



**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](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**.



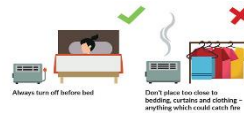
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## Recent News & Events

### Get Ready for Winter

For a full range of information and advice on how to stay safe, warm and healthy over the winter including:-

- Winter Safety in the Home
- Driving in Adverse Conditions
- Winter Driving Checklist



Please visit our website page [Get Ready for Winter](#)

### New sponsor for Biker Down Wiltshire



Work is underway to develop a Biker Down scheme across Wiltshire, after sponsorship for the coming year was secured.

Biker Down is a national road safety initiative targeted at motorcyclists, originally conceived and started by Kent Fire & Rescue Service, and it has recently launched locally.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has piloted the scheme with the help of Wiltshire Air Ambulance, but the support now provided by AJN Steelstock means the three-part programme can be delivered in multiple locations.

For further information about Biker Down Wiltshire, visit [www.facebook.com/bikerdownwiltshire](https://www.facebook.com/bikerdownwiltshire)



## Christmas Day help needed

A call is being put out for people to help manage the volunteers who form such an important part of the annual Christmas Day lunch held in Trowbridge. The event has grown substantially since it was started at Trowbridge fire station, and it is now hosted at County Hall in the town. CM Kate Dewey, who works in Fire Control, has been the organisational lynchpin for several years but juggling the logistics, guests and volunteers as part of the charity Company for Christmas is now too much work. Anyone who would like to offer their help would need to be at County Hall on Christmas Day and, ideally, have availability in the days beforehand to help with setting up the venue. If you would like to get involved, please drop Kate an email as soon as possible or give her a call on 07855 746121.

## Demand

Total Fire Calls for Melksham Fire Station for period October 2019

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	15
No. of Fires	2
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	1
<b>Total</b>	

## Local Incidents of Note

Nothing significant this month.



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