



**LEICESTERSHIRE**  
**FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **RUDOLPH FUND PRESENTS LOCAL CHARITIES WITH CHEQUES**

After another successful year out on the streets with Rudolph, Santa and his team, which includes firefighters and volunteers, the generous donations have now been distributed between seven local children's charities.

The substantial amount of £8,800 was raised and shared between this year's selected charities; Adapt, Charity Link, Friends of Skelton Court, Leicester Children's Holiday Centre, When You Wish Upon A Star, Leicestershire's Down Syndrome Group, and Vista.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service wouldn't have been able to raise so much money without the generosity from the members of the public and the commitment from volunteers and staff so, we want to say a big thank you to everyone.

Representatives from each charity visited Central Fire and Rescue Station on Thursday 17 May to receive their cheques and share a little about what the money donated will help them achieve. More details of each of the charities can be found on the links below.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "The Rudolph collection is now an institution that has been successfully raising huge amounts of money for many, many years. We continue to be amazed by the generosity of our communities."

"It was great to hear how these local charities will help so many of our communities. We hope the money we have raised will enable them to continue the vital work they do."

Rudolph will be back on the roads again this December, after he's had his summer holiday and recovered from last year. Keep a look out for him again in 2018. Follow Rudolph on Twitter (@LFRSRudolph) to be the first to know his whereabouts!

Charities:

Adapt: [www.prembabies.co.uk](http://www.prembabies.co.uk)

Charity Link: <http://charity-link.org/>

Friends of Skelton Court: no web address

Leicester Children's Holiday Centre:

<http://leicesterchildrensholidaycentre.co.uk/site/>

When You Wish Upon A Star: [www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk/](http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk/)

Leicester Down's Syndrome Group: [www.leicesterdownsgroup.co.uk/](http://www.leicesterdownsgroup.co.uk/)

Vista: <http://www.vistablind.org.uk/>

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### **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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