



## **Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – Report for September 2018**

### **Community Engagement**

The Fire Service continue to offer Safe & Well visits to residents and if you or someone you know is in need a working smoke alarm to be fitted or needs some fire safety advice in the home or are just worried about what to do in an emergency then you can contact us at; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

We will arrange for one of our trained advisors or fire crews to pop round and discuss your requirements and needs, give you some top tips for fire safety within the home and if you meet our criteria for free smoke alarm installation we will also do that during the visit.

Crews at Cricklade and RWB Fire stations carried out the following events below:

- 6 June attended Brinkworth Earl Danby C of E Primary for recruitment and to share a message of fire safety
- 25 June welcomed the Scouts to the station to show them about and talk about fire safety
- 16 July we attended the Dyson charity football event for recruitment and fire safety
- 13 July welcomed the Wootton Bassett beavers to the station to show them about and talk about fire safety.

### **Safety Messages**

#### **Reducing your risk of fire**

At this time of year we start to see an increase in fires involving chimneys. Chimney fires can develop into roof fires in the right conditions with devastating effects. This is especially true with thatched roof properties.

To reduce your risk of a chimney fire we recommend:

- Ensuring any works carried out are by a registered professional
- Sweep your chimney at least twice a year – in autumn and early spring
- Keep your chimney in good working order, for example by fitting a bird guard to prevent birds nesting in the flue.

Chimneys should be swept:

- At least once a year when using smokeless fuels or bituminous coal
- Every three months when burning wood
- Once a year when using oil or gas.

When your fire is alight, check the loft space occasionally to make sure no smoke is leaking into the roof space from cracked joints or defective brickwork.

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/chimney-safety>

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DWFire-Thatched-Living.pdf>



## Get ready for winter



The Government's 'Get Ready for Winter' campaign includes advice, guidance and links for health, travel, homes, power, communications, severe weather, and flooding risk.

The site is hosted on the Met Office website and can be found at <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/advice>

The [latest weather warnings](#) can also be found on the Met Office website.

During extreme bad weather, the following websites will also be of use:

- [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com) – covering travel advice for M4 and trunk roads
- [www.bournemouth.gov.uk](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk)
- [www.dorsetforyou.co.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.co.uk)
- [www.poole.gov.uk](http://www.poole.gov.uk)
- [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk)
- [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)
- [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)
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## Response

### Total Emergency Calls for Cricklade Fire station; 14/06/2018 – 22/08/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	52P1	7
Fire	52P1	13
Other	52P1	13
Special Service	52P1	1
Medical Calls	52V1	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>

**Other** – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident.

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### Availability of On-Call appliance 52P1 Cricklade 18/06/18 – 24/09/18;

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
52P1	49.13%	83.81%	66.16%

The reduced figures during the day are attributed to possible course attendance as part of a Firefighters requirement to maintain competence, personnel taking annual leave or due to fulltime work commitments where individuals work outside of the town and cannot supply us cover.

**Total Emergency Calls for RWB Fire station; 14/06/2018 – 22/08/2018**

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	56P1	13
Fire	56P1	16
Other	56P1	8
Special Service	56P1	8
Medical Calls	56V1	15
Water Carrier	56W1	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>77</b>

**Other** – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident.

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**Availability of On-Call appliance 56P1 RWB 18/06/18 – 22/09/18;**

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
<b>56P1</b>	<b>53.08%</b>	<b>83.93%</b>	<b>68.51%</b>

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**On-Call Recruitment**

As the Availability tables show, crewing of appliances during the day falls below our ideal expectation of 100%. We continue to strive and improve on the number of personnel at each station through our recruitment process so as we can increase the number of hours our appliances are available for emergency calls. The local appliances are only available to attend calls due to the commitment given by those who live and work within your community, without those in the community coming forward your appliance will not be available. If you are able to give some of your time or know someone who may be interested in joining our 'On-call' teams then why not pop into one of the stations on a. Crews are not volunteers but

are paid a salary to train and respond to emergency calls. If you are (or do know a person) who may be interested in joining our team why not pop in for a chat on a Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm with the local crew members or, you can get details of how to join our team on our website [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk) . Alternatively, you can contact us on our Recruitment hotline 01722 691444

### **Recent Notable Incidents**

The Novichok incident at Amesbury attracted National and International interest and the Service was heavily involved in supplying a response to support the ongoing investigation. Crews from all over the Service assisted in this and Cricklade Fire Station was part of this response.



Both Cricklade and RWB attended a multi pump fire at the One Stop Shop in Pinehurst Swindon along with a number of field fires which have required the attendance of 2 or more fire appliances





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### **Community Safety Plan**

Our Community Safety Plan is our vision until 2020 and can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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