



Briefing report for Salisbury; Southern Wilts and South West Wilts Community Area Boards - June 2015

Overnight operation to put Barons' trail into place

As Salisbury woke to find a trail of painted medieval Barons dotted around the city, volunteers were recovering from an overnight operation to put them all in place.

The team, drawn from Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, the charity SERVE ON, which is based at Salisbury fire station, and Princes Trust Team 8, spent the night of 11 June moving the 25 Baron sculptures to their locations. Earlier in the week, the team prepared the Barons by preparing the concrete plinths and adding the appropriate plaques.

This logistical support has been vital to the Barons' Charter Trail, an initiative organised by the Trussell Trust, Wild in Art and Salisbury Cathedral to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

In return for all the support given to the project, the Fire & Rescue Service has been granted its own Baron, which is now on display at Salisbury fire station. 'Baron Button' is named for the national Push The Button campaign that promotes the importance of working smoke alarms, and has been painted by local artist, illustrator and designer.rn.

For more on the trail, visit www.thebaronscharter.org.uk

New Legislation – Private Landlords

Wilts FRS have commenced a new project involving private landlords. New laws will require the fitting of smoke alarms on every level in the rental property. If there is a solid fuel appliance in the property then a C0 alarm must also be fitted.

This new legislation comes into place on the 1st of October 2015 and the Government has provided funding to every Fire & Rescue Service to enable restricted numbers of smoke and C0 alarms to be issued on a 'first come' basis free to Private landlords who meet the requirements. The alarms can be collected from Swindon; Trowbridge and Salisbury Fire Stations. Landlords will need to complete the form on our website where other information regarding collection can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk . The forms need to be completed prior to collecting the alarms.

Combination News

This month will see another significant step on the road to combination, with the first full meeting of the new Shadow Fire Authority on 23 June. With just nine months before the new Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service comes into being, staff at both existing FRSs are busy developing structures, policies, procedures and systems.

Six work streams have been established to direct this work, focusing on:

- Governance
- Strategic and organisational development
- Safety centre, strategic hub and Joint Command and Control Centre (JCCC)
- Service delivery and operational assets
- People and organisational design
- ICT and information management

One of the outcomes from the combination will be the construction of a safety centre in Swindon on a site yet to be decided by the Fire Authority. The resources for this project have come from the Government transformation fund and will provide a Safety Centre for the people of Wiltshire. This will be a long term project and at the moment I cannot give any more detail but if you wish to look at the educational and community facilities offered by these types of premises in Dorset please take a look at www.Streetwise.org.uk.

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