cllr Ellie Chard to some of her civic engagements.

This is just the second time cadets have been chosen to accompany the mayor, a practice started by 2018 incumbent Cllr Win Mullen-James. The honorary title pays homage to the work of service groups in the town and is shared between air, sea, and land forces.

15-year-old Lillie, who goes to Eirias High School, Colwyn Bay, and Rhyl High School pupil Rhys, 13, said they were 'honoured' to accept the positions and were looking forward to representing the town, particularly on Remembrance Day.

Rhyl Platoon Instructor Louise McCabe-Allen said the cadets were selected in recognition of their work with the army group which meets twice a week at John Street, Rhyl.

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She said: “Rhys and Lillie embody what it is to be a good army cadet. They are committed to attending and demonstrate the values of a good citizen; showing respect and helping to nurture the young cadets as they rise through the ranks. This is a super opportunity for them.”

Both Lillie and Rhys would like to pursue a career in the army eventually, and Cllr Chard said she hoped the opportunity would give the cadets additional valuable experience.

“Rhys and Lillie are enthusiastic and dedicated cadets who, I am sure, have great army careers ahead. We have much to look forward to together over the next 12 months, and I am delighted to have two inspiring young people to accompany me on notable civic engagements,” she added.

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