

Hero paperboy rescues woman from house blaze

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fifteen-year-old Joshua
receives an award from
Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr
Angela Cornforth



A TEENAGE hero rescued an elderly woman from her blazing house as he delivered the Sunday papers.

Fifteen-year-old paperboy Joshua Robertson saw smoke coming from the window of the Eltham property and heard the fire alarm going off, before he dashed inside to bring out the stricken pensioner.

"At the time I was scared and full of adrenaline but I felt the urge to do my best to help her," said the St Paul's Academy student. "I used the back of my hand to test if the door was hot, a technique I learned whilst training at Police Cadets."

He rapped the door of the Alderwood Road home and the distressed woman, who did not wish to be named,

by *Simon Banks*

eventually answered. The kitchen was in flames and black smoke clouded the inside of the house. The teenager tried to talk the women - who is in her 70s - out of her house, but disorientated and confused, she refused to exit.

"She was very shocked and distressed and as I rushed into the house I saw that the kitchen and parts of the floor were on fire," Joshua, from Eltham, said. "It seemed the fire had started from the toaster. I told the women she must leave the house right away, but she would not."

He left the house and notified neighbours, who raised the alarm. He

quickly returned, and covering his face, Joshua charged into the house and finally convinced the fire victim to follow him to safety.

Joshua and the women were taken to the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Woolwich, where they were discharged later that day.

The hero - who is also head boy at his school - said skills learned at the Police Cadets and Duke of Edinburgh Awards along with those gained from volunteering at a care home in Abbey Wood had helped him remain calm.

He said: "Looking back I feel very happy and proud that I was able to save her life, because I believe she wouldn't have left the house without my help and I am very proud that I was able to help."



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