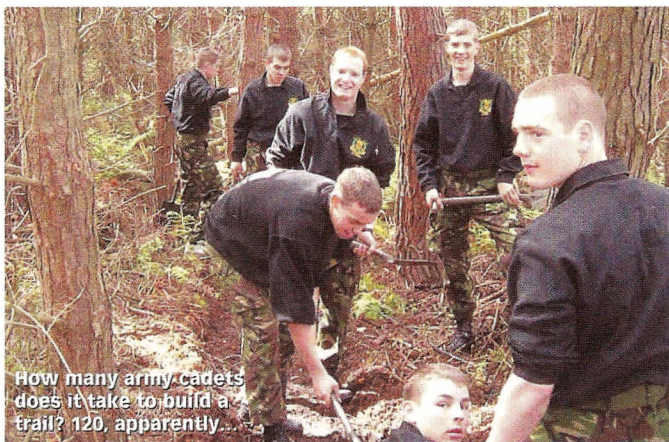


DIGGING FOR VICTORY

Trailbuilders in Yorkshire have been conducting combined ops with the army



How many army cadets does it take to build a trail? 120, apparently...

The regular Singletraction volunteer team was reinforced by no less than 120 Junior soldiers from the 24, 25, 26 Platoons of Alamein Company at the local Army Foundation College. The hugely successful trailbuilding weekend formed part of their Community Service and Duke of Edinburgh programmes, and Lt Andrew Gibson confirmed that the lads properly enjoyed themselves: "They felt it was something really worth doing, and the Singletraction guys have massive enthusiasm so they got completely stuck into it." As mountain biking also forms part of the sports and skills package available at the college the lads were also looking forward to riding the trail when finished.

The Warren plantation trail in Stainburn forest is being built in conjunction with Forest Enterprise and will provide a highly technical singletrack loop just west of Harrogate when completed. Singletraction is also involved in trail building in the Otley Chevin, Yorkshire Water's Swinsty trails project, Guisborough and their original birthplace in Dalby forest where the DH chapter are close to finishing their superb purpose-built DH course. For more information on this rapidly expanding group of trail crusaders, membership benefits and their work, head for the leafy green pages of www.singletraction.org.uk