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DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE

## Devizes Area Board Report

November 2017

### Recruitment Campaign

Dorset & Wiltshire FRS is now started a process of whole-time recruitment. This began on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Prior to this the Service has run six “have-a-go-sessions” during October so that under-represented groups in our community can see what it is like to be a firefighter.

Three of these have been in the Wiltshire area, Swindon, Salisbury & Trowbridge. Despite numerous campaigns in the past, female and BME groups are still under-represented in the Fire Service and we are hoping that this positive action will help destroy some of the myths about the job.

### Want to become an On-Call 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.

We also have opportunities for **Volunteers**. If you are interested please see the Service Web-site, contact Neil Chamberlain or speak to me. My contact details are at the end of this report.

### ‘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 now attend the **Devizes Community Health and Wellbeing Group** chaired by Graeme (Devizes Community Engagement Manager) and Mike Challinor (Health and Wellbeing Champion).

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.

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### **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.

### **DW Fire and 'Safety Weeks'**

**The Service** has been supporting a number of various "Safety Weeks" during September and October. This support has generally been in the form of giving advice through media outputs and during safe and well visits and Fire Safety interventions. These last two months have seen the following campaigns:

- Chimney Fire Safety Week
- Business Safety week
- Gas Safety week
- UK Home Safety week
- Candle Safety week
- National Burn awareness day
- Student Fire Safety Week

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### Incidents of note.

- 3 Dwelling fires involving domestic electrical appliances- Hot-strikes carried out to neighbouring properties, advise given to owners
- 1 small vehicle fire- car
- 3 small fires in the open

### Special Service Calls

- Road traffic collision- Persons injured, first aid rendered by Fire Service
- Assist Ambulance staff- Persons collapsed/gain entry- 3 incidents
- Water Rescue- from Canal, one person assisted to the bank
- One incident of domestic flooding
- 2 'lift shut in' incidents- Persons released by FRS

### Community Safety Plan

The Service Community Safety Plan 2017 – 2021 outlines our plans for the future. It explains the diverse services we provide and how we plan to improve and deliver them over the four-year period. The plan can be found on our website

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

### Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

- Helping you make Safer and Healthier choices
- Protecting you and the Environment from Harm
- Being there when you need us
- Making every penny count
- Supporting and developing our People

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