



# Fire Cadets

## NEWSLETTER

February 2023



Welcome to the second 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

### THANK YOU & FAREWELL TO CAROLINE



UKFC would like to like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Caroline Crichton - NFCC Senior Executive Officer for Children & Young People. Caroline has been a passionate advocate for all issues relating

to young people's safety and positive engagement with Fire Services. Sadly, she has decide to pass on the baton and retire after spending the last 9 years supporting UKFC staff to make Fire Cadets what it is today. We are truly grateful for her knowledge and guidance.

Caroline has been such an inspiration over the years, and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

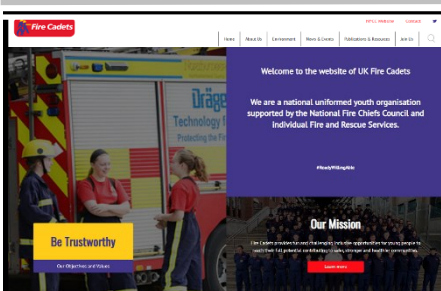
### BARCLAYS ONLINE AWARENESS TRAINING FOR FIRE CADETS



Barclays Digital Wings Online Training Awareness for Fire Cadets is Back. These short sessions aim to give practical valuable life-skills for Fire Cadets, provid-

ing a wealth of digital safety knowledge to share with their friends, families and communities.

The four short sessions will run each day (Mon-Fri) over five weeks starting on Monday 6th February until Friday 10th March. They will cover topics such as 'Digital Footprints', 'Digital Wings', 'Digital Safety', and 'Powerful Presentations'. Book on our website at [www.ukfirecadets.org.uk/Bookings](http://www.ukfirecadets.org.uk/Bookings)



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## WHAT OUR CADETS HAVE BEEN UP TO Remembrance 2022

Once again, hundreds of Fire Cadets across the country turned out to show their respect in honour of those who have fallen in the line of Service to others.

Fire Cadets from Scotland, South Wales, Lancashire, South Yorkshire, Essex, London, Merseyside, East Sussex, Herefordshire and Hampshire Fire & Rescue Services paraded alongside servicemen and other uniformed youth groups led by the Chair of UKFC Colette Black and Support Officer Gary Williams, for the King Charles's first Act of Remembrance.



Some of the groups had the opportunity to stay overnight at the Army Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park in preparation for the event.







## REMEMBRANCE ACROSS THE UK



Gorseinon Fire Cadets



London Fire Cadets



Seven Sisters Fire Cadets



Buxton Joint Fire Cadets



West Mids Fire Cadets



HIW Fire Cadets



Mersyside Fire Cadets



Northants ES Cadets



Morrison Fire Ca-



Lancashire Fire Cadets





## ISLE of WIGHT'S FIRST FIRE CADET UNIT



November saw the launch of the first Fire Cadet Unit on the Isle of Wight. Sandown Fire Cadets treated distinguished guests and family and friends to an impressive demonstration of an operational drills and teamwork they've learnt so far.

Lord Lieutenant, Susie Sheldon said, "I am really honoured to be the Patron for the Isle

of Wight fire cadets. I'm a great believer in the benefit of uniformed cadet services as they offer such an opportunity for growing confidence, learning leadership skills and teamwork – learning to work together no matter where you come from, which is such an important life skill. As Patron, I'm looking forward to being invited back regularly to see how the cadets are getting on."

Fire cadet Manager Melanie Walker O'Hare said, "It's exciting to be able to deliver the Fire Cadets programme on the island as it teaches young people real-life skills they can use now and in the future. It was incredible to see so many people from the island come out to support the cadets this evening."



HIWFRS now has 72 Fire Cadets across six Fire Cadet units all based at working fire stations. The 50 volunteers who support them are a combination of operational firefighters, retired or former

## EMPOWERING CADETS THROUGH YOUTH PARTICIPATION



In January, Fire Cadets from across England took part in an amazing opportunity to look at how they can become more actively involved in the decision making processes within their cadet units and their Fire Services.

10 cadets and 10 instructors from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Durham & Darlington and Merseyside joined together @SafetyCentral in Cheshire for a one day workshop led by Imani Clough from the Imani

Academy and the British Youth Council.

Cadets and Instructors said that it was a fantastic opportunity to learn how to identify what is needed and how to begin to take action to make changes that are important to our young people. A second course is being delivered in February to engage with more young people, and further sessions are being planned to support the devolved nations.

## RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

### THE CHAIRS AWARD



In our continuing effort to publicly recognise the outstanding achievements of our Fire Cadets, we would like to say congratulations to Eloise Gadsby from Derbyshire Fire Cadets.

She is the second Fire Cadet to receive this Award for being first on scene at an RTC outside her home last October. The incident involved 2 vehicles with multiple casualties.

Eloise conducted primary and secondary surveys on the casualties and took charge in making sure that the area was safe from other traffic.

When the Fire Service arrived Eloise updated the crews, and the Officer In Charge said “She was so confident, that we

thought she must be a nurse or a medical professional”

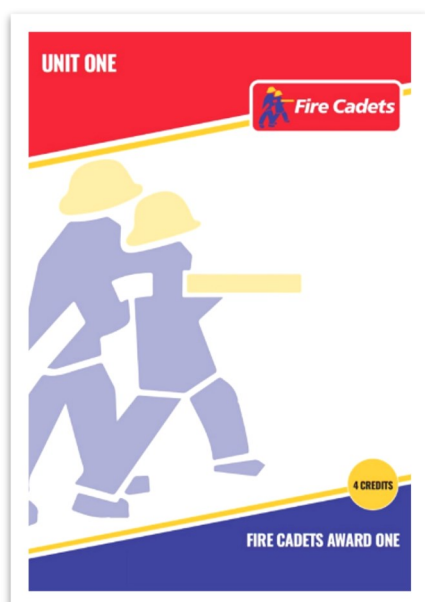
The Chair of UKFC Colette Black said that “Yet again, this is another amazing example of the positive contributions that young people can make in our communities with the amazing support of our Youth Workers, firefighters and volunteer staff.”

Eloise also received a Chief Fire Officers Certificate of Commendation from CFO Gavin Tomlinson.



**Nominations for the Chairs Award are open to all Fire Cadets throughout the year, and further information can be found on our website at [UKFC Chair's Award](#).**

## FIRE CADET AWARDS - BTEC



The UKFC are continuing to work with CVQO to develop resources to support instructors deliver the BTEC as part of Fire Cadet Awards One & Two.

We are currently creating electronic workbooks to enable greater flexibility for the cadets when completing the award, and improving our supporting documents for our instructors.

This year, 372 Fire Cadets have enrolled onto the Btec Awards which will give them a nationally recognised qualification.

Our young people, put so much effort in during their time with us, and it is important that we formally recognised their hard work and achievements where possible.





## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS



NFCC Young Persons Achievement Award goes to a Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadet, we are so proud of Freddy who upholds service values and mentors cadets and the community in prevention and safety.



Derbyshire Fire Cadets embark on a once in a lifetime sailing experience with @cirdansailingtrust, building teamwork, resilience and RYA qualifications.

Participating cadets also received RYA 'Start Yachting' or 'Competent Crew' qualifications.



Youth Engagement Officer and Fire Cadet Instructor Ed Harvey was given an award by Northamptonshire in recognition for his outstanding work as a Fire Cadet Instructor and Male Role Model.



SYFRS AM Gillatt presented Hollie and Ben Watson with their certificates for attending Remembrance Day .



Congratulations to Tammy Grey and Gwynfor Davies for winning the Mid & West Wales Young Achievers Award.





## WHAT OUR FIRE CADETS HAVE BEEN UP TO:



Cadets from Lewisham & Greenwich units recently took part in the Sit up & Stand up to knife crime challenge to help raise awareness around the devastating and lasting impact of knife crime,



Mid and West Wales Fire Cadets participated in workshops about healthy relationships and e-safety with @WhiteRibbon\_UK. #itsnotok



Cadets from Greenwich & Lewisham Fire Cadets supported fundraising efforts for a defibrillator at St Peters Church in Brockley.



Well done to Burnley Cadets for filling and donating shoe boxes full of essentials and goodies to donate to curry on the street.



Mid and West Wales Gorseinon Fire Cadets supported a Carol Service at St Cathrine's Church this Christmas.

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](#), [Instagram @ukfirecadets](#), [Facebook @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)