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Network Rail representatives are pictured updating the Safety Centre's railway scenario, which now includes an additional feature.

You can still visit in the school holidays

Don't forget the Safety Centre is open in school holidays – and we're holding our annual **Free Open Day** on **Sunday 28 July!**

Groups as small as six can book a daytime visit (or 15 for an evening visit) during the summer holidays. Just call **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk** to book your place.

If you would like to come to the open day, it runs from 10am to 4pm. Have a look around our mini town, which features 12 interactive filmset-style scenarios, and see if you can identify some of the everyday

hazards. Network Rail have just updated our railway scenario to include a foot crossing as they wanted to raise awareness of how to use crossings safely and the risks associated with getting distracted or ignoring warnings signs.

The open day will also feature visits from Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, British Transport Police, The Parks Trust and lots of fun and quizzes for the children.

There will also be refreshments and the chance to talk to staff and volunteers.

You never forget a Hazard Alley visit!

It's always a pleasure to catch up with people who remember coming to Hazard Alley when they were at school.

Andrew Britton first visited us as part of a group from Holtsmere End School, Hemel Hempstead, in the 1990s – and he's just been back to upgrade our Puffin crossing!



Andrew, pictured above, is now Urban Traffic Engineer South with Peek Traffic.

He said: "I'd just like to say it was a pleasure to be part of the work you are doing.

"It is vital what you do, as I have learnt from it, 18 or so years on!"

'Firebikes' at Safety Centre

The Safety Centre started filling up with motorbikes when Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service took it over for a day to hold a road safety exhibition. An increasing number of fire services are using "Firebikes", which are taken to events all over the country. When people come up to chat to the riders, fire officers talk to them about training, protective clothing and other safety issues.



Welcome to Nicola Cullum, who has joined us as Bookings Administrator. She replaces Maggie Blane (inset), who has retired after 19 years of service.

So many ways to help us!



New telephone guide Joeyta Dutta is pictured answering the "999 calls" from children on their visits to Hazard Alley.

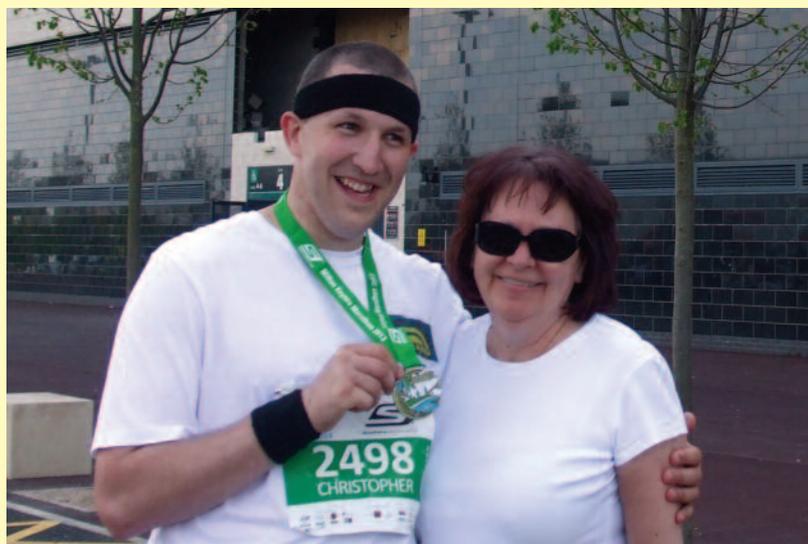
Jo, who is a student at the Royal Latin School in Buckingham, helps the Safety Centre as part of her commitment to the community.

We would love to hear from more people who would like to

Left: Telephone guide Joeyta Dutta. Right: Marathon runner Chris with Val Williams. Below: One of the school visits funded by a generous donation.

undertake roles as guides. You'll be doing something that's worthwhile and meaningful, and we'll give you full training.

As well as telephone guides,



we also need guides to take the children around the Safety Centre's 12 scenarios, and people who are willing to volunteer their DIY skills to undertake occasional painting and carpentry work.

To find out more about volunteering, ring Val Williams on **01908 263009** or email **valw@safetycentre.co.uk**

■ Val is pictured saying well done and thank you to Chris Wilkinson, who ran for the Safety Centre in the recent Milton Keynes Marathon. His parents Pete and Jenny are both volunteer guides at the Centre.

■ A generous donation from The Steel Charitable Trust has allowed a number of Bedfordshire schools to visit the Safety Centre this year – a group from Surrey Street Primary School in Luton is pictured on the left.



Dear Bob,
I am writing this letter to thank you for a fun day and for teaching us how to be safe in difficult situations. I particularly liked when we went to the house and you left us and smoke came like it was a real fire. That was AWESOME!!! I also learnt how to make a recovery position. It taught me to be calm and use what I know. Another thing I learnt is never go somewhere if its dangerous, even if it is a shortcut.
Thanks again for a fun day and for teaching me how to be safe.

From,
Harry



Dear David,
I am writing this letter to tell you how much I enjoyed Hazard Alley. Also to say thank you for being our guide.

These are some of the things that I mostly enjoyed; I really loved the petrol station because it taught me alot and how important it is to use a carseat if your under 1.35m. Also I liked Grandpas house because my friend yelled "SMOKE!" and I immediately got up and opened the front door. My friend Zoe and I called the firebrigade.
Once again thank you and I hopefully will come again!

Amelia ☺

HAZARD
ALLEY



■ We love hearing from children who have visited the Safety Centre – it really makes what we do worthwhile knowing that you remember us! Here's a small selection taken from our mailbag – do please keep them coming.

■ Don't forget, you can also leave feedback using the online form on our website. Just go to www.safetycentre.co.uk and follow the "Your Letters" link in the main menu panel on the left-hand side of the home page.

Dear Trevor,
I am writing to say thank you for being my guide when my class came to see you on Thursday (28th Feb). I had a lovely experience when I went. It was the best school trip ever!
Thank you for teaching me the recovery position, it might be very handy in the future. My favourite part was the farm. I never knew how dangerous they can be! I also love the way everything is so realistic it's a great way to see the dangers without being in them.
Thank you again for being such a brilliant guide. I really want to go back and I hope to see you soon.

From
Charlie

HAZARD
ALLEY



Dear Jan,

Thank you so much for guiding my group and I around Hazard Alley on the 14th of February. I learnt so much such as how big, fast and dangerous trains are and how quickly it takes for fire to burn. I really liked the car Sanabo because the petrol station looked so real. When we went into house number two and talked about fire alarms my heart started banging really fast as I don't like loud noises but luckily it wasn't very loud. The one bit of advice I would give to people is to ALWAYS wear a helmet when cycling!! I would recommend it to others so that they can improve their safety skills! Again thank you so much for your time.

your sincerely
Lucy



Course dates to the end of 2013

Book your first aid training with the Safety Centre – we are fully accredited and very affordable. You also have the satisfaction of knowing that all proceeds go towards supporting Hazard Alley. As well as the dates below, bespoke training can be delivered on your premises at your convenience. Ring **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk**

JULY 2013

2 Emergency First Aid at Work (*one-day course*)
4-5 Paediatric First Aid (*two-day course*)
10-11 First Aid at Work (*two-day course*)
12 Annual Refresher (*three-hour course*)
17-19 First Aid at Work (*three-day course*)

SEPTEMBER 2013

5 Emergency First Aid at Work
10-11 Paediatric First Aid
12-13 First Aid at Work
18-20 First Aid at Work
26 Annual Refresher

OCTOBER 2013

3-4 First Aid at Work
9 Emergency First Aid at Work
14-16 First Aid at Work
21 Annual Refresher

NOVEMBER 2013

5-6 First Aid at Work
8 Emergency First Aid at Work
13-15 First Aid at Work
21-22 Paediatric First Aid
29 Annual Refresher

DECEMBER 2013

3-4 First Aid at Work
5 Annual Refresher
6 Emergency First Aid at Work
11-13 First Aid at Work



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Sir Norman King, 1933-2013



Sir Norman King.

We are sad to announce that Sir Norman King, Founding Chairman and then Honorary President of the Safety Centre, passed away in March 2013 aged 79 years.

Sir Norman had a long career in the Royal Navy and became a Vice Admiral in 1988.

In 1993 he was appointed Chairman of Buckinghamshire Area Health Authority, and his involvement with the Safety Centre began.

His support was invaluable and tireless, even extending to training as a guide in order to show children around the Safety Centre.

We're highly rated!

The Safety Centre was pleased to welcome Deborah Inskip, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, who visited recently.

This is what she had to say afterwards:

"I very much enjoyed my visit and thought the Centre was inspired – a great deal of creative energy and lots of hard work make all the scenarios so real.

"I think a visit should be part of every child's curriculum."

The High Sheriff is pictured with Jan Alder, Safety Centre Director.



News from the Trustees

The Safety Centre welcomes Richard Solly, pictured left, to the Board of Trustees following his retirement as Milton Keynes Council's Community Safety Partnership Manager and a long career in local government.

■ The Trustees would like to thank Silvia Vitiello for her help and advice over the past three years following her resignation.

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