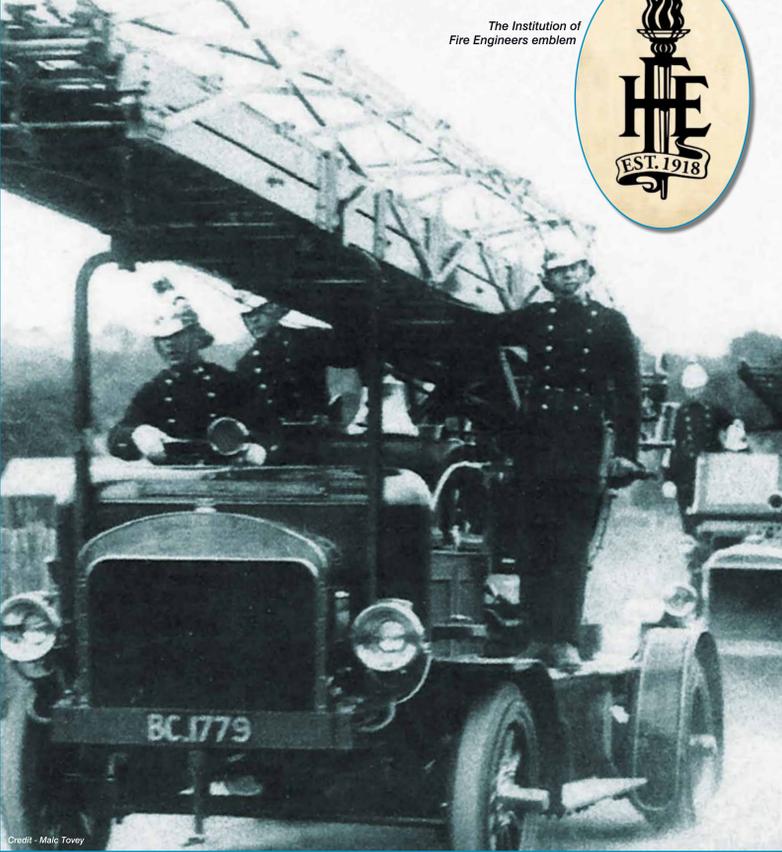


MODERN LEICESTER

Central Fire Station Lancaster Road

Demonstration of fire vehicles on the Central Station opening day 1927



The Institution of Fire Engineers emblem



A modern fire station for a modern city

In Victorian Leicester, emergency services like the police and fire brigade used the Town Hall as their central headquarters. By 1892, the town fire brigade had moved out of its cramped Bowling Green Street base into a purpose-built Fire Station in Rutland Street.

Over the next 35 years Leicester was to grow into a thriving manufacturing city and a new, more modern fire station was clearly needed to support it. Local architects A.E. & T. Sawday were commissioned to design not only the grand new station buildings but also the purpose built firemen's houses that surrounded it. The new station opened on this Lancaster Road site in 1927 and was widely regarded as one of the most advanced fire stations in the country.

The Institution of Fire Engineers

The Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) is an international professional body that has been established for over a century. Its roots can be traced back to Leicester and the work of local Chief Fire Officer Neal who, on 31st October 1918, formed the IFE along with ten other British chief fire officers. Today the IFE continues to uphold recognised professional standards across the world.

Central Fire Station

A major refurbishment of this listed building took place in 2010 to ensure it remained fit for purpose as Leicester's flagship fire and rescue station. Fire personnel from the station attend a variety of incidents across the city every day.

Rutland Street Fire Station decorated for the 1902 coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra



Inside Central Fire Station



Staff outside Central Fire Station



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