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Newbury Firefighters Help To 'Pass It On'

Newbury firefighters will take part in West Berkshire Council's innovative Pass It On community project this Friday, 14 September. The project, developed last year by the Council's Arts and Leisure Development team, aims to bring together communities across the district by creating several small films linked by a common theme.

The first film featured football star Theo Walcott and local residents from the Turnpike Estate in Newbury and was based around sport, showing families and individuals creating a 'virtual community chain' set to their own soundtrack.

The theme for this year's Pass It On project is art, with Rolf Harris starting off the virtual community chain. White Watch and families from the Greenham area will be filmed from above on Friday at 4.30pm, as they roll out fire hose to create the word 'safe' on the old baseball pitch at Pigeons Farm.

Ted Walker, Watch Manager at Newbury fire station, said: "The Pass It On project is really creative and is a great way for us to work with the local community, having fun and giving fire safety advice at the same time. The practice run went really well and we're hoping that things go equally smoothly on the day.

He added: "There's still time for people to get involved, so if you'd like to take part come and join us at Pigeons Farm on Friday."

The film will be screened at the Corn Exchange, Newbury on 20 October.

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Note to Editors:

You are welcome to send a reporter/photographer to the event on Friday 14 September at 4.30pm. Please contact Ellie Gray on 0118 932 2214 in advance to confirm.