

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** South West Wiltshire Area Board  
**Place:** Room 2, Wilton Community Centre, West Street, Wilton, SP2 0DG  
**Date:** 16 March 2022  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.05 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Bridget Wayman (Chairman), Cllr Nabil Najjar (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Nick Errington and Cllr George Jeans

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Karen Linaker (Community Engagement Manager)  
Lucinda Murray (Family and Community Business Support Officer)  
Dominic Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer)  
Laura Young (Residential Development Manager)  
Matt Hitch (Democratic Services Officer)

**Total in attendance: 26**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Bridget Wayman, welcomed attendees to the Area Board. She noted that it was nice to see people in person after holding meetings online since the start of the pandemic. Members then introduced themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Pauline Church</li> <li>• Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson, OBE, MPhil</li> <li>• Inspector Tina Osborn (Salisbury Community Police Team)</li> <li>• Jaki Farrell (Seeds4Success)</li> </ul>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr George Jeans noted that his wife was a leader at 1st Mere Brownies, so he would not vote or participate in the discussion on their grant application.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting on 15 December 2021 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Area Board that the Ask Angela campaign had been relaunched. The scheme helped to protect people in hospitality venues when they were with someone that was making them feel uncomfortable. If a person was feeling unsafe, they would be able to approach a member of staff so that they could assist them to a place of safety.</p> <p>The Area Board were then provided with information about the celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Attendees were reminded that if they were planning events involving road closures, then they should contact Wiltshire Council's Traffic Orders and Highways teams. The Chairman explained that every county in the United Kingdom was being encouraged to light 70 beacons, at 9:15pm on 2 June, one for every year of the Queen's rein. She also drew attention to the Queen's Green Canopy campaign encouraging people to 'plant a tree for the jubilee'. She advised that Cranbourne Chase Area of Outstanding</p>

	<p>Natural Beauty would be well placed to advise on what type of trees it was suitable to plant in certain locations.</p> <p>The Chairman also encouraged local groups and organisations to take part in the Great British Spring Clean, held between 25 March and 10 April. She noted that litter picking equipment had been distributed to local town and parish councils in order to help groups wanting to host a clean-up event.</p>
6	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed that Area Board that unfortunately the Police and Crime Commissioner was not able to attend the meeting. However, his crime plan had been published and was available to view <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
7	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warminster Community Police Team</li> <li>• Salisbury Community Police Team (Agenda Supplement 1)</li> <li>• BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>• South West Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Group</li> </ul> <p>Verbal updates were also provided by the following partners:</p> <p><u>Warminster Community Police Team (CPT)</u></p> <p>Inspector Al Lumley reported that there had been a personnel change within the team, as Sgt Kev Harmsworth had been promoted to a different role and replaced by Sgt Oakley. The inspector noted that Sgt Oakley hoped to attend a future Area Board.</p> <p>It was explained that crime rates had risen slightly over the past year in the Warminster CPT area, including a spike in reports of hate crimes and bilkings (the theft of fuel). However, the inspector reassured the Area Board that the increase was primarily due to repeat offenders in Warminster rather than additional offences in the Area Board's area. Crime figures in the Wiltshire also remained relatively low when compared to the national average. The inspector also took the opportunity to praise work across the emergency services to minimise the disruption caused by Storm Eunice.</p> <p>It was noted that an in-house analysis tool had been developed to collect data from community speedwatch teams across the county, allowing the police to focus on the most prolific areas of speeding. A location to target would be identified within the team's area at their fortnightly tasking meeting. In response to a question from the Chairman of Fovant Parish Council, the inspector confirmed that villages were included in the data. Data was provided by speedwatch teams, but it was the intention of the Police and Crime</p>

	<p>Commissioner that information from speed indicator devices and metro cameras would also ultimately be included. The Area Board Chairman noted that Cllr John Derryman had been appointed as a volunteer coordinator to improve communication about speeding data within the county.</p> <p>Cllr George Jeans thanked the police for apprehending a suspect in relation to the recent break in at Mere Post Office.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Nick Errington provided an update about the discussions held at the Health and Wellbeing Group's meeting held on 17 February. He reported that conversations had been held about how to promote the work of the link team of volunteer drivers. The Make a Friend, be a Friend project had also been talked about and was planned to be launched in April. Other items raised at the meeting included Carer Support Wiltshire starting a hotline and plans for a silent disco to be held at the Nadder Centre.</p> <p>A working group had met on 3 March to help identify where support could be targeted to best help people living with dementia. Community Engagement Manager (CEM) Karen Linaker stated that they had been working with the Salisbury Dementia Group, as well as the Chief Executive of Alzheimer's Support, to share ideas. She also noted that a follow up meeting was planned. The CEM then spoke about the transition plans being put in place as the Housing Related Support Service was withdrawn at the end of March.</p> <p><u>Youth Update</u></p> <p>The CEM explained that the Area Board was working with Jaki Farrell from Seeds4 Success to organise a wellness and wellbeing event on 3 April at the Nadder Centre. The event would be a treat for young people, as activities on offer would include an assault course and zorb football.</p>
8	<p><u>Family and Community Learning Service</u></p> <p>Lucinda Murray from the Family and Community Learning Service explained that they helped to upskill adults, often those who lacked formal qualifications or had previously had a negative experience in the education system. The aim of the team was to grow a lifelong love of learning and to help adults discover new opportunities that they felt might not have been available to them. She stated that the team worked closely with the Department for Work and Pensions to improve financial literacy as well as to promote careers in the care sector.</p> <p>Although focusing on adults, the team also worked closely with schools in order to assist parents in delivering online learning to their children during the Covid-19 lockdowns. The team had worked with Wilton and Barford CE Primary School and had visited Mere Primary earlier on that day.</p>

	<p>Members thanked the officer for the update and asked for further information about the work that had taken place with Mere Primary School. The officer explained that a team member had met with the English coordinator at the school and would talk to parents about the support that they would like to see on offer. She also praised the headteacher at Wilton and Barford CE Primary School for helping to direct parents towards their online courses.</p> <p>In response to a question about whether the team would work in other areas within the Area Board, the officer stated that they worked wherever they were wanted in Wiltshire. She explained that most of their courses were delivered online but face to face opportunities were also available, subject to a minimum of six learners per course.</p>
9	<p><u>Affordable Housing in South West Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Laura Young, Residential Development Manager from Wiltshire Council's Estate and Development Team, provided an update about the development of affordable, sheltered and community led housing in the Area Broad. The manager explained that Wiltshire Council owned a large amount of housing stock in the south of the county and was looking to increase the stock through social rent and shared ownership schemes. As well as building new properties the council were planning to buy back former social houses that had been sold through the right to buy scheme. The team were also supporting the building of houses in rural areas by working closely with parish councils. The relatively recent completion of schemes in East Knoyle and Mere were given as examples of where additional social housing had been delivered.</p> <p>The manager explained that a review of sheltered housing was underway to address the relatively poor energy efficiency of existing of existing properties and to ensure that they were suitable for modern living. Plans for improvement consisted of refurbishing property that was in a suitable location and seeking to build new development to replace stock that was not in a suitable location for residents. It was noted that conversations had taken place with residents at Lynch Close in Mere and Clays Orchard in Fovant to find out what residents liked about their accommodation and what they felt could be improved. The manager was keen to stress that proposals for a new sheltered scheme in Mere were detached from its review of existing sheltered housing.</p> <p>An update was provided on the progress made towards the community led housing projects in Broad Chalke and Tisbury. The manager reported that White Horse Housing Association had been chosen as the designated provider for the six new houses being built in Broad Chalke and that the process of submitting planning was now underway. It was explained that Nadder Community Land Trust had acquired land from the council in Tisbury. It had been agreed with Stone Circle Development Company that six properties could be purchased for social housing use on the development and that they would also be run through White Horse Housing Association.</p>

	<p>During the discussion the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members thanked the manager for the update.</li> <li>• It was noted that a number of affordable housing units had been delivered through private developments, with a total of 38 units delivered between April 2016 and March 2021.</li> <li>• The manager explained that it was beneficial for community projects to share their experiences to help project in other areas.</li> <li>• In response to a question about how many affordable units would be delivered at the Beaumont Business Centre development in Mere, it was explained that there were planned to be 21 units, but this was subject to review to ensure the viability of the project.</li> <li>• The manager confirmed that Wiltshire Council’s ambition to deliver an extra 1000 affordable homes across the county over the next decade was a net target.</li> <li>• When asked about whether the standards of new sheltered accommodation would be the same as delivered in the new Evergreen Court development in Amesbury, the manager confirmed that all new developments would meet that standard.</li> <li>• In response to concerns about affordable housing units being purchased at a reduced rate and then sold on at full market price, the manager reported that the Section 106 agreements contained a mechanism to prevent re-sale at full market rates within certain timescales. She also confirmed that the right to buy scheme remained in place.</li> <li>• The Chairman of Fovant Parish Council stated that they would welcome further engagement on the Clays Orchard sheltered housing scheme.</li> </ul>
10	<p><u>Community Safety Group</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Area Board that the notes from the community safety meeting were available between pages 47 and 48 of the agenda pack.</p>
11	<p><u>Broadband Update</u></p> <p>The CEM explained that broadband provision was a key Area Board priority and that they had been working closely with the online programme board. During a well-attended meeting with Wessex Internet, organised by the Area Board, plans had been discussed with parish representatives. The Area Board was working with 17 parishes in the area, with strong progress made in a number of areas, including Donhead St Andrews and Bishopstone.</p> <p>Cllr George Jeans reported that Kilmington were planning on using a voucher scheme but raised concerns about whether Wiltshire Council’s involvement in the scheme would mean that they were not eligible. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Nabil Najjar, noted that Wiltshire Council’s Economic Development team were keen to promote broadband access and further investigations would be made.</p>
12	<p><u>Mere Electric Car Club</u></p>

	<p>The CEM provided an update about the progress made towards setting up an electric car club in Mere in partnership with Co Cars. She explained that there was an opportunity to set up an eco-friendly project in partnership with the town council. Cllr Jeans noted that it was planned to allocate parking spaces in Salisbury Street carpark, next to the substation. The Area Board were then asked to confirm their decision to allocated £10,000 of the money that they had earmarked in March 2021 towards the setting up of a new car club in Mere.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To confirm allocation of £10,000 for this project, subject to confirming the finer detail of the Grant Agreement with Co Cars.</b></li> <li><b>2. To note that work is ongoing with Co Cars and Mere Town Council to decide how, when and where the Car Club will start up.</b></li> <li><b>3. To note that a two percent engagement rate was achieved in Co Cars survey with Mere residents asking if they would like a car club, demonstrating sufficient support to proceed.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b></p> <p><b><u>To confirm £10,000 of the grant funding allocated by the Area Board in March 2021 to the electric car club project.</u></b></p>
13	<p><b><u>Nadder Centre</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Nick Errington referred the Area Board to the summary of the latest meeting of the Nadder Centre Steering Group, located in Agenda Supplement 1. He reported that the centre’s manager was producing a business plan, which included longer opening hours. Efforts were being made to increase the membership of the centre to restore it towards pre-pandemic levels. He explained that the CEM was working closely with the centre’s manager to expand the level of children’s services on offer, particularly with St John’s CE Primary School. In order more children’s day activities to be delivered, the centre was reviewing whether to apply for Ofsted registration. Discussions were also underway about whether it was feasible to reopen the centre’s café.</p>
14	<p><b><u>Community Area Work Plan and Priorities</u></b></p> <p>The CEM explained that the Area Board had identified a total of 26 focus areas and were prioritising six at any time. She then went on to provide further information about some of the work undertaken towards the current top six priorities, as well as the activities taking place within the Area Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to improve connectivity in rural areas work was being done to promote the link scheme, a scheme offering lifts to people with limited access to transport.</li> <li>• An online event had been held to help to promote youth employment.</li> <li>• The Make a Friend Be a Friend project was due to be rolled out in April in</li> </ul>

	<p>conjunction with Carer Support Wiltshire. Volunteers would take people along to participate in activities. The project would help to offer support to individuals working on schemes, such as the Men’s Shed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board was looking at ways that it could better support vulnerable individuals by working with local organisations such as Mere Food Bank.</li> <li>• A youth engagement event was planned to be held on 3 April to help to provide activities for 13- to 19-year-olds.</li> <li>• The Area Board was hosting an eco-villages event, as well as running a Health and Wellbeing event in partnership with Cranbourne Chase.</li> <li>• Celebrating Age events were also being run to provide music concerts, heritage and nature-based activities for older people.</li> </ul> <p>In response to questions raised about what parish councils could do to help Ukrainian refugees, it was reported that there was a refugee team working at Wiltshire Council and that ideas from parish councils were welcomed. Wiltshire Council had set up a dedicated email address in order for interested parties to get in touch <a href="mailto:refugees@wiltshire.gov.uk">refugees@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>. The Chairman of Fovant Parish Council welcomed the information and encouraged the parishes within the Area Board to share ideas. The CEM explained that resettlement would involve contact with multiple agencies and that she could coordinate offers of help if required.</p>
15	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To approve the recommendations as set out in the report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4D - £1,500 - Tisbury Traffic Regulation Order – 20mph speed limit extension.</b></li> <li>• <b>6A - £1,875 – Ansty – 20mph speed limit assessment.</b></li> <li>• <b>6B - £1,595.25 – Barford St Martin - NAL retention sockets.</b></li> </ul>
16	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the funding applications as detailed in the reports pack. Applicants were invited to speak in support of their projects and to answer any questions that arose.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Funding</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Area Board Initiative of £745 towards an older persons’ event at Langford Lakes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To award the Health and Wellbeing Group £745 towards an older persons’ event at Langford Lakes.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b></p> </div>



**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Mere Platinum Jubilee Committee requesting £500 towards a churchyard tea party

**Decision**

**To award Mere Platinum Jubilee Committee £500 towards a churchyard tea party.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Wilton Jubilations requesting £500 towards Jubilee events

Gary Nunn from Wilton Jubilations spoke in favour of their application explaining that they were planning four days of activities for people of all ages. Celebrations would include a tea party and a large coronation chicken lunch.

**Decision**

**To award Wilton Jubilations £500 towards their jubilee events.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Tisbury Parish Council requesting £500 towards a Memories of our Queen lunch

**Decision**

**To award Tisbury Parish Council £500 towards their Memories of our Queen lunch.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Compton Chamberlayne PCC requesting £500 towards Compton Chamberlayne Summer Concert

Sara spoke in favour of their application stating that the event would provide quality music to 90 people in a beautiful location. She explained that £4,000 plus gift aid had already been raised. The concert also aimed to give away some tickets to individuals who would otherwise struggle to afford to attend.

**Decision**

**To award Compton Chamberlayne PCC £500 towards the Compton Chamberlane Summer Concert.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**Community Area Grants**

**Berwick St John Parish Council requesting £1,770 towards a speed indicator device**

Representatives from Berwick St John Parish Council explained that a survey had revealed that there was a local speeding issue. They also noted that the parish council intended to make a 50 percent contribution towards the cost of the project.

**Decision**

**To award Berwick St John Parish Council £1,770 towards a speed indicator device.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**Barford St Martin Community Fund requesting £5,000 towards a new playground**

Morag from Barford St Martin Community Fund spoke in favour of their application, explaining that parents currently had to drive their children to a playground due to the lack of facilities in the village. She stressed that the new playground would provide a secure environment for children and that play was important for their social development. £28,000 had already been raised towards the cost of the project and they were in the process of applying for charitable status.

**Decision**

**To approve £5,000 to Barford St Martin Community Fund towards their new playground.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Barford St Martin Parish Council requesting £1,500 towards a speed indicator device

A representative from Barford St Martin Parish Council spoke in favour of their application, explaining that the speed indicator device would enable them to download data and provide information for the police.

The Chairman noted that Barford St Martin was one of the sites proposed for speed indicator device trials prior to the pandemic.

**Decision**

**To award Barford St Martin Parish Council £1,500 towards a speed indicator device.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Fovant Parish Council requesting £565 towards Fovant footpath 16 improvements

A representative from Fovant parish Council spoke in favour of their application, noting that the footpath presented safety issues and had a broken stile.

**Decision**

**To award Fovant Parish Council £565 towards Fovant footpath 16 improvements.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

Chalke Valley Sports Centre requesting £5,000 towards their multi use games area floodlight replacement project

Chris from Chalke Valley Sports Centre explained that they were a voluntary managed facility. He informed that Area Board that the current flood lights were 20 years old and were costly to run. It was noted that an application for funding had been submitted to Sport England and the parish council had agreed to contribute £2,500.

**Decision**

**To award Chalke Valley Sports Centre £5,000 towards their multi use games area floodlight replacement project**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**Tisbury Bowls and Croquet Club requesting £5,000 towards replacement toilets and changing rooms**

David from Tisbury Bowls and Croquet Club spoke in favour of their application. He explained that the bowls club had originally been founded around 40 years ago but had recently merged with the croquet club. Their existing porter cabin, where the toilets and changing rooms were located, was in disrepair and the floor of the ladies was collapsing. A replacement cabin was projected to cost around £17,000 and the club was trying to raise funding from a number of different organisations.

**Decision**

**To award Tisbury Bowls and Croquet Club £5,000 towards replacement toilets and changing rooms.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**Area Board Initiative for £7,000 towards a new fitted soft play room at the Nadder Centre**

At the start of the grant discussion members noted that there would be a £903 overspend in the capital budget if all of the community area grant applications were awarded in full. They felt that priority should be given to the other projects and decided to deduct the overspend from the £7,000 initiative if all of the other grants were awarded in full. If there were still remaining funds in addition to the £6,097, up to £7,000, then they would also be awarded to the soft play room initiative. After all the other community grants had been decided there were £6,097 remaining and members voted to approve the funding.

**Decision**

**To award £6,097 towards a new fitted soft play area at the Nadder Centre.**

**Reason**

**The decision met grant funding criteria for 2021/22. Although over £5,000 was awarded this was felt to be an exceptional case as it was in line with the Area Board's priority of supporting youth activities.**

Youth Grants

**Area Board Initiative of £2,500 towards Local Youth Network Events**

The CEM noted that the funding had been allocated in 2019/2020 and now needed to be confirmed.

**Decision**

**To award £2,500 towards the Local Youth Network events fund.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**Seeds4 Success Requesting £5,000 towards their leisure credit scheme**

**Decision**

**To award Seeds4Success £5,000 towards their leisure credits scheme**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mere Brownies and Guides requesting £112.50 towards skills builders, sixes and seconders badges**

Cllr Jeans noted that he had declared an interest that his wife was a leader at the 1<sup>st</sup> Mere Brownies and Guides, so he did not participate in the discussion or vote on the grant application.

**Decision**

**To award 1<sup>st</sup> Mere Brownies and Guides £112.50 towards badges.**

**Reason**

**The application met funding criteria for 2021/22**

	<p>The Area Board also voted to note the following grants awarded via delegated authority of the CEM since the previous meeting:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b></p> <p><b>To note the awarding of a £5,000 Community Area Grant to Seeds4Success towards a replacement minibus.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b></p> <p><b>To note the awarding of an additional £450 Community Area Grant to Sutton Mandeville Parish Council towards pedestrian gates.</b></p>
17	<p><b><u>Close</u></b></p> <p>The date of the next ordinary meeting of South West Wiltshire Area Board was confirmed as Wednesday 29 June 2022, at 6:30pm.</p>

## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

#### **Community Safety Plan**

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;  
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### **Prevention**

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts 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

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

#### **Protection**

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

#### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## **On Call Recruitment**

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## **Recent News & Events**

### **In the event of a fire – get out, stay out, call 99**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to make sure they know what to do should they have a fire at home.

The most important thing to remember is Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999 – even dashing upstairs to get your phone, or looking for your keys, could leave you trapped by smoke and flames.

The Service's website [www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home) offers advice on planning the following:

- Knowing what information will be needed when you call 999.
- Identifying escape routes and ensuring that they are always clear of any obstructions.
- Making sure everyone in the home knows the escape plan, and also where door or window keys may be kept.
- Fitting smoke alarms on every level of the home and testing them regularly.
- Keeping internal doors closed to limit the potential spread of fire.
- Having a bedtime routine to ensure that the property is as safe as it can be – for example, electrical items switched off and candles extinguished.

There's also lots of story-telling, fun activities and videos for children to learn about fire safety on the website under Education – [www.dwfire.org.uk/education](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/education)

If you have any fire safety concerns, you can request a free Safe & Well visit, where someone will visit you to help assess the fire risk in your home and offer support and guidance. Call free on 0800 038 2323 or apply online at [www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits)

## Occupants saved from fire by working smoke alarms



A fire that destroyed a semi-detached house in Heytesbury, near Warminster, started accidentally.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a fault in the oil-fired boiler, located in the ground floor kitchen of the house.

Group Manager Wayne Jones said: “Although the property was destroyed, the occupants were alerted to the fire by their smoke alarm, which almost certainly saved their lives.”

Information about smoke alarms can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/smoke-alarms](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/smoke-alarms)

## Fire safety guidance



Please visit our website for guidance on Fire Safety:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety/fire-safety-guidance/>

This section provides links to the many guidance documents and pieces of legislation that underpin fire safety:

- [Fire safety guides](#)
- [Risk assessment guidance](#)
- [Routine maintenance](#)
- [Open air events](#)
- [Licensing and events](#)
- [Waste and recycling sites](#)
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In July 2021, an [addendum was published to the Fire Safety Act](#), which clarifies the parts of a premises that apply under the [Fire Safety Order \(FSO\)](#).

## **On-call firefighters**



On-call firefighters are paid professionals, who do the same work as their wholetime colleagues. Unlike wholetime firefighters, they are not based at the fire station but have other jobs and commitments, responding to emergencies only when their alerter goes off.

On-call firefighters are usually contracted for between 40 and 120 hours of cover per week, but this can vary. Between them, each fire station team will provide cover for weekdays, evenings, nights and weekends.

Please visit:- <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/> to find out more information and to watch videos introducing you to some on-call firefighters as well as a promotional BBC report.

Total Fire Calls for Tisbury Fire Station for period January to March

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	6
No. of Fires	4
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	9
<b>Total</b>	

Total Fire Calls for: Mere Fire Station for period January to March

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	4
No. of Fires	2
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	4
<b>Total</b>	

Total Fire Calls for: Westbury Fire Station for period January to March

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	15
No. of Fires	12
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	8
<b>Total</b>	

Total Fire Calls for Warminster Fire Station for period January to March

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	28
No. of Fires	9
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	14
<b>Total</b>	

Local Incidents of Note

No Incidents of note