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## Devizes Area Board Report

September 2017

### ‘Safe and Well’ and ‘Health and Well-Being’

The Service is keen to maintain a link between our **Safe and Well advisors** and **Health and Wellbeing** activities across the Devizes area. We have recently attended the **Devizes Community Health and Wellbeing Group** meeting at the library, chaired by Graeme (Devizes Community Engagement Manager).

The Service is looking to work with the Group to supply information on vulnerable households through our software programme **‘Pinpoint’**. This will identify the high risk premises, within the Devizes Community Area, and allow both the Service and local groups to engage in joint working and information sharing in order to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

### Safe and Well Visits- Home safety

The Devizes area has a dedicated Fire Service **‘Safe and Well’** advisor who can visit people, within their own homes, advising on home safety and wellbeing.

A Safe and Well visit 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 the occupier may need

If you have 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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### Devizes 24 Cycle challenge



Well done to all the brave souls who participated in the 24hr cycle challenge !!

The challenge took in all the Fire Stations in the Wiltshire area starting and finishing in Devizes. The group was made up of personnel from the Fire Service and also several riders from Devizes Town Cycling Club. The total distance the cyclists covered in 24 hours was around **200 miles**

The event organiser, **Mike Cleaver** a firefighter at Devizes Station, said the event raised a total of **£2138.95** split between two charities, the Firefighters Charity and the Epilepsy Society.

Mike also gathered a team of twelve members of the Fire Service who participated in and successfully completed the Prudential Ride London 100 event raising a further £1884.55 for the Epilepsy Society.

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### Donation to the Firefighter's Charity

I would like to send my personal thanks to **Cllr Jane Burton**. Jane kindly nominated the Firefighters Charity as one of her chosen charities during her time in office as Mayor.

I've included a delightful picture of Jane presenting the cheque for **£2,500** to Crew Manager Richard Lake, who is the Devizes Station representative for the Firefighters Charity.



### Incidents of note.

- 2 Dwelling fires- Hot-strikes carried out to neighbouring properties
- 2 small vehicle fires- cars
- 2 small fires in the open
- Fire involving baling machine

### Special Service Calls

- Road traffic collision- vehicle into building
- Assist Police- two persons released from site
- Assist Ambulance staff- Persons collapsed- 3 incidents
- Small animal rescue- cat removed from wall cavity in domestic premises

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### **Want to become a firefighter ?** **Or know someone who does?**

On-call Firefighters provide a part-time service around other commitments. They let us know when they are available and respond to emergency call outs.

To find out more about the role please visit the 'Working for us' pages of our website or drop into the station on a Wednesday evening for a chat.

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