



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
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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/>



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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 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
- 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/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



Recent News & Events

Mass vaccination volunteers

Volunteers from the Service have been helping to crew the mass vaccination centre that has opened at Salisbury City Hall.

Our support started on 26 January with six members of staff working seven days a week, drawn from corporate, Fire Control and operational teams, dropping to four members of staff every day from 1 February. This level of staffing was to meet the initial demand for reliable support to get the centre running and, in this phase, we were acting as marshals to meet and guide people turning up to receive their vaccinations.

Since 8 February, we have been providing two people per day to act as shift supervisors, organising the marshals who are now sourced from public volunteers. By 14 February, we had covered more than 130 shifts, and around 780 hours. WM Paul Howell has been the liaison with the on-site coordinator and has done a great job keeping the rota full.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority want to hear from you

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (DWFRA) is inviting local people to give their views on its draft Community Safety Plan, after a public consultation into the plan opened today (17 February), running until 13 May.

All fire and rescue authorities have a statutory duty to produce a Community Risk Management Plan and DWFRA fulfil this requirement through the Community Safety Plan. With future financial uncertainty, new challenges and a need to find further savings each year, the Authority is committed to continue looking at how it can work smarter and put every penny of the budget to its best use.

The draft plan sets out the key challenges and risks over the coming years, and details what the Authority intends to carry on doing and what will be reviewed, to continue providing a high level of service to the communities of Dorset and Wiltshire.

The draft plan, accompanying summary video and a feedback form can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-community-safety-plan-2021-24-consultation – the closing date for comments is 13 May. Feedback can also be emailed to consultation@dwfire.org.uk.



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The DWFRS Prince's Trust programme goes digital

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) are now recruiting for the upcoming Prince's Trust Achieve programme. Working in partnership with The Prince's Trust, this 8 week course will be delivered digitally for young people aged 16-25 who are not in education, employment or training.

Programme involves a mixture of group activity sessions via video calls to encourage the participants to get to know each other and build their confidence, as well as completing tasks set by staff for participants to complete independently. Staff will support the young people to complete work that will lead to the Prince's Trust Personal Development and Employability Skills Certificate.

Debbie Harvey, Course Leader explains "We are really excited about delivering the Achieve programme online as it's the first fully digital course we have delivered. With the current lockdown restrictions in place, we wanted to provide young people with the opportunity to use their time to meet new people, build confidence and gain skills employers are looking for."

She added "Topics being delivered over the 8 weeks include Digital Skills, Preparing for a Healthy Lifestyle, Managing Money, Presentation Skills and Career Planning as well as receiving individual support to search and apply for employment opportunities."

The course will run 5 days a week, starting on Monday 22nd February and finishing on Friday 16th April. Spaces are limited so if you are interested in finding out more, get in touch with Debbie Harvey as soon as possible on 07500 066134 or email Debbie.Harvey@dwfire.org.uk

Updated version of Hazard House launched

The Education team has launched an updated version of its online Hazard House, a 360° virtual tour that highlights the importance of fire safety.

This bespoke educational tool is designed so that both children and adults can really think about their safety in their own homes.

The aim of Hazard House is to embed an awareness of fire safety in a fun and interactive way.

To visit the Hazard House, visit our website at www.dwfire.org.uk/visit-our-hazard-house



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Total Fire Calls for Devizes Fire Station for period January – February 2021:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	17
No. of Fires	11 – 7 x Chimney 1 x Rubbish 2 x electrical fires 1 x industrial oven
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	14
Total	42

Local Incidents of Note

No major incidents of note happened within the reporting period

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