



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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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.

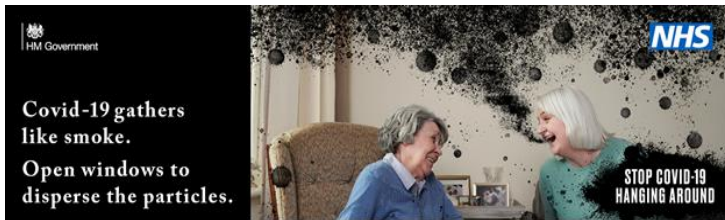
A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- 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/>



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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 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
- 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

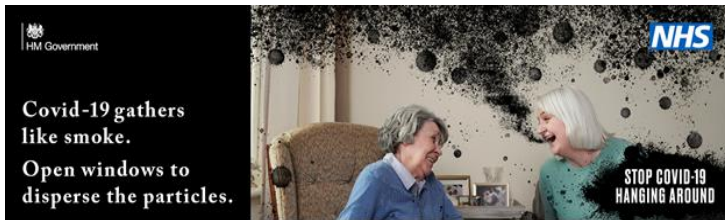
Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter 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/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



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Recent News & Events

First national Biker Down safety campaign held

The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) held its first national Biker Down safety campaign between 11-17 April.

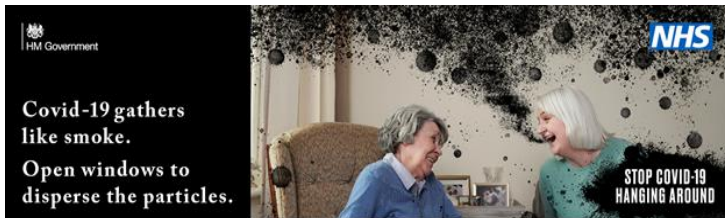
Biker Down is a free three-hour course that provides practical and potentially lifesaving advice, and the sessions are suitable for riders of all experience levels.

The course gives riders an awareness of what to do if they are involved with or see an injured motorcyclist, and how to reduce their own risk of being in a collision.

The national campaign also highlighted the importance of motorcycle maintenance and the wearing of legal and protective riding gear, especially since the trade in counterfeit and fake gear has grown in recent years.



More information can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down



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Bonfires and garden safety



Bonfires are very common in the summer, but they can get out of control very easily. If you want to burn off garden waste, here's some safety advice:

- Site any bonfire well away from buildings, fences, trees and garden structures.
- Have a garden hose to hand in case the fire starts to get out of control.
- Don't light a bonfire on a windy day, as it could flare up more than you expect.
- Be courteous to your neighbours – if you're planning a substantial bonfire, let them know, and stay with it at all times to ensure that it remains safe.
- If you're intending to have a large bonfire, use our **on-line form** – we often receive emergency calls from people who can see lots of smoke, and it helps us to know where this could be a controlled burn.
- Never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to start a bonfire.

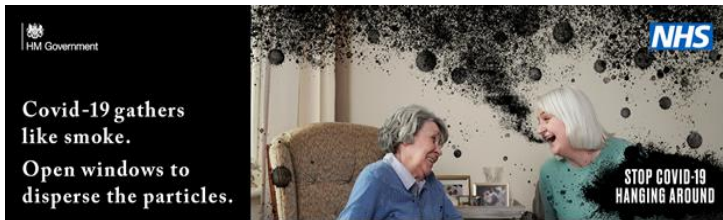
If you have concerns about the environmental impacts of bonfires, such as smoke, you will need to contact your local council.

For further information regarding bonfire and garden safety please visit - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/bonfires-and-garden-safety/>

UK fire services rally to support colleagues in Ukraine

The Service has donated some surplus equipment to support colleagues in Ukraine, as part of a wider effort coordinated by the [National Fire Chiefs Council \(NFCC\)](#).





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Water safety



Cooling off in rivers, canals, ponds, quarries and lakes can have deadly consequences.

Every year, firefighters are called to incidents where residents (particularly children and young people) get into difficulty when swimming in open water.

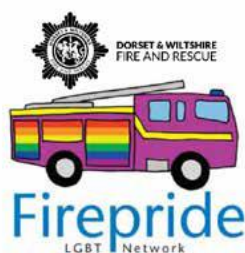
For further information on the dangers of cooling off in open water and some key safety tips for staying safe near water, please visit: - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/water-safety/>

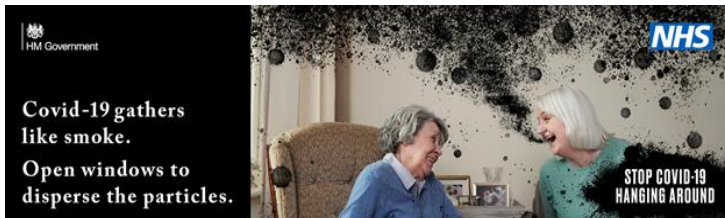
Supporting Pride

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, which is marked every year on 17 May, was created in 2004 to draw attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.

As a Service, we work hard to create a culture where all staff can come to work and be themselves. We also have a supportive network in place, Firepride, which is open to everyone.

As part of our commitment to supporting all communities, we will be attending the Pride celebrations within our Service area, which are back this year after being affected by Covid over the past two years.





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Total Fire Calls for Chippenham Fire Station for period 01 Jan 2022 – 31st March 2022

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	34
No. of Fires	28
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	28
Total	

Local Incidents of Note

The most common incidents were chimney fires and now that we are moving into the warmer seasons it would be an ideal time to remind home owners with open fires to get their chimneys swept in preparation for next winter, it is also worth reminding all attendees of the concern for road safety, a number of the special service incidents involved Road Traffic Collisions and thankfully most of these were minor injuries only but have all had the potential to be more significant.

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