

# Make a difference – become a volunteer

**CHESHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging people from Cheshire to make a difference to the safety of the community by becoming a volunteer.**

There are currently some 220 volunteers that work with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Safety Team and, over the next four months, the service is inviting more people to join its volunteer programme.

Being a volunteer is a rewarding opportunity to support Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service in its work to ensure Cheshire is a safe place to live, work and travel.

Volunteer activities are ideal for people from all walks of life and include carrying out home safety assessments, acting out role plays of accidents, and youth work with The Prince's Trust.

Volunteering gives people the opportunity to use existing skills and experiences, as well as gaining new ones and meeting people in the community.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue has a strong tradition of working with volunteers, who are essential to enriching the Service's community work.

It is an exciting opportunity for anyone. We are looking for men and women from all walks of life, who can join our Volunteer Programme and bring many other skills to the role to help us reach out to the community.

Volunteers will be working out of their local fire station.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service volunteering programme activities include:

**Home safety assessments** – give safety advice within the home and fit free smoke detectors

**Road Safety** – help reduce serious injury and road deaths

**Heritage section** – show and maintain vintage fire engines

**Youth work with RESPECT and KOOLDOWN** – engaging with young people, supporting staff in delivering activities and encouraging young people to follow instructions, or act as a mentor to them

**Youth Work Smokebusters** – volunteers help make song suggestions, come up with dance routines and short drama scenarios to deliver the fire safety message

**Youth Work Prince's Trust** – volunteers are invaluable in supporting the team and providing a positive role model to team members

**Role Play** – volunteers have the opportunity to attend as role play actors of people involved in an accident

**Cadet Leaders** – supporting an enthusiastic team, this is a key face to face opportunity to engage in activities that help guide young people in developing new skills and working as a team

**National Aid** – assisting people nationally with floods and other major incidents.