

PROTECT



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Melksham Area Board Report

November 2017

Recruitment Campaign

Dorset & Wiltshire FRS has now started a process of whole-time recruitment. This began on 6th 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.

#BeOneOfUs



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 Monday evening for a chat.

PROTECT

PROTECT



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 area. We now attend the Melksham Seniors Forum along with other partners.

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 Melksham 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 Melksham 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.

PROTECT

PROTECT



DW Fire and themed '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

Incidents of note.

- 3 Dwelling fires involving domestic electrical appliances- Hot-strikes carried out to neighbouring properties, advice given to owners
- 2 fires- in Commercial buildings- Fire Safety Audits will be carried out in these premises by the Protection team.
- 3 small fires in the open

Special Service Calls

- 3 Road traffic collisions- Persons injured, first aid rendered by Fire Service
- Assist Ambulance staff- Persons collapsed/gain entry- 3 incidents
- 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/>

PROTECT

PROTECT



Melksham Family Learning Festival

Members of the Service, including Educational Staff, Firefighters and Volunteers, worked together with Community Engagement Manager (Rhys) and Wiltshire Scrap Store to put on an event at the Fire Station on 25th October.

This was part of the Family Learning Festival that encourages whole family to participate in community events that promote learning and further education for all family members together.

We estimate that around 250 people visited the station over the course of around 4 hours, watching the Ladder platform display, learning about electrical safety in the home and speaking to the crews about the fire engines.



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

- Helping you make Safer and Healthier choices
- Protecting you and the Environment from Harm

PROTECT

PROTECT



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE

- Being there when you need us
- Making every penny count
- Supporting and developing our People

Jack Nicholson GFireE
District Commander. Devizes, Melksham and Calne
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
Telephone: 01722 691 242
Mob. 07809 548048

Email: jack.nicholson@wiltsfire.org.uk
Web: www.dwfire.org.uk

PROTECT