



## **Tidworth Area Board - Report, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **Community Engagement**

The Service is currently in negotiations to run a Salamander course in Ludgershall in the spring. At present we are looking at targeting young carers in the area. The primary aim of Salamander is to work with young people, aged 12 and over, to provide them with experiences that will help them to learn new life skills and gain confidence.

The course can run over one week or a series of evenings and there can be 8 to 16 young people attending.

If you know of any other groups who would benefit from a Salamander course, please contact myself or Marc Read, Community Engagement Manager to discuss.

### **LUDGERSHALL FIRE STATION NEEDS YOU!**

DWFRS currently have 5 vacancies for On-Call (retained) Firefighters at Ludgershall fire station.

- Do you live or work near the fire station?
- Are you able to work in a team?
- Do you have a basic level of physical fitness?
- Are you at least 18 years old?
- Do you know anyone who would be interested in a career as an On-Call firefighter?

No need to book, just pop in to the fire station on Castle Street, Ludgershall on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 1pm**. We'll talk you through what the job is actually about and you can try some of the practical tests.

### **Recent Notable Incidents**

Chimney fire – Short Street, Ludgershall, 28th December,

Road Traffic Collision – Collingbourne Ducis, 11th December,

Barn fire – Near Ludgershall, 11th December.

### **Chimney Safety**

After a couple of serious chimney fires over the Christmas period, I think it prudent to offer the following advice;



A clean chimney can help prevent fires and structural damage to your property. It is not enough to use a vacuum cleaner and you should make sure that your chimney or flue is inspected regularly.

Chimneys should be swept:

- At least once a year when using smokeless fuels
- At least once a year when using bituminous coal
- Every three months when burning wood
- Once a year when using oil
- Once a year when using gas

When the fire is alight, check the loft space occasionally to make sure there is no smoke leaking from cracks, defective brickwork or mortar joints.

### **Response & Availability**

Ludgershall fire appliance call sign is **36P1**

**Fire Calls; 01/04/16 – 05/01/17.**

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	36P1	13
Fire	36P1	20
Other	36P1	2
Special Service	36P1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>36P1</b>	<b>47</b>

### **Availability:**

Appliance	Day	Night
<b>36P1</b>	27.82%	82.93%

### **Community Safety**

Our Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;  
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

**To request a free Safe and Well visit in Dorset, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit our website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>**

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