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Calne Area Board Report

February 2016

Dementia Action Alliance

Since May 2016 the Service has engaged with Alzheimer's Support (Wiltshire) who have run sessions for teams all over the county, making 170 'Dementia Friends' of Fire Service, front line, Operational Staff.

The Service has also just signed up to the Dementia Action Alliance in Calne, as well as in Melksham, Devizes, Bradford on Avon, Salisbury and Royal Wootton Bassett. So if we can be of any help, particularly in assisting people to remain safe in their own homes, please contact us.

Check out our actions here:

http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/members_and_action_plans/6102-wiltshire_fire_and_rescue_service

Chimney Safety week

The Service would like to remind residents about chimney safety. Please ensure that your chimney is swept regularly, this is particularly important if you have a thatched roof.

These types of fire can be particularly devastating for the property owners. If the fire takes hold and unless swift action is taken, to either stop the fire or save the house contents, everything can be lost. There is specific safety advice on our website for thatch owners - <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/thatched-properties/>

Safe and Well Advisors

Calne has a '**Safe and Well**' advisor to undertake 'Safe and Well' visits. The Service would be keen to explore the link between our **Safe and Well advisors** and **Health and Wellbeing** activities across the Community Board area. This seems a logical step towards joint working and information sharing in order to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

My contact details are at the bottom of this report, I'd be happy to discuss the matter further.

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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.

Incidents

- Four fire incidents involving commercial premises – these premises will be subject to inspection by the Fire Safety Business regulation team.
- Three small fires in the open- no pattern or concerns raised
- Four fires involving domestic premises, three kitchen fires and one wood-burning stove.
- One Minor Road Traffic collision- scene made safe
- One small animal rescue- Dog rescued using grasper (Animal rescue operative- rural safety team)

With three kitchen fires in the area over the last month, the Service would like to remind people to take care when using cooking appliances. Don't allow yourself to be distracted and leave cooking appliances unattended- even for short periods.

Please remember to test your smoke alarms every week.

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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 Monday evening for a chat.

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