



# Fire Cadets

## NEWSLETTER

October 2022



Welcome to the first edition of the UK Fire Cadets quarterly newsletter, with reviews, updates and news of up and coming events. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and we would love to here your stories for us to publish in future editions.

Colette Black, Chair of UK Fire Cadets

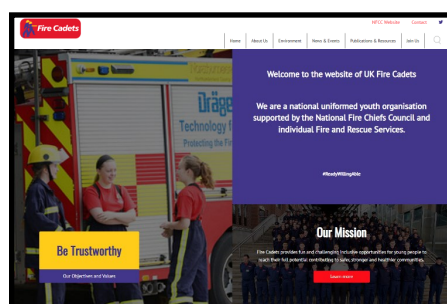


### WHO ARE WE?

The UK Fire Cadets (UKFC) are a national uniformed youth organisation run by UK Fire and Rescue Services and funded by the National Fire Chiefs Council. The role of UKFC is to provide guidance and support to the Fire Services and staff who run the Fire Cadet Units. Our intent is to reduce community risk and improve the life chances of young people by working collaboratively. UK Fire Cadets facilitate this by

building on the strengths of our young people, supporting them to make positive contributions in their communities, develop social capacity and make positive life choices.

Everyday across the UK, young people get involved in social action and make positive contributions to the communities in which they live. We would like to share some of their amazing work, and the work of the staff and volunteers who support them.



You can keep up to date with us on all social media platforms, and on our website at [www.ukfirecadets.org.uk](http://www.ukfirecadets.org.uk) , or contact us at [UKFireCadets@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk](mailto:UKFireCadets@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk) .





## UKFC WELCOMES NEW VICE CHAIR

Ann-Marie Lawson is the newly appointed Vice Chair for UKFC. She set up the UK's first Tri-Service cadet programme between Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue, Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service, with over 300 cadets.

Ann-Marie said that she is looking forward to dedicating her time and expertise to the Fire Cadets because she believes it to be an exemplar national programme

*"I have an innate desire to ensure that anyone who gives their time freely should be valued and their contribution recognised, after all, professionals built the Titanic whilst volunteers built the Arc."*



## THE CHAIRS AWARD

UKFC have developed The Chairs Award to publicly recognise any outstanding achievement demonstrated by an individual cadet in areas such as courage in adversity, community action, resilience and perseverance.

Young people are often display huge acts of kindness, bravery and spirit, that do not receive the recognition that these acts deserve.

The award is open to all Fire Cadets throughout the year, and further information can be found on our website at [UKFC Chair's Award](#).

Joolz Early from ESFRS Fire Cadets became our first recipient of the Chairs Award in April for quickly applying the skills she gained at Fire Cadets when she came across a road traffic collision involving a car and a motorbike. Paramedics praised her on her calm approach



## SUPPORTING STAFF, INSTRUCTORS & VOLUNTEERS

The UKFC have been running a series of training sessions for Cadet Leads, Instructors and Volunteers.

So far, we have delivered a *Writing Successful Bids* and a *Promoting Positive Behaviour* workshops.

Our Network Meeting is on October 20th, and next years training will focus on 'Participation' with young people in partnership with the British Youth Council.

## DIGITAL WINGS - ONLINE

Fire Cadets participated in an online training project with Barclays Bank to raise their awareness of online safety. The four sessions looked at online shopping, password security, money mules, online profiles and even presentation skills.







## REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

This year, we were all deeply saddened by the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In remembrance, here are just a few of the activities that Fire Cadets across the UK participated in to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

### WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Hampshire & Isle of White Fire Cadets represented their Fire Service by attending an event at Winchester Cathedral



### CADETS at No:10

Southport and East Sussex Fire Cadets Mollie and Coby attended a Queens Jubilee event at Downing Street in recognition of their outstanding service in their communities. The event was hosted by Minister Nadine Dorries.



### CADET'S TROOPING THE COLOUR

Hertfordshire Fire Cadets had the honour of attending Trooping The Colour supported by the Youth United Foundation



### HOSE ARTWORK

Derbyshire Fire Cadets got creative and produced this amazing hose artwork to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



### ST ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL

Hertfordshire Cadets attended a celebration concert at St Alban's Cathedral.





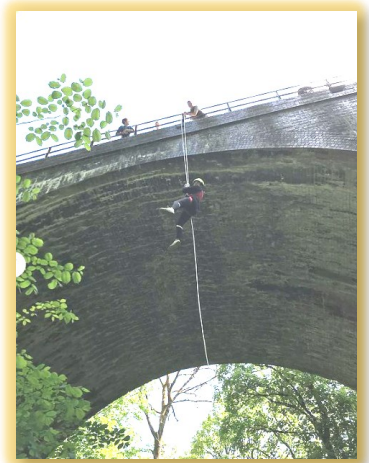
## WHAT OUR CADETS HAVE BEEN UP TO

### EMPOWERING THE VOICE OF FIRE CADETS

Fire Cadets in Derbyshire were elected by their fellow cadets to represent them on a new Youth Council for Derbyshire FRS. Two young people from each cadet unit initiated the group by attending a weekend residential aimed at teambuilding, developing their leadership skills and understanding their responsibilities and roles as a Youth Councillor.

They elected a Chair and Vice

Chair, and laid out their plans for the up and coming year. Station Manager Mick Wyldbore-Wood said *"Our young people were initially overwhelmed by the scale of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, but this was overcome by gradually increasing their level of responsibility. They have already achieved several tasks around provision of uniform and the structure of cadets . I am really proud and genuinely excited about young people influencing the work of DFRS, and we have already had enquiries from SLT about integrating the Youth Council into elements of our wider meeting structure. I think the future of the Youth Council is going to be one to watch!"*



### ONCE UPON A TIME .....

UK Fire Cadets are supporting @Staywise by becoming story tellers for some of their online resources. StayWise brings together the collective educational resources of the emergency services and key safety focused organisations to support teachers and community safety practitioners in delivering essential safety messages.

In order to help bridge the gap between young people and adults, our UK Fire Cadets are putting their best voices forward. Pictured here is a Cadet from the St Alban Cadet Unit #Storytime.



### FIRE CADET AWARD

Fire Cadet Award One and Two workbooks were released in September after receiving Btec Level 2 status by Pearsons. *Developed in partnership with CVQO, these awards will not only support their firefighting skills, but also their personal development, and sense of social responsibility.*



The Fire Cadet Award Three is also available for those Fire Cadets who wish to develop skills like leadership and independent learning.





## REMEMBRANCE

### THE CENOTAPH 2021

Last year, Fire Cadets from across the UK attended the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph in London to honour those who lost their lives whilst serving and defending our democratic freedoms and way of life.

The UKFC were honoured to be able to unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

They marched alongside soldiers, sailors, Air Force Personnel, members of the emergency services and civilians, as well as the families of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and surviving service personnel at the Cenotaph in London.

This year they will be repeating this momentous occasion, representing Firefighters and Fire Cadets across the UK. They will have the opportunity to congregate prior to the parade at an overnight residential at the Army Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park.



### THE FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL 2022



This September, Fire Cadets played a key role during the Firefighters Service of Remembrance. Fire Cadets had the honour of giving a reading during the church service, as well as assisting in laying wreaths at the memorial.

Alistair Macintosh - Manager of the UK Fire Cadets said "I am

*SO proud of our cadets that attended the service of remembrance in London yesterday. Remembering those that have given their lives in the line of duty is a key event in the Fire and Rescue calendar and is important that our cadets get the opportunity to show their respect. Many thanks to all the instructors from Hampshire, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Kent, London, Northamptonshire, Hertfordshire and South Wales who gave up their Sunday to support them."*

### FIRE CADET MANAGER



We have been working with Online Youth Manager to develop a National data management tool called Fire Cadet Manager (FCM). FCM supports units to plan and record important data such as attendance and programme planning.

This easy to use platform enables instructors to download and monitor cadet award development, communicate with colleagues and parents, plan events, saving time that they can reinvest directly with Cadets.



## UKRO FIRE CADET CASUATY CARE CHALLENGE 2022

Fire Cadet teams from Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Tyne & Wear, South Wales and the hosts - West Midlands Fire Service, participated at this years UKRO Event in a **Cadet Trauma Care Challenge** in Birmingham. They demonstrated their life saving skills and knowledge in two challenges alongside operational firefighters in this national event held on the 1st of October.

It was an amazing day, and an experience that they will never forget. The Fire Cadets were invited to the closing ceremony, where West Midlands won 1st place. Runners up were Northamptonshire Fire Cadets, with Derbyshire Fire Cadets achieving 3rd place.

At the presentation event, the Chair of UKFC Colette Black said, *“ Fire Cadets, thank you for your preparation ahead of today, your preparation absolutely paid off. You showed skills, competence, resilience, you adapted and overcame the challenges that were placed in front of you, so well done ..... we are very proud of you.”*



If you would like to keep up to speed with what our Fire Cadets are doing across the UK, you can follow UK Fire Cadets on [Twitter @UKFireCadets](https://twitter.com/UKFireCadets), [Instagram @ukfirecadets](https://www.instagram.com/ukfirecadets), [Facebook @UKFireCadetsFB](https://www.facebook.com/UKFireCadetsFB), and on our website at [ukfirecadets.org.uk](http://ukfirecadets.org.uk). You can also email us at [ukfirecadets@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk](mailto:ukfirecadets@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk)