



# LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

## MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

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### THE HINCKLEY FIRE STATION RUDOLPH FUND

**Wednesday 25 April at 15:30hrs**  
**Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station**

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, the Hinckley Rudolph collection was welcomed by the local community in 2017 and they helped Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station raise almost £6,000. This money has been split between The Fire Fighters Charity, and local good causes including the Dorothy Goodman School, Sea Cadets, the Toy Appeal, and a local family of a disabled child, Hannah, where the Fund donated £800 to buy a motorised battery for Hannah's wheelchair.

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.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, will be presenting a cheque for £2,500 to The Fire Fighters Charity, a donation of £1,500 to the Sea Cadets, and meeting Hannah's family.

Rick Taylor 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 we're pleased to see it is just as popular as ever."

"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. We're also pleased to be able to give back to local good causes to help them continue the amazing work they do."

Hinckley Fire Station's Rudolph will be back on the roads in December 2018, so make sure you keep a look out for him.

We are looking for local media to help raise the profile of the Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph Fund and we would appreciate your attendance at this cheque presentation.

**Where to find Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station:**

Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1IL

If you are planning on attending, please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting the Corporate Communications team on the details shown below.

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**Notes to editors:** Interviews can be arranged via Corporate Communications. If you are unable to attend a selection of images will be available on request. If you are unable to attend, photos will be available on request.

**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 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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