



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

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LFRS IN ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH OFFERING ADVICE AFTER SERIOUS FIRE

Following on from the commercial property fire in the afternoon of Wednesday 1 March, which led to the death of the male occupant, an investigation is now taking place.

Due to this tragedy, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be working in the local area during the next few days to provide reassurance and advice to local business owners and residents about how they can avoid a similar fire.

It's essential everyone stays safe from fire in their properties, especially when the property has a mixed usage of commercial and residential. To help, we will be offering advice and guidance on fire safety and prevention.

We have planned to be in the local area on the following days so please come along and see us:

Saturday 4 March – 09:00 hrs – 13:00 hrs

Tuesday 7 March - from 14:00 hrs

We will be located on Market Street, Ashby De La Zouch.

Please look out for posters advertising our presence in your local community.

In the meantime, a wide range of tips on how to keep you and your home safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's website which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety.

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Notes to editors: Interviews can be arranged with prior arrangement via Corporate Communications.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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