

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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Festive fun

The Christmas period was packed with plenty of festive fun! For their Christmas activity, Redditch YFA enjoyed bowling in Birmingham whilst members from Droitwich went ice skating. Young Firefighters from Redditch also went to support one of their senior members who had landed a lead role in Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime at the Palace Theatre!

Playing casualties

As part of the YFA, you often get the opportunity to assist crews by acting as casualties for different training scenarios. Redditch members recently took part in Exercise Stage Door at the Palace Theatre in Redditch. During the exercise, they acted as casualties which provided the firefighters involved the opportunity to practice and hone their trauma techniques in a realistic setting.

Into the smoke

Members from Redditch recently put their firefighting skills to the test during a visit to the new Evesham Fire Station, which is now officially a year old. Whilst they were at the station, they were able to use the fire house for drill which involved them navigating around the building in the darkness and simulated smoke. All members had a fantastic time!



Exciting outings

Members of the YFA often get stuck into a range of exciting outdoor activities and the last three months have been no different. As a reward for all of their hard work over the year, members of the Droitwich YFA not only enjoyed mountain biking in the Forest of Dean, but also paint balling in Kidderminster!



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Successful recruitment evenings

Both branches have recently held their recruitment evenings, where potential new members were invited to visit their local station and learn more about what being

part of the YFA entails. Droitwich and Redditch both reported great attendance! Training for new recruits has now commenced.



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