



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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FINAL COMMUNITY STATION OPEN DAY OF 2017

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service have had fun engaging with their local community at their Community Station Open Days during September. They are now looking forward to their last open day of the year, on Saturday 23 September at Billesdon Fire and Rescue Station, and they'd like to extend an invitation for you to attend.

The Community Station Open Days are a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a **FREE** day out, with lots of activities and attractions, as well as providing an opportunity to learn more about the work your local fire and rescue station is involved in. Firefighters will also be on hand to provide safety advice.

There will be demonstrations of the equipment the Service uses to free people trapped in road traffic collisions and a chance to get a closer look at our fire engines. Our younger visitors can take part in the games hosted throughout the day. There will also be a barbeque, homemade cream teas and other refreshments available.

Billesdon Fire and Rescue Station are also recruiting On-Call firefighters in October, so if you think you've got what it takes come down and have a go at our job related tests on the day.

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "Our Community Station Open Days are always a highlight for us, and they give us a unique opportunity to engage with the people we serve in the local communities."

"At our open days there will be lots for visitors to see and do, with our firefighters on hand to help with the activities and also ensure everyone who attends, leaves feeling they have learnt something valuable from their visit."

"You won't get a better chance than this to find out more about what we do, so please attend if you can make it."

For more information on our Community Station Open Days, or to find out when they will be taking place, visit www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/whats-happening/community-station-open-days.

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Notes to editors: Photos are available at request via Corporate Communications using the details shown 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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