



Bradford On Avon Area Board Report, 14th June 2017

Ben Ansell, the CFO of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service offered the following at the beginning of April 2017:

1st April 2017 marked the first anniversary of the new Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

It is sometimes easy to forget just how far we've come in such a relatively short space of time.

Some of these times have been difficult, but I know we've continued to deliver high levels of service to the public and everybody, across all areas of the organisation has played an important part in making this happen.

I am extremely proud of our 'one team' approach, it is the only way we can continue to effectively support our communities, as well working closely with our partners. Being a bigger Service has enabled us to be a stronger partner to other agencies, including the police, our local authorities and health.

A number of schemes are being developed to work with our colleagues in the ambulance service, allowing us to better position ourselves to meet the needs of our communities. Making financial savings was one of the key drivers for combination, and our savings have been significant, while still being able to invest in the things we need to support our work such as new appliances, prevention activities, new fire helmets, improved ICT and essential improvements to our estate.

Another key part of becoming a combined Service was consolidating our governance arrangements, and a huge amount of work has taken place to deliver this.

I know that there is still much to do to bring together our ways of working and embedding a new combined culture for the Service is not something that will happen overnight.

Indeed, we are now developing our new Community Safety Plan 2017-2021, which will set our direction and aspiration for service delivery across the Bournemouth, Poole, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset Areas.

Community Emergency Volunteers

Bradford on Avon Community Emergency Volunteers are based at the town's fire station, and in April there was an official launch event for their new response vehicle.

Local MP Michelle Donelan cut the ribbon in front of over 30 guests, including representatives from a range of partner organisations. The Service was represented by ACFO Jim Mahoney and District Commander Andy Green, the crew were in attendance and showed visitors around both the appliance and the station, and volunteer co-ordinator Nev Chamberlain was on hand to explain the role of volunteers.

Bradford on Avon CEV are people from the local community who wish to help others during times of severe weather, civil emergency, or at large scale events in the town.



Response

Incidents

Category	March	April
False Alarm	5	1
Fire	1	1
Other	0	0
Special Service	0	1
Total	6	3

Availability of RDS appliances %

March 2017	Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
% Available	KT42P1 Bradford On Avon	36.09	32.53	34.31

April 2017	Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
% Available	KT42P1 Bradford On Avon	51.32	34.58	42.95

On-Call Recruitment

The "Difficult Hours" for On-Call cover tends to be 0700 to 1800hrs weekdays, and weekends from 1800hrs Friday until 1800 hours Sunday.

Currently there are 8 individuals within the recruitment process for Bradford On Avon, at various stages within this.

Community Engagement Work

Paul Pieri is the Safe and Well Advisor that covers this area. Please contact him at paul.pieri@dwfire.org.uk to arrange for him to talk to your group or an individual visit. A Safe and Well visit is available and is **FREE** and normally last 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 you may need if necessary

If you own/occupy a thatch property, are living alone, have a young family, are over 65 or a smoker please get in contact with us. We want to help make you safer in your own home. If you or someone you know has mobility or sight and hearing impairments please suggest a Safe and Well visit.

Visit <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/new-name-new-contact-details-same-service/> to book one.

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