

# YFA News

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## The Young Firefighters Association

The Young Firefighters Association 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 new quarterly newsletter has been created to provide an insight into the activities undertaken by HWFRS Young Firefighters Association.



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## Young Firefighters demonstrate their skills in pass out parade

On Saturday 7th May, after 13 weeks of training, new members of the YFA showcased their newly learnt skills during the annual pass out parade at Droitwich Fire Station.

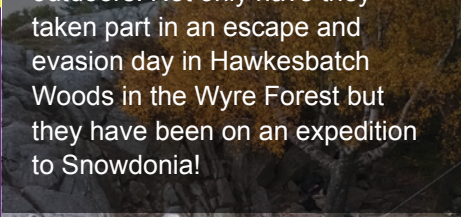
During the parade, a large crowd of proud family members, Fire Service personnel and local dignitaries looked on as the new teenage recruits carried out various practical firefighting demonstrations including challenging ladder climbing and a hose running drill. Now that their basic training is complete, the new recruits will progress to learn enhanced skills.



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## Outdoor fun

Both branches have got stuck into plenty of outdoor activities over the last few months. Back in April, members from the Droitwich branch enjoyed a walk in the Peak District where they spent an adventurous day scrambling over rocks. Young Firefighters from Redditch have also been exploring the great outdoors. Not only have they taken part in an escape and evasion day in Hawkesbatch Woods in the Wyre Forest but they have been on an expedition to Snowdonia!



## Reaching for the stars

The Young Firefighters are certainly not afraid of heights! In preparation for their expedition to Snowdonia, members from Redditch successfully tackled the indoor climbing wall in Martley. Droitwich members have spent time conquering indoor climbing walls and one member even got over her fear of heights.



## Helping their communities

As well as enjoying an array of exciting activities over the last few months, the Young Firefighters have also been out and about in their communities. This has involved bag packing at their local supermarkets and helping out fire stations with their open days.

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