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Melksham Area Board Report

June 2017

Safe and Well Visits- Home safety

Fire Service 'Safe and Well' advisors will visit people, in their own homes, advising on home safety and personal 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 our website, www.dwfire.org.uk, to book an appointment on-line or alternatively ring, **FREEPHONE: 0800 038 23 23**

Fancy Volunteering for the Fire Service ??

Working alongside the team at their local fire station, our volunteers help to educate the local community in fire safety and gather referrals to allow us to offer people goodwill advice about safety in their own homes.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to get involved with station life, Service events and our amazing youth initiatives.

Our volunteers are invaluable in supporting Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and enabling us to work together making our counties safer.

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What do you get out of being a volunteer?

- Being part of a motivated team
- Wearing a uniform with pride
- Learning new skills
- Meeting new people
- Supporting your local community
- Enhancing your CV

We welcome volunteers from the age of 18 and from all backgrounds. All we ask is that you are available for two to four hours per week, and are willing to help for a minimum of six months.

Make a positive difference now! To find out more, call 01722 691279 or email Volunteering@dwfire.org.uk

Volunteer Manager - Nev Chamberlain

Community Safety Activity

Local crews and Safe & Well Advisors have been engaging with local home owners recently, reminding residents about staying safe in their homes. Always have a plan to get out of your property paying particular attention to the location of house keys to enable your escape.

As a reminder, following the recent thatch property fire in Bishops Cannings, there is specific safety advice on our website for thatch owners –

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/thatched-properties/>

Incidents (01/04/2017 to 25/05/2017)

- One fire in external electricity supply cabinet- Home safety advice given to owner
- Fire involving electrical cabling at solar farm – being dealt with by Technical Fire Safety Department
- 3 small fires in the open – no patterns detected
- Car fire following road traffic collision
- 7 Special Service Calls-The local crew have also assisted the Ambulance Service on seven occasions for a variety of reasons, e.g. gaining access to property to reach an elderly casualty

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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, at 7pm, for a chat.

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