

YFA News

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The Young Firefighters Association

The Young Firefighters Association (YFA) helps 13-17 year olds challenge themselves, make new friends, learn exciting firefighting skills and help their communities. A lot of their time is spent on the training yard, practising firefighting drills, but they also get involved in plenty of other exciting and challenging activities. Whether these young people go on to become firefighters or not, they will undoubtedly learn a range of vital skills that will help them in their everyday lives.

This newsletter gives an overview of the activities undertaken in the last three months by members of the YFA.



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Young firefighters paint the town red

In September, keen runners gathered in Redditch for the annual Sight Colour Run around Arrow Valley Lake in aid of Sight Concern. The young firefighters assisted in marshalling for the event, which saw the participants run, walk and dance their way through red, pink, green and purple colour stations. Plenty of money was raised for the charity and Sight Concern expressed their gratitude to the YFA for their help in the running of the event.



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Lest we forget

On Sunday 13th November, people all over the country remembered the many soldiers that have fallen in their line of duty. Members of the Droitwich branch gathered in Victoria Square in Droitwich to pay their respects and lay a poppy wreath on the war memorial. Similarly, Redditch YFA attended a remembrance service in their town centre to mark the occasion.



New members for Droitwich

The Droitwich branch held their annual awareness evening in October, where potential young firefighters attended the fire station to find out more about the association and what being a member entails. Ten people were then interviewed in November and the successful candidates will start their training in January. The Redditch branch will be holding their awareness session early next year.

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Exploring the great outdoors

As always, the young firefighters have embarked on array of outdoor adventures. In October half-term, the Redditch branch donned their wetsuits and kayaked on the River Avon. If that wasn't enough, they then conquered The Glyders in Wales and, despite the

torrential rain, the group kept smiling until the summit. The Droitwich branch has also been busy outdoors, with some exhilarating rock climbing on the Windgather Rocks in the Peak District.



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