

## **FROM FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TO IMAGERY INTELLIGENCE WITH CARILLION AND THE RAF RESERVES**

Looking for a more worthwhile way of spending his weekends, Iain Ballantyne joined the RAF Reserves in 2008. Since then has balanced his main job as a Delivery Manager at Carillion, with his duties as an intelligence analyst with 7010 Squadron RAF Reserves.



During the week, Iain is responsible for the maintenance and management of 4,000 houses, as part of Carillion's facilities management contract at Colchester Garrison, RAF Marham and RAF Honington. In his role as Senior Aircraftsman with the RAF, he provides vital imagery intelligence – performing operationally important tasks that have a real impact on the work of troops on the ground.

Iain commits one weekend per month and two full weeks per year to his duties. In July 2010, he was mobilised into full time service, where he spent the following seven months providing intelligence support to Operation Herrick – the codename for British operations in Afghanistan.

“Working as an RAF Reservist has been extremely fulfilling, both on a personal and professional level,” Iain commented. “The training, sports and social opportunities are all fantastic and I have met some of my best friends working there.

“The skills I have learned also transfer directly to my civilian job with Carillion – including analytics, leadership, management and IT skills, as well as improving my confidence and performance generally. The support from Carillion has been superb and has really enabled me to make the most of my involvement with the RAF Reserves.”

7010 Squadron recruits men and women from all over the UK. No special qualifications are required. More details on the RAF Reserves can be found at: [www.raf.mod.uk/rafreserves](http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafreserves)