

FUNDING PROVIDED FOR YOUNG FIRE-FIGHTER TRAINING SCHEME



The Northallerton Young Fire-Fighters, a scheme developed to make a positive difference to the safety of the local community by teaching fire service skills to young people is the latest group to benefit from Broadacres Community Development Fund.

The grant will benefit the 16 young people currently undertaking a two-year course which will ultimately result in them gaining an Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services in the Community.

During the course the nine girls and seven boys, who are all aged 12-18, learn to use specialist equipment including ladders, pumps and breathing apparatus, as well as supporting community activities which promote safety.

The £320 grant approved by Broadacres has been used to buy jackets for the current crop of candidates to wear over the next two years when they are at community events.

Adam Farrow, Crew Manager at North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, said: "Northallerton Young Fire-Fighters has been running continuously for the past five years but receives no external funding to support the two-year qualification.

"North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service support the scheme by providing dedicated trainers and the aim is for it to become entirely self-funding. We are therefore very grateful to Broadacres for their support.

“As well as providing a meaningful, formal qualification for the young people who take part, the scheme provides diversionary activities for local youths to keep them off the streets and prevent involvement in anti-social behaviour, so it’s an important community project.”

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