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RBFRS Takes Part In Vaisakhi Celebrations

Young Firefighters from Whitley Wood and members of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service's Youth Team will take part in a colourful parade on Sunday (4 May) as part of Reading's Vaisakhi celebrations. The team will join the procession in a brightly decorated fire engine, which they will decorate at Whitley Wood fire station on Saturday (3 May).

The Nagar Kirtan (meaning 'town and songs of praise') parade starts from the Gurdwara in Cumberland Road, before wending its way up Wokingham Road to the Ramgarhia Sikh Centre in Earley. From there, the procession will travel down London Road, finally arriving back at the Cumberland Road Gurdwara.

Vaisakhi is a significant date in the Sikh calendar, commemorating the birth of the Sikh faith and marking the beginning of the Sikh New Year. The Nagar Kirtan parade is a key part of the celebrations, featuring colourful floats and people wearing magnificent traditional costume. Those taking part in the parade will be singing and chanting, and many will be bearing flags.

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Notes for Editors:

You are very welcome to take pictures of the fire engine being decorated by the Young Firefighters from 10am on Saturday 3 May. Please contact Ellie Gray on 0118 932 2214 in advance to confirm.