



Station 23 Bargoed Overview

Introduction:

Bargoed (Welsh: Bargod) is a town in the Rhymney Valley, Wales, one of the South Wales Valleys. It lies on the Rhymney River in the county borough of Caerphilly and straddles ancient boundary of Glamorgan and Monmouthshire. 'Greater Bargoed', as defined by the local authority Caerphilly County Borough Council, consists of the towns of Bargoed, Aberbargoed and the village of Gilfach. The combined population of these settlements is approximately 13,000. The English meaning of the town's Welsh language name, Bargoed, is border. Pronunciation of the town's name varies depending on street. There are many variations, from the standard Welsh Barr-goid and English Baa-goid to the informal Baa-Gud and Baa-Go-Ed. The town is currently undergoing redevelopment, with a bypass being constructed, which will eventually run through the valleys. Also, there was an agreement that was scheduled to bring major supermarket ASDA to the town, but they recently pulled out for unspecified reasons.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Bargoed Fire & Rescue Station has shown a sustained improvement and continues to make progress in identified areas of the 2009/10. Business plan over the last 12 months. Key performance figures substantiate improved performance and are contained within this Station Service Plan.

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. All PDR's completed on time.
2. An improvement to appliance availability.
3. Community Safety targets achieved.

Equality and Diversity:

Station personnel will actively promote SWFRS's equality and diversity policy. Under-represented groups will be engaged with and initiatives put in place to ensure SWFRS not only reduces risk to these communities but also seeks to recruit from these groups.

Welsh Language:

The Directorate is dedicated to the aims and objectives of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Welsh Language Scheme 2007-2010. In particular we will endeavour to identify and engage with the Welsh-speaking residents of our communities.

All station personnel will be encouraged to learn the Welsh Language and we aim to have at least one new person enrolling on a Welsh Language course this year.



Sustainable Development:

In discharging the Service's aims and objectives, consideration will be given to minimising the negative impact we have on our natural environment as a result of our activities.

The station is looking to reduce gas and electric consumption by 5% on its 2009/10 figures. A 'green champion' has been appointed to identify suitable ideas and take forward these initiatives. All station waste that can be re-cycled will be collected for this purpose and arrangements made for re-cycling.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

Efficiency Gains:

Geographical Risk Profile:

Predominant risks and activities requiring rapid intervention are in the main Grass/Mountain fires, Road Traffic Collisions, due to active road networks. Other incidents are varied and range from animal rescues to attendance of Fire Alarm actuations.

Number of Dwellings in Station Area:

Number of HFSC's completed in Total Prior to April 2010:

% Dwellings in Station Area Received HFSC since HFC's Commenced:

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