



We must start this month's news by thanking everyone for their generosity and support at our National Car Wash events, taking place up and down the country throughout September.

It is commendable that so many of our fire fighters, with support from their families, friends and colleagues have already raised thousands for The Fire Fighters Charity. They should be really proud, as should all of those who have turned up to support their local fire fighters – and driven away in a gleaming vehicle.

We've heard that it's not just car drivers that have taken part, with some great pics appearing on our social media pages – everything from motorhomes to mobility scooters being scrubbed up for Charity! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up-to-date on the success of our largest fundraiser, #NationalCarWash, as it unfolds this month.

In other news, the closing date (6 October) is almost upon us for suitable candidates to become Trustees of our Charity. This is an exciting voluntary opportunity to help develop and improve our Charity, as Trustees hold a distinct role to govern the organisation. Applicants must be focused on leadership and strategic direction, ensuring that effective controls for the administration and risk management of the Charity are in place. You'll find a full role description, person specification and application form [here](#) – please do share this opportunity with your colleagues.

Lastly from me, just a quick reminder that this year's AGM will be held at 11am on Thursday, 27 November at the Barcelo Billesley Manor Hotel in Warwickshire (registration from 10:30am). We very much hope that all our Company Members will all be able to join us to help shape the future of the Charity.

Dr Jill Tolfrey
Chief Executive

Services Update

Supporting our beneficiaries

Our overall beneficiary numbers (financial year to date) are listed by region in the table below. More detailed information can be found on the regional pages of the Charity's [intranet](#) – you will need your login details to hand.

	Rehabilitation	Recuperation	BSS	Total
North East	42	46	8	96
Yorks & Humbs	76	134	17	227
East Mids	58	98	13	169
East Anglia	69	82	17	168
London	89	180	12	281
Southern	75	63	25	163
South West	105	123	32	260
Wales	24	58	17	99
West Mids	73	145	14	232
North West	196	251	26	473
Scotland	91	31	7	129
South East	79	87	16	182
Total	977	1298	204	2479

Fundraising Update

End to End Cycle Grantown on Spey



Congratulations to the crew from Grantown on Spey, led by Keith Dickinson and sponsored by Gleaner Oils Ltd, on successfully completing their Lands End to John O'Groats charity cycle challenge, who raised over £5,000 and counting! What an amazing amount of blood sweat and tears, but most of all a lot of fun with an amazing determined group of dedicated fire fighters.

Sally's Wrekin success



Shropshire fire fighter Sally Barnett, who feared she would never walk again after breaking her back in a horse riding accident, raised £2,200 for the Charity after we helped her get back on her feet. Sally did it in style with a sponsored weekly walk up The Wrekin for a whole year including Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, wearing full fire fighting kit and carrying a breathing apparatus cylinder weighing 17.5kg for a total distance of 85,280ft. While carrying out the marathon challenge, fire control Crew Manager Sally was in training to become an operational fire fighter and became the first woman to join Market Drayton fire station. Way to go Sally!



Upcoming events

[Great Birmingham Run, Oct 19](#)

[Fright Hike, Epping, Nov 2](#)

[Fashion Show, Hedge End, Nov 13](#)

[Auction of Promises, Grantham,](#)

[Dec 6](#)

AND

[Go SkyDive, Feb 21](#)

Free-fall from 10,000ft in Salisbury, only £50 deposit/£345 fundraiser! Email [Kerry James](#) to register.



Donate your time

We are always looking for support with the many supermarket collections we have booked in especially this Christmas time; if you could donate an hour or two of your time to support us we would love to hear from you! Contact Natasha Mason on 07979 758026 for more information.

Jubilee raffle winner revealed!



The draw was made at Jubilee House this month for the handmade 'fire and rescue' quilt made by beneficiary Judith Price from Northern Ireland, a regular visitor to our Penrith centre. The quilt had been on display in reception and attracted lots of interest, raising an impressive £600! Colin Foster, a Spirit of Fire Awards nominee from Essex Fire and Rescue who was staying at Jubilee on the week of the draw picked out the lucky winner's ticket! Shirley Bambridge, a retired fire service employee from Tadcaster in North Yorkshire, was thrilled and said: "I never normally win anything and I love this quilt!" Thanks again to Judith for all her hard work!

Emergency Services Show Challenge

The Fire Fighters Stairmaster Challenge, due to take part at the Emergency Services Show this year, has had to be cancelled. On a positive note, the show organisers and event sponsors have agreed to sponsor the 2015 Emergency Services Show Challenge. Keep an eye on the Charity's website for more exciting information later in the year.

Finance Update

Scores on the doors

Every month the Charity's finance team provides an update on the headline income figures for each region. This information shows the income per region for the financial year to date. If you would like to find out more about the detail behind these figures, you can do so via the regional pages of our [intranet](#) using your login details.

North East	107,505
Yorkshire & Humberside	167,397
East Midlands	147,933
East Anglia	216,103
London	256,922
Southern	174,234
South West	190,051
Wales	115,016
West Midlands	135,939
North West	262,878
Scotland	325,425
South East	121,930



Surrey Mirror awards

The Surrey Mirror has chosen 100 good causes including The Fire Fighters Charity to win a share of their Heart of the Community £20,000 prize and we need your support! To vote by SMS just text SU HEART 1081 plus your name, house number and postcode to 65100. Texts cost 50p plus one standard network rate message and voting closes midnight on Sunday 28 September 2014. Thank you!



Can you top this?

Nuneaton Fire Station's fantastic open day recently raised over £6,000! Well done to everyone involved and especially the star of the show, Rachel Streeting. Other recent successes include the open days at Buckie and Dunfermline that raised £4,500 and £2,200 respectively. Thank you ALL so much for your hard work and support.

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