



## **Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Report for March and April 2019**

### **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.

Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett Fire Stations have proactive Twitter and Facebook accounts and I would encourage everyone to follow the stations by searching for Cricklade or Royal Wootton Bassett fire station on Twitter or Facebook. The pages are updated to show incidents the stations have attended, training sessions and community events which the crews will be attending.

### **Your Stations**

#### **Cricklade Fire Station**

Situated on Bath Road in Cricklade, it is an on call fire station, which means the crew are all local people who respond to station from home or their place of work in the event of an emergency.

The station has two operational vehicles, one is a standard fire appliance and the second vehicle is a co-responding car which responds to medical emergencies in partnership with South West Ambulance Service.

The officer in charge is Watch Manager Pete Price.

#### **Royal Wootton Bassett.**

Situated on Station road in Royal Wootton Bassett, it is an on call fire station, which means the crew are all local people who respond to station from home or their place of work in the event of an emergency.

The station has three operational vehicles, one is a standard fire appliance, one is a water carrier which supports water supplies at large fires and rural fires. The water carrier responds to incidents across all of Wiltshire and Swindon. The third vehicle is a co-responding car which responds to medical emergencies in partnership with South West Ambulance Service

The officer in charge is Watch Manager Tom McInerney.

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

**Smoke alarms save lives.** Regular checks of your smoke alarm ensure that it is working, which will give you crucial seconds or minutes to escape in the event of fire.

**Never leave cooking unattended.** One of the most common causes of fire in the home are accidental fires which start in the kitchen.

**Always have an escape plan.** Knowing what to do in the event of fire is crucial to safely escaping, create a plan that not only includes a plan A but also have a back up plan if your normal escape route cannot be used.

**For more information** check out our website [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk)



**IT ONLY TAKES  
ONE ACCIDENT  
TO START A FIRE.**

**ARE YOU SURE YOUR  
SMOKE ALARMS ARE  
WORKING?**

**TEST YOURS NOW.**



## Response

### Total Emergency Calls for Cricklade Fire station; 20<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	52P1	6
Fire	52P1	6
Other	52P1	3
Special Service	52P1	0
Medical Response	52V1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

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

#### Availability of On-Call appliance 52P1:

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
52P1	21.13%	74.40%	47.77%

### Total Emergency Calls for Royal Wootton Bassett Fire Station: 20<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	56P1	1
Fire	56P1	3
Other	56P1	6
Special Service	56P1	5
Water carrier	56W1	4
Medical Response	56V1	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>

#### Availability of On-call appliance 56P1:

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
56P1	34.38%	68.60%	51.49%



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### **On-Call Recruitment**

Crewing of your appliances falls below our ideal expectations of 100%. We continue to strive and improve on the number of personnel at each station through our recruitment process so we can increase the amount of hours our appliances are available for call outs.

The local appliances are only available to attend calls due to the commitment given by those who live and work within your community.

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 Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm. Crews are not volunteers but are paid a salary to train and respond to emergency calls. Check out our website : [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk) for more information or contact us on our recruitment hotline : 01722 691444

A red banner with white text and graphics. The main text reads 'RECRUITING NOW!' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, there are three icons: a phone, a globe, and a calendar. The phone icon is followed by the number '01722 691444', the globe icon by the website 'dwfire.org.uk', and the calendar icon by the text 'Or pop in on our training evening'. To the right of these icons is the Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue logo. Below the logo is the text 'DORSET &amp; WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE'. At the bottom left of the banner, there is a white box containing the text 'PASSIONATE ABOUT CHANGING &amp; SAVING LIVES'.

**Royal Wootton Bassett** have been trialling a hand delivered recruitment letter, so far it has proved very successful with eleven people applying to join the Service. A copy of the letter is attached at the end of the report.

### **Recent Notable Incidents**

Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett crews attended a severe thatch fire in Wroughton recently, working with crews from across Swindon, Wiltshire and neighbouring counties, the crews worked incredibly hard to deal with the incident and extinguish the fire as quickly as possible.



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**BE WATER AWARE**



Just...

... going for a run

Runners and walkers are the group at **highest risk** of accidental drowning in the UK



**NFCC**  
National Fire  
Chiefs Council

#bewateraware

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## **Community Safety Plan**

Our Community Safety Plan is our vision until 2022 and can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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Royal Wootton Bassett Fire Station  
Station Road  
Royal Wootton Bassett  
Wiltshire  
SN4 7ED

Friday 29 March 2019

Dear Royal Wootton Bassett Resident,

### **Your on-call fire station needs YOU**

In 2018, your local fire station on-call firefighters attended over 250 emergencies, ranging from fires, floodings, road traffic incidents to medical response and rescues. The station is crewed solely by on-call firefighters who respond from home or work at any time of the day and night, to help those in their immediate and extended community.

I am writing to you today because our station needs more crew, and that could be you!

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.

### **Could you be an on-call firefighter?**

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.

The Royal Wootton Bassett crew attend training each Monday evening to keep up their skills in different areas. Each incident is different so crews spend their time ensuring they can work well as a team, problem-solve, and are familiar with the whole variety of equipment every fire engine carries.

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 four 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.

### **How do I find out more?**

Our crew train at the fire station (on Station Road, next to Thameswood Vet Clinic) each **Monday** from **1900–2130** so **anyone is welcome to attend** and find out more. If you wish you can apply directly 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**.

**Tom McInerney**, Watch Manager, Royal Wootton Bassett

