

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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And the High Sheriff Award goes to...

Charlotte Day from the Droitwich branch of the YFA recently scooped up The High Sheriff Award at the Worcestershire Medals and Awards Ceremony 2017. The award is annually presented to the top Young Firefighter who has demonstrated the most determination and enthusiasm. Congratulations Charlotte!



Woodland adventures

Over the last few months members of the YFA have been exploring the great outdoors. Members of the Redditch branch recently spent a day deep in the heart of the woods learning survival skills as well as how to look after and use the local environment. During their day, they built a shelter, made a campfire and cooked food. It proved to be a great team building activity which incorporated map reading, leadership, communication and listening skills.



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Pass out parade for Redditch YFA

After 16 weeks of training, young firefighters from Redditch YFA demonstrated their newly learnt skills during a pass out parade at Bromsgrove Fire Station in October. Family members, friends and Fire Service staff were entertained by the new recruits who carried out a hose running drill, ladder climbs and various exciting rescue demonstrations. The event then concluded with a presentation, where Certificates of Achievement were awarded to each of the 10 new recruits. Well done everyone!

Helping their communities

Over the summer, many of our stations opened their doors to members of the public for their annual open days. At these community safety based events, the young firefighters helped out by hosting exciting demonstrations, conducting fire engine rides and delivering safety messages.

Action-packed annual camp for Droitwich YFA

This year the young firefighters from Droitwich spent an action packed week camping in Herefordshire where they got involved in an array of adrenaline fuelled activities. When they weren't hiking or climbing, they

were taking part in mountain biking or tucking into one of the many delicious camp meals. Everyone involved had a great time and are all already looking forward to next year!



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