



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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THE HINCKLEY FIRE STATION RUDOLPH FUND

The Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph Fund was set up over 30 years ago by firefighters wanting to spread the magic of Christmas to the community of Hinckley and its surrounding villages.

As it is every year, it was welcomed by the local community in 2016 and they helped Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station raise a substantial amount of money, £3,000.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service wouldn't have been able to do this without the generosity from the members of our local communities and the commitment from volunteers and staff. The Service wants to say a big thank you – it wouldn't have been possible without you.

Andrew Brodie, Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, presented the Funds chosen charity, The Fire Fighters Charity, with a cheque at Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station. Marie Eaves, from Asda Supermarket, was present on the day to also handover a cheque to The Fire Fighters Charity on behalf of Asda, whose Hinckley store raised funds via their instore Green Token Scheme.

Andrew Brodie said: "I am touched by the generosity of the residents of Hinckley and its surrounding villages."

"The Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph Fund collection has been going for many years now and, although we never take it for granted, it has been a huge success again."

"We hope these funds will enable The Fire Fighters Charity to continue the vital work they do, supporting beneficiaries through a broad range of services."

Hinckley Fire Station's Rudolph will be back on the roads in December 2017 so make sure you keep a look out for him.

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Notes to editors: Photos are available on request by contacting Corporate Communications on the details below.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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