



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

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LFRS IN WIGSTON OFFERING ADVICE AFTER SERIOUS FIRE

Following on from the house fire on the evening of Sunday 19 March, which led to the death of a male occupant, a fire investigation took place which led to the cause of the fire being established. The fire investigation has concluded that the fire was caused by discarded smoking materials.

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

It's essential everyone stays safe from fire in their homes and to help, we will be offering advice on smoke alarms, escape plans as well as giving you the chance to sign up for a free Home Fire Safety Check.

We have planned to be in the local area with a mobile drop-in centre on the following days so please come along and talk to us:

Friday 24 March (16:00 – 20:00 hours):

- The Chartwell Arms car park, Chartwell Drive, LE18 2FL

Saturday 25 March (11:00 – 16:00 hours):

- One Stop Shop car park, Aylestone Lane, LE18 1BD

Sunday 26 March (15:00 hrs – 18:00 hours):

- Nautical William Public House car park, Aylestone Lane, LE18 1BB

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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