

Working with Local Communities (Chesham)

What BFRS do

- **Prevention**
 - Home Safety Checks
 - Youth engagement
 - Working together with local communities
 - Working in partnership with other agencies
 - Neighbourhood plans
 - Identifying the most vulnerable within the community
 - Contributing to community cohesion and engagement

What BFRS do



- **Protection**
 - Enforcing our Statutory Fire Safety duty
 - Assisting with compliance of business Fire Safety Legislation
 - Building Resilience, Emergency Planning
 - Unwanted Fire Signals
 - Dealing with complaints
 - Identifying community champions to make contact with our diverse communities

What BFRS do



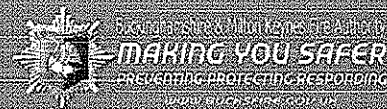
- **Response**
 - Operations, Fires, RTC, SSC...
 - New Dimensions, Search & Rescue, Decontamination
 - Water Rescue
 - Fire Investigation
 - Emergency Resilience
 - Integrated Risk Management targets

What have we achieved?



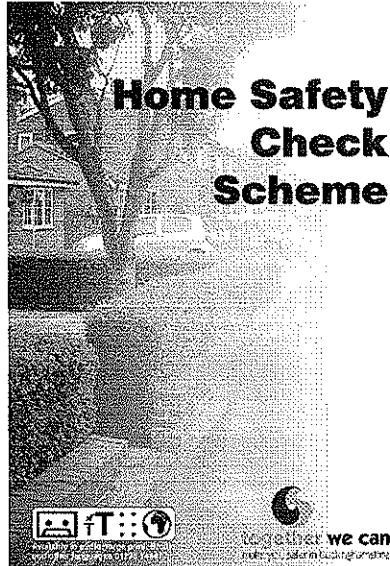
- Reduced the number of accidental dwelling fires
- Reduced the number of fire deaths and casualties
- Reduced the number of Unwanted Fire Signals
- Increased the number of HSC carried out
- Come top of a national 'after the incident' survey of satisfaction for the last 2 years
- Improved our partnership working

Local Statistics for Chesham



	Apr 09 – Mar 10	Apr 10 – Jun 10
Accidental dwelling fires	19	0
Non-domestic property fires	31	7
Deliberate fires	31	5
Automatic Fire Alarms	87	12
Home Safety Checks	144	61 (Apr 10- Sept 10)

Home Safety Check



- Anchor Staying Put
- Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- United Sustainable Energy Agency
- Paradigm Housing Group
- The Pension Service
- Primary Care Trust
- Thames Valley Police
- Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust
- High Wycombe District Council
- Housing providers all Districts
- Age UK (MK)
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Royal National Institute for the Deaf
- Bucks Vision
- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Chiltern District Council
- South Bucks District Council
- Wycombe District Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Milton Keynes Council

BFRS Priorities



- Understanding and serving our diverse communities; building cohesion and engagement
- Developing Community Links & Knowledge
- Targeting vulnerable groups (>65, <5)
- Building Resilience
- Retained Recruitment
- Working together

- Making you safer
- Value for Money

Your Community



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- Promote the Home Safety Check
- Promote sensible parking
- Retained Recruitment
- Fire Safety – prevent rather than cure
- Sign up to flood warnings
- Know what to do in an emergency

Summary



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- What are your local priorities?
- Do you need additional local information?
 - Risks
 - Initiatives
 - Key tasks
- Can we make improvements together?
- Balancing Buckinghamshire's Priorities
- Delivering effective services
- Is BFRS on your agenda?

