

## **Air ambulance gets a lift from Yeovil College Leonardo apprentices**

Yeovil College learners presented over £28,00 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) at the learner annual dinner in the Wardroom, RNAS Yeovilton.

The fundraising events organised by the Agusta Westland Apprentice and Student Association (AWASA) committee included a beer and cider festival, sponsored walks and an auction.

A cheque was presented to Bill Sivewright CEO and Debbie Bertwisle co-ordinator of DSAA.

The money was raised over a 12 month period by the AWASA, including 130 apprentices, undergraduates and graduates.

This year a special award was given to a group of students who were tasked with refurbishing an historic Lynx aircraft (ZT800) which was donated to Yeovil College in September 2016 as a training aid.

Managing director John Ponsonby presented trophies to the award winners on the evening.

The guests were addressed by Bradley Antell, chairman of the AWASA committee, who gave a roundup of the committee's social and charity endeavours over the past year.

The dinner was attended by 180 guests including the apprentices, graduate trainees as well as the supervisors and managers involved in developing the trainees in the workplace, alongside members of company's senior management and guests from Western Gazette and Yeovil College.



### **Photograph shows**

Mark Bolton, Director of Employer Engagement and the Yeovil College Leonardo apprentices