



## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

## Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

## Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



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## **Recent News & Events**

### **DWFRS launch wildfire prevention campaign #BringAPicnicNotABBQ**



This week, at the start of National Picnic Week (19-26 June), Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is launching its wildfire prevention campaign – #BringAPicnicNotABBQ.

The campaign aims to remind the residents of Dorset and Wiltshire, as well as day trippers and holidaymakers, to take care in our beautiful open spaces this summer. During 2021, firefighters across Dorset and Wiltshire attended 494 wildfires and already in 2022, firefighters across the UK have attended more wildfires than in 2021\*.

More information on staying safe and enjoying outside areas whilst avoiding starting a wildfire can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/heath-fires-and-countryside-safety](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/heath-fires-and-countryside-safety)

## **New safety packs for gypsies and travellers**



The Service has launched new safety packs targeted at gypsies and travellers, following collaborative work with the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater (GRTB) team at the charity Julian House. Safe & Well Team Leader Tracy Jenkins reports.

Fires in vehicles and caravans can be devastating, and we hope the packs will help to keep more people safe. It's also important to raise awareness of carbon monoxide and the dangers it presents. Travellers may be at risk if they encounter problems with solid fuel stoves, including flue pipes, so it's important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and to seek help quickly.

If you know of anyone living roadside or on a site who would benefit from a pack, please contact one of the following. • Jassy from the Julian House team: email [grtb@julianhouse.org.uk](mailto:grtb@julianhouse.org.uk) or phone 07498 723504. • Aileen from Wiltshire Council: email [gypsyandtravellerservice@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:gypsyandtravellerservice@wiltshire.gov.uk) • Gary New, Gypsy & Traveller Liaison: email [gary.new@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:gary.new@dwfire.org.uk) or phone 07789 923458.

## **Junior Good Citizen returns**

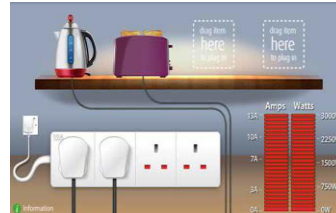
During June, around 2,800 Year 6 children from Swindon and Wiltshire will attend Junior Good Citizen with their school. Education manager Tess Cross reports.

Undertaking a carousel of activities to help them understand how they can live safer lives, these 10-11 year olds will be discovering the importance of being safe with electrical items, thanks to the DWFRS Education team.

Junior Good Citizen is a partnership between Wiltshire Police, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Council, DWFRS and other organisations. The scheme has been running for almost 20 years and, after a break of two years due to Covid, we are delighted to be able to support it again.



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## Station open days make a welcome return!



After two years of not being able to hold events on station, it's great to see open days being planned again!



## **Demand**

Total Fire Calls for Chippenham Fire Station for period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022:-

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
No. of False Alarms	46
No. of Fires	23
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

## **Local Incidents of Note**

This period has seen a real variety in the type of incidents attended within the local area, this has included vehicle collisions, fires in domestic, industrial and educational properties, animal rescues including the traditional ‘Cat stuck up a tree’ and medical incidents. The recent dry spell has seen a marked increase in grass fires and local crews have been required to assist in dealing with these incidents all across the county.

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