

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Lyneham Primary School. Preston Lane, Lyneham, Chippenham,  
SN15 4QJ  
**Date:** 22 June 2023  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.24 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr Jacqui Lay

### **Observing**

Cllr Tamara Reay (Portfolio Holder for Climate Change)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Andrew Jack – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Sarah Valdus – Director for Environment (allocated to the Area Board)  
Malcom Beaven – Area Manager (Northern Wiltshire) Local Highways  
Martin Cook – Area Highway Engineer (Northern Wiltshire)  
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 26**

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<b><u>Minute No.</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
109	<u>Networking</u>
110	<p><u>Election of the Chairman</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Cllr Mary Champion nominated Cllr Allison Bucknell for the position of Chairman, which was seconded by Cllr Jacqui Lay.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To appoint Cllr Allison Bucknell as Chairman for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
111	<p><u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman nominated Cllr Bob Jones MBE for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year, which was seconded by Cllr Lay.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To appoint Cllr Bob Jones MBE as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
112	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
113	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louisa Young – Area Board Delivery Officer</li> <li>• Inspector Gareth Edwards - Wiltshire Police</li> <li>• Sergeant Kate Smith – Wiltshire Police</li> <li>• Mark Hopkins – Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council</li> <li>• Fire Station Manager Phil Peuple – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue (Westlea, Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett)</li> </ul>
114	<u>Minutes</u>

	<p>On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr David Bowler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
115	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman noted that he had received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer in relation to being a member of Cricklade Town Council, categorised as an Other Registerable Interest under Wiltshire Council's Code of Conduct. The dispensation allowed the Vice-Chairman to remain in the room to take part in the discussion, and vote on the application, from Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club.</p>
116	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the information items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Libraries – National Data Bank: offering free mobile data to stay online pg. 31</li> <li>• Cost of living support pg. 33-34</li> <li>• Independent Visitor Scheme pg. 35</li> <li>• Solar Together pg. 37-40</li> <li>• The Wiltshire Hotel – Agenda Supplement 1</li> </ul> <p>Sarah Valdus, Director of Environment at Wiltshire Council, reported that the Area Board's area had had the fourth highest take up of the Solar Together scheme in the first round, out of the 18 Area Boards in Wiltshire. She highlighted that expressions of interest for the second round of the group buying scheme were open and encouraged interested parties to come forward.</p> <p>Cllr Lay noted that she would welcome further guidance about the installation of solar panels on listed buildings. It was noted that planning permission was not required for the installation of solar panels on temporary structures.</p> <p>Cllr Bowler stated that he was making regular visits to the Wiltshire Hotel, where contingency accommodation was being provided to asylum seekers. He explained that English lessons were being taught. He also spoke about the importance of ensuring that the sub-contractors providing services on behalf of the Home Office were meeting their contractual obligations and transparent about the services being delivered.</p>
117	<p><u>Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks - Registration for Priority Service and</u></p>

	<p><u>Resilient Communities Fund</u></p> <p>Mel Grace from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) gave an overview of their role, before providing an update about the Priority Services Register and Resilient Communities Fund. She clarified that they were not the company that residents paid their bills to but were responsible for the maintenance of the cables in the regional electricity network. As such, they had a responsibility to respond to power cuts in the local area. They carried out lots of local engagements including at luncheon clubs and schools, where children got the opportunity to dress up as engineers.</p> <p><u>Priority Service Register</u></p> <p>She explained that the Priority Service Register allowed vulnerable people to sign up for priority service, which would mean that they would receive a 'phone call to check on their welfare during prolonged power outages. The most vulnerable customers could be eligible for additional support such as the provision of generators to keep medical equipment running. It was highlighted that there was a single national number – 105 – which could be used to report a power outage anywhere in the country.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Bowler about whether registering with one service would mean that you were automatically registered for all of the available support services, Mel stated that data sharing rules had been updated to allow greater co-ordination of services but that she would still encourage them to register for each service individually.</p> <p>Further information was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p> <p><u>Resilient Communities Fund</u></p> <p>It was reported that local non-profit making organisations were able to bid for grants to improve their resilience in the face of severe weather and prolonged power outages. A total of £280,000 was available for central and southern England and bids could be submitted until 31 July. In response to a query from Cllr Lay, it was confirmed that it may be possible to bid for the installation of solar panels on community buildings, but that residential buildings would not be eligible. Money could be used towards rescue team drone, village hall generators and even specialist advisers. It was noted that applications could be made through the <a href="#">SEEN website</a>.</p>
118	<p><u>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police pg. 43-47</li> <li>• Wiltshire Police Road Safety Update pg. 49-61</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Agenda Supplement 1 and the minutes</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire pg. 67</li> <li>• BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire – Integrated Care Board pg. 69</li> <li>• Community First pg. 67</li> <li>• Cricklade Town Council pg. 71-72</li> </ul>
119	<p><u>Lyneham Banks Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update about the scheme of repairs to the B4069 at Lyneham Banks. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council had a statutory responsibility to repair the road.</li> <li>• Most of the slippage that had occurred was on privately owned land.</li> <li>• Repairing the road would require complex engineering due to the topography of the site.</li> <li>• The site rested on a variety of permeable and impermeable materials, categorised into five different zones. Each zone would require a different type of remedial action and all of the remedial work would need to tie together across the site.</li> <li>• Following detailed topological surveys, a number of different options were being considered to repair the site. The preferred option was installation of a piled retaining wall with counterfort drainage.</li> <li>• There were plans to improve the drainage along the route of Lyneham Banks beyond the immediately affected, including further towards Dauntsey.</li> <li>• It was suspected that materials had been added to the site prior to the landslide in February 2022. Any contaminated material would need to be removed before construction began.</li> <li>• Work was ongoing to finalise land access agreements, calculate funding requirements and recruit specialist contractors.</li> <li>• A preliminary estimate of costs was around £5.9 million but it was possible that this could rise.</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to a question about whether Wiltshire Council would be responsible for funding the repair works, the Chairman confirmed that it would.</li> <li>• Questions were asked about whether changes to the loading of the slope that may have contributed towards the landslide were caused by the unauthorised addition of materials to the site and, if so, whether the responsible party could be liable for compensation. The Chairman emphasised that it was important not to make accusations but, if it was found that unauthorised dumping had played a role, it might be possible for Wiltshire Council to investigate pursuing costs.</li> <li>• The Chairman reported that the repairs would be carried out in an</li> </ul>

	<p>environmentally friendly way as possible and that the project had attracted international interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Steve Bucknell explained that the length of time of the road closure was due to the movement of the ground over an extended period.</li> </ul> <p>Further information was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
120	<p><u>Road Maintenance Programme</u></p> <p>The Chairman revised the order of the agenda so that this item took place before the update on Lyneham Banks.</p> <p>Malcom Beaven, Area Highway Manager (North) and Martin Cook, Area Highway Engineer, updated the Area Board about the maintenance work being carried out on local roads. They also provided information about how to report potholes. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to maintain the roads under the Highways Act 1980. They employed a group of engineers and support staff to support local maintenance.</li> <li>• The majority of the work was delivered through their main contractor, Milestone, who had taken over from Ringway on a five-year contract.</li> <li>• Milestone aimed to open 85,000 gullies over the next five years.</li> <li>• The local maintenance team repaired potholes under two square metres, but larger potholes were repaired by the major maintenance team.</li> <li>• A wide variety of activities were undertaken to maintain roads, including, grass cutting, drainage, sign cleaning and kerb realignment. Regular inspections of roads were undertaken with the frequency depending on the type of road.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council were also responsible for issuing licences for temporary highway obstructions, such as skips and scaffolding.</li> <li>• The team supported Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) where parishes could list their top five priority schemes that they would like to see implemented.</li> <li>• Highway maintenance issues could be reported through the <a href="#">MyWilts App</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation, the Area Board watched a video demonstrating how potholes were repaired, which was also available <a href="#">online</a>. During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board thanked the officers for their update.</li> <li>• Diana Kirby, Chair of Tockenham Parish Council, highlighted that she felt that long grass had made some of the junctions near their village unsafe and requested that it be trimmed.</li> <li>• In response, the Area Highway Manager (North) explained that they did ad hoc cutting before the main verge cutting took place in September.</li> <li>• The Area Highway Engineer reported that they had started a project in</li> </ul>

	<p>2021 to map areas of concern, undertaken by the previous contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff Greenaway from Purton Parish Council noted that it had taken longer than expected to resolve a drainage issue over winter and expressed frustration about temporary pothole repairs not lasting as long as anticipated.</li> <li>• In reply, the Area Highway Manager (North) thanked the parish representatives for their feedback and said that they would investigate the issues raised. They were working hard with their new contractor and with parish stewards to make their response as flexible as possible.</li> <li>• When questioned about the proportions of issues that were reported by residents and the ones found during surveys, the officer stated that it was roughly half that were identified via each.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that if a footpath was going over a road controlled by National Highways, such as Hook Road, then Wiltshire Council would be responsible for its maintenance.</li> <li>• Street lighting defects could be reported through the <a href="#">MyWilts App</a> but were managed by the Asset Management Team.</li> <li>• Several positions were being advertised in the team which, once filled, would aid with the delivery of LHFIG projects.</li> <li>• It was noted that the timing of the renewal of highway maintenance contracts was based on financial years rather than on seasonal factors.</li> <li>• Maintenance of trees and hedges next to roads was often the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. Wiltshire Council was able to take enforcement action in cases where they had not been maintained properly.</li> </ul> <p>A webinar with further information about potholes was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
121	<p><u>Our Community Matters</u></p> <p>Updates were provided by lead members and the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manger, Andrew Jack.</p>
122	<p><u>Area Board - End of Year Report</u></p> <p>The Area Board watched a <a href="#">video</a> about the projects that had benefitted from grant funding provided by them since May 2021.</p>
123	<p><u>Youth Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager explained that they had met with representatives from Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to discuss the future direction of youth provision in the town. It was reported that the Vice-Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, Angela Jensen, had been holding positive conversations about youth clubs in the town. The Area Board were reviewing whether there were any gaps in the provision of youth services and emphasised that grant funding was available to support a wide variety of groups.</p>

124	<p><u>RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum</u></p> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell informed the Area Board about the Environmental Forum's visit to Purton on 6 June. The visit was split into two parts, a visit to the Hill's recycling plant and a talk from Wiltshire Council's Woodland Officer Team Leader, Terry Offen. Cllr Bucknell explained that it had been an educational experience and the group had learnt about the importance of not including certain types of food waste in garden bins, as they could produce E.coli. The presentation about trees was delivered at Pips Community Café and included information about the various types of grants available for planting. Cllr Bucknell mentioned that he had heard a report on the Today Programme on Radio 4 about the United Kingdom failing to meet its tree planting targets, so encouraged attendees to research the different grants on offer. He had also asked the Woodland Officer Team Leader to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that she had instigated a meeting about introducing new cycle paths in Royal Wootton Bassett, including through Old Court Park.</p> <p>Cllr Lay said that she was due to attend St Mary's CofE Primary School the following week to discuss recycling with the children.</p>
125	<p><u>Community Care Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Bowler gave an overview the information that had been discussed at the meeting of the Community Care Group on 26 April, including the Priority Service Register. Planning had started for an engagement event, at Dairy View Extra Care Home, about access to healthcare services in Royal Wootton Bassett. If the event proved successful it was planned to hold similar events in Purton and Cricklade.</p> <p>Cllr Lay welcomed the idea and suggested that engagement events could be rolled out across the Area Board. She also raised concerns that a number of residents that had recently moved to Purton were unable to register with the local GP due to lack of capacity.</p> <p>Cllr Champion reported that they were planning to review their community directory to ensure that the information remained up to date.</p> <p>The Community Care Group would next meet on 26 July when they would discuss a Celebrating Age event.</p>
126	<p><u>Economy</u></p> <p><u>High Street Update</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman was pleased to report that Cricklade was one of the towns that was part of the Wiltshire Towns Programme to support business activity on the High Street. Cricklade was also one of the 10 towns to benefit from the newly launched <a href="#">heritage app</a>. Visitors to the town would be able to log on to</p>



	<p>access the free app to find out information about its historic cultural sites.</p> <p>Cllr Lay and Cllr Steve Bucknell reported that a site had been found for the proposed banking hub in Royal Wootton Bassett. The final details of the legal arrangements still needed to be agreed and planning consent would be required for the necessary changes to the building.</p> <p><u>Household Economy</u></p> <p>Cllr Lay stated that up to date information about the levels of deprivation in the community had been produced. It was an aim to help people with different initiatives and to promote healthy diets.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that grant funding was available, and they would be encouraging applications that supported less affluent areas within the community.</p>
127	<p><u>Priorities - Looking Ahead to 2023/24</u></p> <p>The Area Board then considered whether they wished to amend their priorities for the forthcoming year. During the discussion members stated that they were keen to carry on in their present roles to build upon their achievements so far.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lay, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>1) To note the achievements of the Area Board since May 2021.</b>  <b>2) To retain the Area Board’s priority areas from the forthcoming year and to appoint the following lead members to deliver them:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Young People – Cllr Allison Bucknell</b></li> <li>• <b>Environment – Cllr Steve Bucknell</b></li> <li>• <b>Older People – Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler</b></li> <li>• <b>The Economy – Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Jacqui Lay</b></li> </ul>
128	<p><u>Community Safety Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Inspector Gareth Edwards had attended the last Community Safety Forum meeting on 9 June, and he hoped to introduce himself to the Area Board at the next meeting. Inspector Edwards should be supporting the Area Board’s area for at least two years.</p>
129	<p><u>Appointment of Representatives</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered which of its councillors it should appoint as its representatives at the RAF Liaison Group and Community Safety Forum. They were also asked to appoint a representative to the Local Highway and Footway</p>

	<p>Improvement Group (LHFIG) and note its terms of reference. During the discussion it was noted that all of the Area Board’s members would like to attend the LHFIG.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the following:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To appoint the member for Cricklade as the Area Board’s representative on the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade RAF Liaison Group.</b></li> <li>• <b>To appoint Cllr Allison Bucknell as the Area Board’s representative on the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum.</b></li> <li>• <b>To appoint Cllr Bob Jones MBE as Chairman of the LHIFIG and agree that all members would be invited to their meetings.</b></li> </ul> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the following:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To note the terms of reference of the LHFIG as listed on pages 113-116 of the agenda pack.</b></p>
130	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board then considered the recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting of 26 April 2023. During the discussion some members expressed frustration at the way that the way that the LHFIG system was operating. The Vice-Chairman noted that the group planned to have a new system in place from September. The Chairman stated that it was planned to agree an annual list of requirements and set the work programme for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>1) To note the discussions and updates in the attached report.</b>  <b>2) To move the following issues from the Priority A to Priority B list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-21-10 Broad Hinton – Extension of 50mph from Elm Cross to beyond Winterbourne Bassett turning (road markings to be completed)</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-22-1 Lydiard Millicent – Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction</li> </ul> <p><b>3) To move the following issues to the Priority B list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-22-8 Cricklade – North Wall damaged verge</li> <li>• 11-23-8 Lydiard Millicent - Common Platt speed reduction</li> <li>• 11-21-1 Lyneham – junction visibility near Tesco</li> <li>• 11-23-12 Purton – Purton Stoke speed reduction and visibility</li> <li>• 11-22-14 Junction signing Highden Lane with Broad Town</li> </ul> <p><b>4) To note that it was agreed that Cricklade Town Council would not have to provide a contribution towards 11-22-16 Cricklade, Chelworth Crossroads.</b></p>
131	<p><u>Funding Applications</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following application to the Community Area Grant Scheme 2023/24:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club</u></p> <p>The sum of £5,000 was requested by towards a new compound.</p> <p>Rob Aylward, Chairman of Cricklade Youth Football Club, spoke in favour of their application, noting that they had around 100 members and around 120 children used the facilities. He explained that their equipment had been vandalised and they needed a secure place to store it.</p> <p>In response to a question about the help on offer for vulnerable people who may not be able to afford to join the club, Rob explained that they worked with parents to see if they might be able to offer discounts in certain scenarios.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board awarded the sum of £5,000 towards a compound for Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason:</u> The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p>The Area Board was then asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager.</p>

	<p><u>Cricklade Festival 2023</u></p> <p>It was explained that a grant of £1,000 had been awarded between meetings due to the urgency of the application. A maximum of £1,000 per application can be awarded per application between meetings, so it was not possible to award the full £1,464.71 requested.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To note the awarding of £1,000 towards Cricklade Festival 2023 via the delegated authority of the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager.</b></p> <p><b><i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24. Cricklade Festival was held on 18 June 2023, so the funding was awarded in advance of the Area Board meeting in order to be able to support the project.</i></b></p> <p>Information links: <a href="#">Area Board Grants</a> and <a href="#">Grants Criteria</a></p>
132	<p><u>Get it Off Your Chest</u></p> <p>Diana Kirby, Chairman of Tockenham Parish Council, highlighted that they were due to hold their village fair at 2pm on Sunday 24 June. She explained that it would be a traditional English fete and would only cost £2 entry.</p> <p>Mark Clarke, Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, thanked the Area Board for the grants awarded to their town. He also took the opportunity to praise Rob Aylward for winning the Cricklade Community Award and for wearing a very smart tie, pictured on page 71 of the agenda pack, whilst collecting his certificate.</p>
133	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
134	<p><u>Close and Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>6:00pm - 8:30pm (including networking for the first 30 minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 27 September 2023 - Cricklade Town Hall.</li> <li>• Wednesday 17 January 2024</li> <li>• Wednesday 13 March 2024</li> </ul>

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## 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 60 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**.





## Recent News & Event

### Businesses encouraged to accept free fire safety checks

Local businesses are being encouraged to accept a free fire safety check if they are contacted by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Business fire safety checks involve firefighters visiting selected premises, based on their detailed local knowledge, and meeting with the Responsible Person. The aim is to give simple advice on how to make the property – and the people within it – safer from the risk of fire or confirm that the right things are being done.

More on business fire safety, including how to complete a fire risk assessment, can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety)

### Carbon monoxide safety reminder



We've been reminding everyone to make sure that they have both carbon monoxide and smoke alarms fitted at home.

It follows an incident last month when firefighters rescued a woman who had been rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide after a smouldering fire seeped smoke into her flat.

For advice on carbon monoxide and making your home safer, visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide)

## Demand

Deliberate Fires	
June	
Cricklade	0
RWB	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

Accidental Dwelling Fires	
June	
Cricklade	3



RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Domestic</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Non Dwellings</b>	
June	
Cricklade	4
RWB	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>RTC's</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**AOB:**

DWFRS is continuing to seek new recruits to our OnCall duty system at all Stations across the North Wiltshire Area.

A “Have a Go” Day is being organised on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July at Westlea Fire Station with the aim of maximising attendance in the most cost effective manner. This day is open to anyone that is interested in becoming an OnCall Firefighter and is a great opportunity to learn what is involved, have a go at some of the practical tests, and speak to existing Firefighters about the reality of being OnCall.

We are advertising on our social media channels and expect a high number of applicants from across the area.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

DWFRS has been particularly busy attending a number of large incidents such as a scrap metal fire in Pewsey and a Thatch Fire in Calne. Both incidents have required a huge effort from all our staff in both operational and support roles.

If you have any questions or would like more information on a particular topic at a future Board meeting then please drop me a line and I will do my best to find someone to assist.

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