



Station 28 Rhymney Overview

Introduction:

Rhymney (Welsh: Rhymni) is a town located in the county borough of Caerphilly, in south-east Wales, within the historic boundaries of Monmouthshire. Along with the villages of Pontlottyn, Fochriw, Abertysswg, Deri and New Tredegar, Rhymney is designated as the 'Upper Rhymney Valley' by the local Unitary Authority, Caerphilly County Borough Council.

The town was founded with the establishment of the Bute ironworks in 1802. The Rhymney ironworks were later established. The ironworks used local coking coal, iron ore and limestone.

From the mid-19th century, steam coal pits started to be opened to the south of the town. The iron works closed finally in 1891, and the collieries employed nearly the entire local population in the early 20th century. The town's secondary school, Rhymney Comprehensive, serves a catchment area that includes Fochriw, Pontlottyn and New Tredegar.

In 1999 Ystrad Mynach College launched its sister campus in Rhymney to serve the top end of the Rhymney Valley under the name The College Rhymney. The College Rhymney has undergone rapid growth since its opening with over 700 students enrolled on various courses in the academic year 2008-2009.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Rhymney 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. Station now fully recruited against. 2. All 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' will be 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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