

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE  
**Date:** Wednesday 28 September 2022  
**Time:** 6.00 pm

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The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 20 September 2022. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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## **DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

### **RWB & Cricklade 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**.



## **Recent News & Events**

### **Battery Electrical Storage Sites (BESS)**

<https://stateraenergy.co.uk/Energy%20Storage%20Facility/minety-storage/>

I've received a few enquiries recently regarding the operational response to this new development in Minety, Wiltshire.

I am currently looking into progress and will provide a full update at the next Area Board meeting, however the link above will provide an overview of what the site does and the scale of the development.

DWFRS are completing a Site Specific Risk Information (SSRI) form on the premises which will provide Fire Crews with all necessary information to deal with an incident safely.





## **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 \(NFCC\)](#).





## **Demand**

Total Fire Calls for ...RWB & Cricklade..... Fire Stations for period ...Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
No. of False Alarms	16
No. of Fires	6
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

Local Incidents of Note:

Nothing significant this month.

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# Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

## New Jubilee River Path



Before



After

CTC have successfully organised the creation of a new Jubilee Path that has been made possible by a joint National Lottery Community fund grant and additional funds from Cricklade Town Council. The path provides accessible access for all from the Stockham footpath to The River Thames. As part of the work, the path from Hatchetts to the Thames has also been renovated back to its original width so there is now a circular route for all to enjoy.

## Hitchings Link Path

We are delighted to see that the new footpath linking Hitchings with The Forty is already being well used. It provides a quicker, and much safer, access to the town centre, school, and leisure centre for the residents on the new 70 home development and easier access to Dance Common and open countryside for residents walking in the other direction. The scheme was devised by CTC and came to fruition solely because of the persistence of the Planning Committee. The connectivity will provide a community benefit for generations to come.



## Leisure Centre Car Park

The much-needed refurbishment works on the car park are now very near to completion. It is a great improvement, providing greater capacity and new surfacing. It has been a joint project between CTC and Cricklade Leisure Centre following the asset transfer from Wiltshire Council. The costs were covered from the lump sum transferred to CTC as part of the asset transfer deal.



## Proclamation of King Charles III

Cricklade Town Council and Cricklade Court Leet held Cricklade's Proclamation of the new King on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the duly appointed time of 1-15pm. The Town Crier, Eric Cripps read the Proclamation of the Accession and also in attendance was Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire Angus McPherson and other civic dignitaries. The Cricklade Band (below right) in ceremonial mode and led, as always, by Paul Hewer, provided the music for the singing of the National Anthem with the first change of words in 70 years.

