

# 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 assist with road traffic collision exercise

In February, crews from the Service flocked to the Fire Service College to take part in a realistic road traffic collision exercise. The firefighters were faced with a range of challenging scenarios which put their life-saving skills to the test. In order to make the scenarios more realistic, members of the YFA acted as live casualties. They all did a fantastic job so well done to all!



## Raising pounds with puddings!

As usual, the young firefighters have been doing their bit for charity by raising funds for worthy causes. Most recently, the Droitwich branch recently helped out at a pudding night, where attendees tucked into a range of delicious desserts in a bid to raise money for charity. The night was a great success and helped raise over £500 for the Army Benevolent fund and cystic fibrosis.

## New members for Redditch

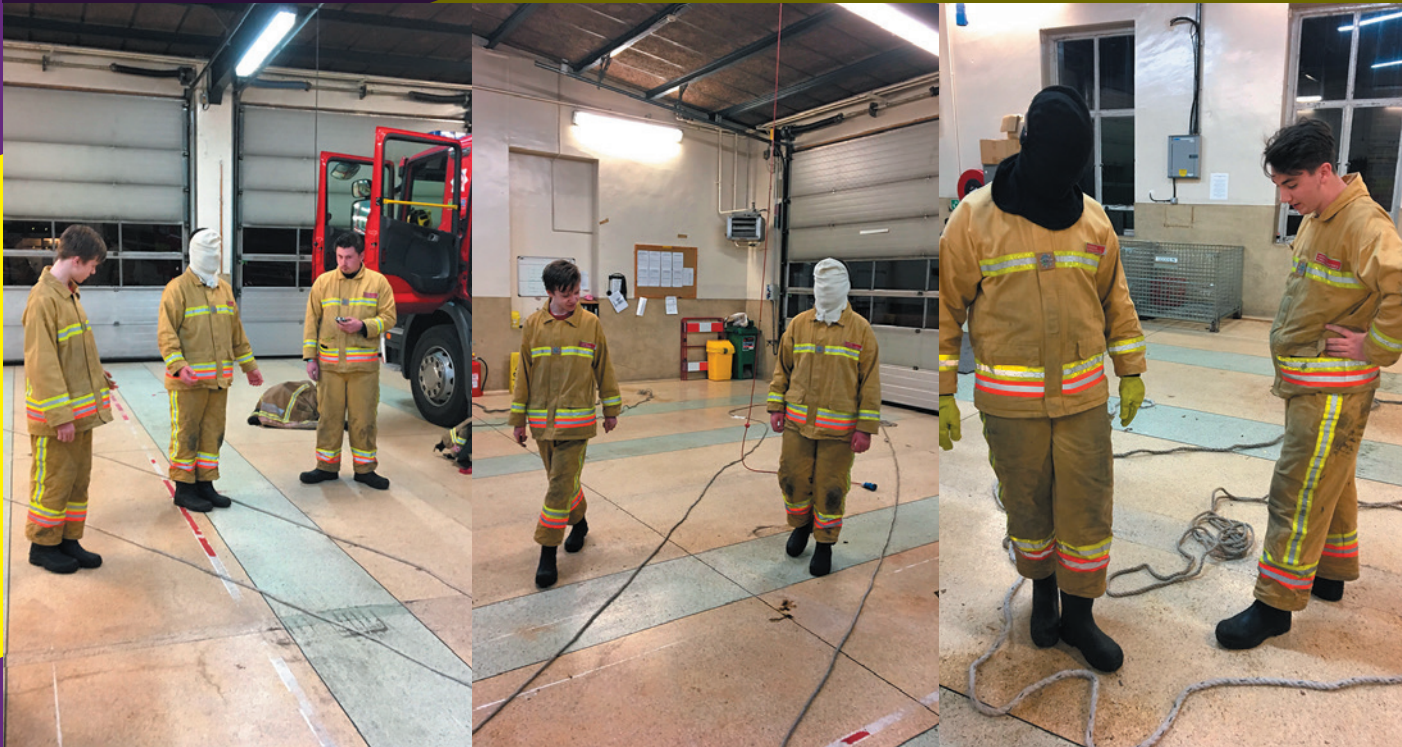
The Redditch branch held their annual awareness evening in January, where potential young firefighters attended the fire station to find out more about the association and what being a member entails. The session was very positive and saw fifteen young people attend. The successful candidates will start their training in March.

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## New skills learnt

It's been a busy few months at both branches of the YFA and members have been honing their skills in a range of areas. Two members of the Redditch branch have recently passed their first aid course with flying colours, whilst members of the Droitwich branch are in the process of completing theirs.

If that wasn't enough, members have also been busy keeping their firefighters skills current by training using the drill tower at Bromsgrove Fire Station. Personal and communication skills were also developed in a team building session.



## Another fun-filled festive season

The festive season was certainly fun-filled for the young firefighters as they got stuck into lots of exciting activities for their Christmas outings. Redditch YFA spent an evening bouncing around at a trampoline park in Birmingham, whilst Droitwich popped on their ice skates for a festive session at the ice rink at Webbs of Wychobold.



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