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The newsletter of the Safety Centre, Milton Keynes

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Pictures showing some of the activities from last year's open day.

Sunday 27 July 2014, 10am to 4pm

Join the celebrations at our free open day!

Our 20th anniversary open day takes place on Sunday 27 July 2014. It runs from 10am to 4pm and entry is free!

The Safety Centre will use the event to celebrate 20 years of delivering child safety education. Come and see how we have delivered safety messages to more than 400,000 children since we opened in 1994.

Families can have lots of fun spotting the dangers and learning how to keep safe. There will be a quiz with prizes, a raffle, plenty to see and do.

Extra special exhibitors will include Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Thames Valley

1994 ⚡ 2014

Police, British Transport Police and Milton Keynes Parks Trust.

There's just time to remind you that as part of our celebration of this memorable year, we are asking for people's memories of visiting the Safety Centre, or instances where they have used the things they learnt. The winner and five friends will enjoy a VIP visit, including a fully guided tour and a look behind the scenes.

Email your memories to info@safetycentre.co.uk by the end of July.





Pictured: Resources provided by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution are helping the Safety Centre deliver vital water safety messages to visitors.

The RNLI is also offering water safety presentations to schools.

Super support from RNLI

The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) has provided the Safety Centre with some super resources to help us deliver beach safety messages.

It is working in partnership with us to help support and develop our water-based scenario and by providing additional printed resources for schools.

Did you know that on average, 17 young people aged 11 and under lose their lives each year through drowning, from both inland and coastal waters?

The RNLI's education team is working hard to reduce this



number through raising water safety awareness, and working with Safety Centres across the UK is one excellent way of reaching large numbers of young people.

Last year, the RNLI reached over 315,000 young people with its messages from a combination

of partnership working, attending national and regional events and through a programme of school visits.

The charity has a fantastic network of volunteers who visit schools and deliver fun and interactive water safety presentations which can be tailored to specific National Curriculum needs.

Particularly suitable for a primary school audience, after your trip to Hazard Alley, why not follow up this work by booking in a water safety presentation from the RNLI. To make an enquiry, contact education@rnli.org.uk

We always need extra volunteer guides

Meet volunteer guide Annette Sales, pictured with pupils from Wyvern School, who is one of our latest recruits.

Annette said: "It's a brilliant place to volunteer and we are all looked after very well by the staff."

Wyvern Head Helen Hann said: "Thank you for a brilliant learning experience for our children – they learned so much and are still talking about their trip!"

We always needs extra volunteer guides to show children around the Safety Centre. We offer full training and expenses, so if you feel it may be for you, call Val Williams on **01908 263009** or email val@safetycentre.co.uk to arrange a quick chat and look around the Safety Centre before you decide.





Excellent, fabulous, very impressed – people say the nicest things about us after official visits to the Safety Centre! We would like to share these comments from three recent guests:

■ **Left, Joe Barclay, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire:** "I had not been quite sure what to expect but I was duly impressed. You clearly have some very realistic kit, but, more importantly,

you have very dedicated and committed staff. The concept and the execution are both excellent and Milton Keynes is very fortunate to have Hazard Alley in its portfolio of assets."

■ **Centre, Colette Paul, Chief Constable, Bedfordshire Police:** "It is a fabulous facility, and provides a really fun environment for children to learn key messages in. The interactive games were so good I was tempted to have a go

myself! The Safety Centre is a shining example of what can be achieved when we work together for the benefit of the community, and it is something I am keen to learn from."

■ **Right, Colin Osborne MBE, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, who visited with his wife Diane:** "Diane and I had a most enjoyable morning at the Safety Centre and were very impressed in all that we saw."

DON'T FORGET: The Safety Centre isn't just open in term time – it's open in the school holidays too. Groups as small as six can book a visit (or 15 for an evening visit). Just call **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk** to book your places.

Our wonderful wall of letters!

We have thousands of fantastic letters from children, thanking us for their visit to the Safety Centre and showing what they have learnt, so we decided to wallpaper our lobby with them! You can see some of them in the picture on the right.

They have caused a lot of comment and inspired even more letters, for which we are extremely grateful.

Our guides love to have feedback, as do we. It's great to feel we have made such an impact. We'll feature a selection of letters and drawings in a future edition of Newsflash, so please keep them coming in!



Course dates to the end of 2014

Employers should carry out their own risk assessments to establish what level of first aid cover they require. Guidance is available on the Health and Safety Executive website at www.hse.gov.uk



AUGUST 2014

11 Emergency First Aid at Work

SEPTEMBER 2014

8 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

15-16 Paediatric First Aid (2 day)

17-18 First Aid at Work (2 day)

17-19 First Aid at Work (3 day)

26 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

OCTOBER 2014

2 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

6-7 First Aid at Work (2 day)

6-8 First Aid at Work (3 day)

22 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

NOVEMBER 2014

7 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

11-12 First Aid at Work (2 day)

11-13 First Aid at Work (3 day)

20-21 Paediatric First Aid (2 day)

28 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)

DECEMBER 2014

1-2 First Aid at Work (2 day)

1-3 First Aid at Work (3 day)

10 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)



Find us on Facebook too

If you are aged 13 or over, you can now join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/safetycentre

We hope as many people as possible who have visited us over the past 20 years will press the 'Like'

button on our Facebook page to keep in touch with what is going on here.

Bearing in mind our commitment to internet safety, we'll repeat the warning about the age restriction – you must be aged 13 or over to join!

Four reasons to ask about our training!

- 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work – £70 plus VAT per person.
- 2 day Refresher First Aid at Work – £140 plus VAT per person.
- 3 day First Aid at Work – £220 plus VAT per person.
- 12 hour Paediatric First Aid – £80 plus VAT per person.
- See www.firstaid.safetycentre.co.uk for full course details.

There are four great reasons why we would encourage you to book your First Aid training with the Safety Centre!

■ We are fully accredited by FAIB, the First Aid Industry Body.

■ All of our training is delivered by experienced trainers.

■ Our courses are very affordable.

■ All proceeds from our training courses go towards supporting Hazard Alley.

As well as the dates shown in

the panel on the left, bespoke training can be delivered on your premises at your convenience.

Just ring **01908 263009** or email info@safetycentre.co.uk for more information or to

discuss your requirements.

Courses can be staged on your premises subject

to a minimum of six people taking part. You must also be able to provide a suitable room large enough to accommodate students lying on the floor for practical sessions.

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