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[Photo: Malcolm Oliver, APSS]

It is rare enough for a single aircraft to land at East Fortune, so when two helicopters circled the site for a few minutes and then touched down on the open space beside the Vulcan and Hangar 2, it was fortunate that a couple of APSS photographers were on hand to record the scene.

The two Gazelles, XZ 345 and ZB 691, landed in September 2007, when they were based at RAF Leuchars, where they made up half the strength of 3 Flight, Army Air Corps.

As it happened, a party of schoolchildren were visiting the museum at the time, and the arrival of the helicopters brought them in a rush to the landing area, which had been fenced off by the visitor services team. The first Gazelle landed to absolute silence from the crowd; the crew of the second got a huge cheer from the children when they disembarked – much to the chagrin of the captain of the first one!

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