



JOHN Coultham joined the Chidlow Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in November 2003 with the aim to help keep his community safe, and the 74-year-old and has no plans to slow down anytime soon.

"I felt it was a good idea to join the brigade because it is a very dangerous area for fires," Mr Coultham said.

"It is also something to do as a retiree and I have made a lot of friends there. It is a good group of people."

In the past 10 years, Mr Coultham has held several positions at the brigade, including lieutenant, captain and treasurer.

In addition to actively fighting fires, he is currently the equipment officer at the brigade and organises the maintenance of equipment and vehicles.

"I get a kick out of going and putting fires out. I only live around the corner so I am usually one of the first brigade members to respond to an emergency," Mr Coultham said.

"Some weeks I will spend very little time there, other weeks I can volunteer up to six hours. It depends what needs to be done."

In the Shire of Mundaring, 20% of the population or nearly 5000 residents aged 15 years and older volunteer their time to help others. John is just one of the thousands of volunteers in the Shire of Mundaring who devote their time to worthy causes.

To find out more about volunteering in the Shire and current vacancies, visit the Shire website [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au](http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au)

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