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Young Carers Visit Bracknell Fire Station

A group of young carers will find out what it is like to be a firefighter when they visit Bracknell fire station at 4.30pm on Wednesday (17 October).

The 15 young carers, aged six to 12, all belong to a youth group run by Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action (BFVA). The youth group, which meets once a week, supports the children by giving them a break from caring for sick or disabled family members, as well as giving them the chance to meet other young people in similar situations.

The young people will be given a 'behind the scenes' guided tour of the fire station, followed by an opportunity to explore the fire appliances. They will also be given a fire safety talk by the firefighters.

Julie Isaacs, community safety co-ordinator at Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, who organised the visit, said: "We are looking forward to welcoming the group to Bracknell fire station on Wednesday. All the young carers work very hard looking after family members, so the visit is a great way for us to support BFVA and to give the young people a break. We hope they have a really fun afternoon and also learn more about fire safety."

Angela Evans from BFVA said: "The children from the Young Carers project are very excited to have been given the opportunity to visit Bracknell fire station and meet the firefighters. The children we support care for parents or family members who are sick, disabled or suffer from problems such as drug/alcohol abuse. The Young Carers project offers respite care for these children. We are grateful to Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service for giving the children this wonderful opportunity to visit the station and I'm sure they will remember it for a long time to come."

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Note to Editors:

You are welcome to send a reporter/photographer to this event. Please contact Ellie Gray in advance to confirm.