

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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Open days galore

The season of fire station open days is coming to an end and each event that has occurred so far has been deemed a success. Part of this success is down to the enthusiasm and assistance from members of the YFA who have helped out at various open days across the two counties. Not only have they carried out exciting demonstrations at these events, but they have also helped deliver vital safety messages to their local communities.



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Young Firefighters enjoy fun filled annual camp

In August, both branches of the YFA got stuck into an array of exciting activities whilst on their annual camps. This year, Droitwich branch set off to the Forest of Dean. After setting up camp on day one, the enthusiastic Young Firefighters were ready for their challenging hike through a disused railway tunnel. The action didn't stop there either! Following their hike, the teens picked up their mountain bikes and rode six mile journeys, which included plenty of exhilarating downhill runs. This was then followed by climbing and abseiling around Yat Rock.

After all this excitement, the YFA members took to the water on day five with a trip to Llangorse Lake where they spent the day building rafts, paddle boarding and kayaking. Day six was spent orienteering and on day seven the groups tackled white water rafting. After a thrilling week of adventures, the Young Firefighters headed off home to share stories of their trip with friends and family.



Assisting their communities

As always, members of the YFA have been helping out in their communities recently and making a difference locally. Young Firefighters from Redditch have provided support at community events at Sidemoore First School, Morrisons and assisted with Astwood Bank Carnival. Meanwhile, Droitwich members have been busy helping out at the Charford First School Summer Fete and at the popular Droitwich Colour Run. Both branches have also been raising money for various charities.



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