

# News Release

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## Local Charities Receive Funds from Rudolph

Seven local charities were presented with cheques during a presentation afternoon at Central Fire and Rescue Station, yesterday (Wednesday 10 July).

A total of £8,889.43 was raised by Rudolph, and has been split between the following local charities;

- [Adapt](#)
- Friends of Sycamore Court
- [Leicester and Leicestershire Animal Aid Association](#)
- [Leicestershire Down's Syndrome Group](#)
- [Leicester Children's Holidays](#),
- [Vista](#)
- [When You Wish Upon a Star](#)

Each year Rudolph hits the streets at Christmas time with the help of firefighters and volunteers, to raise money for charity.

The charities were invited, by the Rudolph Fund Committee, to attend a presentation afternoon, where they were each presented with a cheque from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, and offered light refreshments.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "The Rudolph collection has been going since 1949 and has become a huge part of our service, successfully raising huge amounts of money for many, many years. We continue to be amazed by the generosity of our communities.

"The help these charities provide is greatly appreciated and we hope the money we have raised will enable them to continue the vital work they do."

Parvez Bhatti, Chair of Leicester Children's Holidays, said: "Everyone knows our charity has been going for 120 years now, but what people forget is, it's organisations like Rudolph that enables us to send so many children on a well-deserved holiday.

“People connect our name with Rudolph as one of the same, but in reality it's you that enables us to do this. Thank you.”

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 2019. Don't forget to follow him on Twitter ([@LFRSRudolph](https://twitter.com/LFRSRudolph)) and be the first to know when he plans to be back.

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**Notes to Editors:**

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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.

During 2018/19, the Service attended 762 road traffic collisions, of which 125 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,569 fires. We carried out 6,746 home safety checks and fitted 4,790 smoke alarms. 279 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 1,068 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 134 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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 over 30 percent.

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