

SECTION 41 MEMBER BRIEFING



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Please find below information from your
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South Yorkshire firefighter saves life of Leicester City football fan

An off-duty South Yorkshire firefighter has helped to save the life of a football fan during Leicester City's Champions' League triumph over Sevilla this week.



Caz Whiteman, a South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (SYFR) firefighter currently based at the service's training centre, was in the crowd for the match at Leicester's King Power Stadium on Tuesday night when a fellow spectator collapsed with a suspected heart attack.

Caz, who was sat nearby, immediately rushed to support pitch side first aiders and deliver cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for more than 15 minutes until he was taken to hospital by ambulance. The man, who has three children, is now making a full recovery.

Caz said: "My seats were just three rows from the front of the pitch and just as the teams were starting to come out for the second half, I noticed that a spectator was in difficulty. I came down to the front of the pitch to see what I could do to help and it became clear he had suffered a heart attack and gone into cardiac arrest. Along with the pitch side medics, I cleared his airway and immediately performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and chest compressions.

"This is where the skills I've picked up from my day job really came into their own. Firefighters already have the skills and knowledge to provide effective first responder care in emergency situations, particularly at incidents where we may arrive on scene before paramedics. My actions were a natural, instinctive reaction to the situation in front of me. Anyone with the right skills and training would have done the same thing. But I'm just so relieved that he has made it and I wish him well for a full recovery."

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Martin Blunden, said: "I already know that we employ an incredible selection of individuals who perform brilliantly, day in, day out, to keep our communities safe. But Caz's brilliant quick thinking and life saving actions really did go above and beyond the call of duty and highlight that, in some ways, a firefighter is never 'off duty'. The skills and training we give our crews stay with them for life, which this inspiring, life saving story confirms."



HOPE support group wins the Duke of York Community Initiative Award



HOPE support group wins the Duke of York Community Initiative Award, earning Royal Recognition for its hard work.

HOPE is a support group originally set up with the support of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue to help those who have been affected by a fire or road traffic collision.

The group has been running for eleven years, though ten of those were ran solely as a voluntary service provided by Elaine Beddow and Mary Ann Quinn

Acting as a support network as well as a sign posting service, the HOPE charity works alongside various partners to provide maximum support for its users.

Mary Ann put together a submission to enter the charity for the highly regarded Duke of York award, and was pleased to be told that the assessors would like to come along and further understand the work. After several hours of assessments and interviews, the Duke of York assessors went away to deliberate. A few weeks later Mary Ann was delighted to receive notification that HOPE had been successful in its bid for the award, receiving Royal Recognition for the outstanding support it offers to the communities of South Yorkshire.

Winning this award means that HOPE will now benefit from business management support through workshops, mentoring and networking. With this support, it means it can grow as a charity and hopefully help to serve even more people within South Yorkshire who really need the support it offers. We can also start developing the road safety message within communities.

Mary Ann, Business Development Manager for HOPE said: "I am quite humbled that HOPE has received this recognition - though we have been supporting people for over 10 years, as a charity we have been going less than a year. I plan to use this recognition to further expand on the work we do as a charity to provide support to all those who need it within South Yorkshire. What fantastic news!"

Young people launch fire service funded film to tackle anti-social behaviour

A fire service funded film project is helping to tackle anti-social behaviour in South Yorkshire.



The Salvation Army, in partnership with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (SYFR) and South Yorkshire Police (SYP), has been working with a group of young people from Aston Academy, Handsworth Grange Community Sports College and Outwood Academy City to create the film called 'The Power of Pressure'. A series of workshops were designed to give them the skills and confidence to explore how making the wrong decisions can affect the lives of young people and their families and then support the group in putting this difficult subject to film.

The project and film aims to reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour and protect the most vulnerable people, as well as educating young people on drugs and alcohol. It is hoped that schools and colleges will use the film to start discussions around the topics addressed.

The film has this week been launched at an Oscar themed night at the SYFR's Training and Development Centre, to an audience including the Lord Mayor of Sheffield Councillor Denise Fox and Fire Authority Members along with family and friends.

The Salvation Army were awarded £5,910 for the project under the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority's funding scheme, Stronger Safer Communities Reserve.

The fund saw dozens of registered charities, community organisations and partner agencies come forward and apply for grants from the £2 million fund, which had been set aside from the Authority's reserves. Groups were able to bid for as little as £5,000 or as much as £150,000 to support projects which reduce injuries, save lives and make South Yorkshire safer.

SYFR Head of Prevention & Protection Steve Helps said: “Anti social behaviour can put a big strain on local communities, so preventative measures are becoming more important than ever. This film will be a great tool to educate and inspire young people to make the correct life choices.”

Lord Mayor of Sheffield Councillor Denise Fox said; “This project has been a real example of partnership in action between South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, South Yorkshire Police and the Salvation Army. The young people have been supported to make this film, and I would like to congratulate them for their hard work and commitment.

“They will be an inspiration to their friends and family, highlighting important life lessons about making the right choices, and the consequences of making the wrong choices.”



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**South Yorkshire Dementia Action Alliances (SYDAA):
Dementia Fire & Home Safety Project**

Keeping people living with dementia Safe from Fire, Safe & Found, Safe & Well

Project Update Feb/March 2017

South Yorkshire Dementia Action Alliances (SYDAA) brings together the four local Dementia Action Alliances (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (SYFR) to work in partnership and deliver the *Dementia Fire & Home Safety Project*.

The emphasis of the project is to:

- Preserve the independence and identity of people living with dementia; and
- Enable people to live well with dementia safely in their own home for as long as possible.

The project target audience is families, friends, carers of people living with dementia and organisations that work with anyone living with dementia.

Each of the DAA areas has a part time Dementia Fire & Home Safety Coordinator. They have a role of:

- promoting fire and home safety to a range of organisations working with people living with dementia and/or their carers;
- promoting free home safety checks; (SYFR carry out these checks & provide solutions to risks identified e.g. fitting free smoke alarms;
- encouraging organisations to refer people living with dementia for a check and/or encouraging individuals themselves to ask for a check;
- promoting Dementia Friends and their local Dementia Action Alliance; and
- distributing and encouraging the use of the Herbert Protocol.

The project is now in its second and final year and is continuing to successfully deliver on the different outcomes. The following provides a brief overview of some of the key achievements and an outline of upcoming activities/events.

Dementia Safe from Fire Campaign

Nationally it is recognised that Dementia is known to be a major factor involved in accidental house fires and fire related injuries and deaths. The project continues to promote the free home safety checks.

“Having the home safety check done for my mum was really good. It helped to ease my mind and reduce my stress about her still living alone”.

All project coordinators worked with SYFR and E.D.E.N Films (Sheffield) to produce **Keeping People Living with Dementia Safe from Fire, Safe & Well** video.

This unique video provides dementia specific safe from fire information including how to get a free home safety check. The project coordinators carried out small scale consultations in their areas to find out what families, friends and carers

thought were the main fire risks. The findings from these and those from national research were used to ensure the content of the Dementia Fire Safety video was appropriate. You can view the video via:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJW0_iQx_xnZMIVnvg0oNCJA

Cooking Safety

The project has identified a family living with dementia (Doncaster) who is willing to test out a new cooker hood that contains a fire suppression system. This has been achieved by linking with Roger Brason from SYFR.

Roger has asked the project to gain a further **10 families/individuals** to also test this out.

SYFR Community Safety Learning Day

In early March 2017 SYFR held a learning day for Fire Community Support Officers (who carry out the Home Safety Checks) and other key staff. The project coordinators provided a session:

- highlighting how they continually work with a range of organisations to encourage them to refer people living with dementia for the home safety checks;
- explain the Herbert Protocol;
- flag up the contents of the project information pack ; and
- showcase both the Dementia Safe from Fire & Dementia Safe & Found videos.

Dementia Safe & Found



The **Herbert Protocol** is a national police initiative that uses a form to collect historical and current information that can be used if a person living with dementia goes missing.

The project has worked with South Yorkshire Police (Rotherham Division) to up-date the form that is used so that it is dementia specific and reflects the feedback the project coordinators

received from families, friends, carers and organisations. The Police are now looking at ways to ensure that their key staff are fully aware of Herbert Protocol and its value.

The coordinators developed and acted out a sketch that explained what the Herbert Protocol was and showed the difference between not having/having it in place. This sketch was used in various information & workshop sessions including four Older People's sessions at the Lifewise Centre (Hellaby) during 2016. Feedback about this was very positive:

"It was a really good way to put across everything about Herbert Protocol. It's such a useful thing and very practical for those of us who are carers. Brilliant."

All project coordinators worked with E.D.E.N Films (Sheffield) and produced the **Dementia Safe & Found, Safe & Well video**.

The video was based on the previously mentioned sketch and feedback from people living with dementia and organisations working with them. It provides information about how the Herbert Protocol can help if a person living with dementia goes missing. You can view the video via:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YOWrSsn_t2o

Assistive Technology

The project has created links with Sheffield University CATCH (Centre for Assistive Technology & Connected Healthcare). This was to look at the work they are doing and to specifically discuss the voice recordable smoke alarm that enables a personal voice (by family/friends) to be recorded – unfortunately these are only available in USA. The manager was very interested and is looking to see if it is possible to do any work



around this. The overall project coordinator is linking Roger Brason in so it can be progressed.

Keeping People Living with Dementia Safe & Well: Trips & Falls

All coordinators are working together to produce a third video specifically looking at dementia trips and falls. Links will be made with a number of different organisations to help to take this forward.

Upcoming Activities/Events

The coordinators are busy planning different activities and are waiting for details/dates of some of these to be confirmed. Contact your local coordinator for further information.

Spring Events

Barnsley

Friday April 21st: Afternoon Tea & a Trip Down Memory Lane - Wombell Library

Wednesday April 26th: Afternoon Tea & a Trip Down Memory Lane - Rockingham Centre Hoyland Common

Doncaster

Thursday 30th March: Vintage Tea Party & Memory Lane Bingo - Auckley Parish Centre

Rotherham

Friday 9th June: Tea Dance - Clifton Park Museum

Sheffield

Wednesday 26th April: Afternoon Tea - Stocksbridge

Dementia Awareness Week (15th – 21st May) & Carers Week (12th – 18th June)

Barnsley

Dementia Friends Session for the general public: Barnsley Library.
Displays for various hospital departments & libraries

Doncaster

Tuesday 16th May: Health bus outside the Frenchgate Centre, Doncaster

Wednesday 17th May: Keeping Safe Forum at Doncaster Deaf Trust

Displays for various organisations/departments

Rotherham

Thursday 18th May: Link with Alzheimer's Society Event

Tuesday 13th June: Town Centre Stall

Saturday 1st July: Stall at Tassibee Diversity Event

Wednesday 26th July & Tuesday 1st August: Carers Events through Crossroads

Wednesday 5th July: Stall at Rotherfed Annual Tenants Conference

Sheffield

Thursday 18th May: Woodhouse, Sheffield

Dementia Safe from Fire Roadshows

Sheffield

Thursday 18th May: Woodhouse Sheffield

Rotherham

Tuesday 9th May: Get Lifewise – Lifewise Centre Hellaby

All coordinators are organising Roadshows to promote the dementia safe from fire work. Other dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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Prince's Trust team transforms Barnsley theatre



A team of young people taking part in a major local youth development programme have unveiled their hard work and transformation of a community theatre.

The group, who are taking part in the Prince's Trust Team Programme have spent the last week tidying, cleaning and decorating the changing room and corridor area at the Dearne Playhouse on Washington Street in Goldthorpe.

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is being delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and South Yorkshire Police from Barnsley fire station. Team Programme is a 12 week course for unemployed 16 to 25 year olds, offering work experience, qualifications, practical training and a residential development week.

The programme encourages the young people to nominate their own community project, with those on the current scheme choosing to transform this well loved community theatre for the local people. The backstage area has now been brightened up and is a calming place for the thousands of young children and adults using the theatres facilities each year.

The group were able to fund the transformation after raising cash from a raffle and a bag pack at Asda the week before.

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Team Leader Rhian Oxley said: "Team Programme is about more than simply boosting young people's employment skills. It gives them hope, confidence and the opportunity to make a difference.

"The community project the young people have been involved in is the perfect proof of that aspiration and we hope the sense of achievement it gives them will give them the self-belief which they can transfer to their future lives."