

Report of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 8th July 2013

Subject: West Yorkshire Fire and rescue Service Annual report

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| Are specific electoral Wards affected? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Harewood Alwoodley Wetherby | | |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number: | | |

Summary of main issues

1. Update on performance 1/4/12 – 31/3/13
2. Update on revised approach to targeting risk reduction in the East Leeds Area
3. Progress on Firefly project

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Area Committee note this report

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 Purpose of this report is:

- To provide information on the emergency response activity in the Outer North East Area 1/4/12 – 31/3/13
- To update the Outer North East Area Committee members with the changes to the Local Area Risk Reduction Team (LARRT) within the East Leeds area.

2 Background information

2.1 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) continue to strive towards its ambition of 'Making West Yorkshire Safer,' coupled with its aim to 'provide an excellent fire and rescue service, working in partnership to reduce death, injury, economic loss and contribute to community wellbeing.'

2.2 Incident data showing activity from 1/4/12 – 31/4/13 in Ward areas. Data broken down into four groups;

1. **Primary fires**. Any incident where fire has involved something of value i.e. Property, Vehicles etc.

2. **Secondary fires**. Any incident where fire has involved something of little or no value. i.e. refuse, derelict property, grass etc.

3. **Special service calls**. Any incident not involving fire. These include: Road traffic collisions (RTC), Lift rescues, Persons trapped etc.

4. **False Alarms**. Any incidents where the services of WYFRS are not required. These include: Automatic fire alarms (faulty apparatus etc.), genuine cause for concern from member of public, malicious actuation of fire alarm or hoax calls.

The above categories have been further broken down into accidental and deliberate.

2.3 Incident data showing activity in Ward areas

| 2011/12 | | Primary Fires | | | | Secondary Fires | | | Special Service Calls | | | False alarms | | | Total | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ward | Accidental Dwelling Fires | Deliberate Dwelling Fires | Other Accidental | Other Deliberate | Total | Accidental | Deliberate | Total | RTCs | Other SSCs | Total | Apparatus | Good Intent | Malicious | Total | Incidents | |
| Alwoodley | 14 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 10 | 46 | 56 | 7 | 13 | 20 | 80 | 24 | 2 | 106 | 209 | |
| Harewood | 5 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 24 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 36 | 19 | 0 | 55 | 118 | |
| Wetherby | 5 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 27 | 10 | 32 | 42 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 76 | 24 | 1 | 101 | 194 | |
| Total | 24 | 4 | 29 | 21 | 78 | 30 | 90 | 120 | 26 | 35 | 61 | 192 | 67 | 3 | 262 | 521 | |
| 2012/13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Primary Fires | | | | Secondary Fires | | | Special Service Calls | | | False alarms | | | Total | | |
| Ward | Accidental Dwelling Fires | Deliberate Dwelling Fires | Other Accidental | Other Deliberate | Total | Accidental | Deliberate | Total | RTCs | Other SSCs | Total | Apparatus | Good Intent | Malicious | Total | Incidents | |
| Alwoodley | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 76 | 15 | 1 | 92 | 136 | |
| Harewood | 6 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 26 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 48 | 20 | 0 | 68 | 127 | |
| Wetherby | 6 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 31 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 9 | 17 | 26 | 86 | 11 | 1 | 98 | 174 | |
| Total | 17 | 4 | 35 | 18 | 74 | 16 | 24 | 40 | 29 | 36 | 65 | 210 | 46 | 2 | 258 | 437 | |
| Reduction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Primary Fires | | | | Secondary Fires | | | Special Service Calls | | | False alarms | | | Total | | |
| Ward | Accidental Dwelling Fires | Deliberate Dwelling Fires | Other Accidental | Other Deliberate | Total | Accidental | Deliberate | Total | RTCs | Other SSCs | Total | Apparatus | Good Intent | Malicious | Total | Incidents | |
| Alwoodley | -9 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -10 | -9 | -38 | -47 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -4 | -9 | -1 | -14 | -73 | |
| Harewood | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -1 | -9 | -10 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 9 | |
| Wetherby | 1 | 0 | 6 | -3 | 4 | -4 | -19 | -23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | -13 | 0 | -3 | -20 | |
| Total | -7 | 0 | 6 | -3 | -4 | -14 | -66 | -80 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 18 | -21 | -1 | -4 | -84 | |
| %age change | | -29.17% | 0.00% | 20.69% | -14.29% | -5.13% | -46.67% | -73.33% | -66.67% | 11.54% | 2.86% | 6.56% | 9.38% | -31.34% | -33.33% | -1.53% | -16.12% |

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Continue to identify the most vulnerable members of the community within the Outer North East Area, and target our resources in those areas where the risk is greatest. The Outer North east area has now amalgamated with the Inner East, Outer East and the Inner North East to create the East Leeds local risk reduction team.
- 3.2 Over the last 10 years WYFRS have surpassed all expectations by exceeding targets for reducing malicious fires, arson and the number of deaths and injuries caused by fires in the home. Further reduction of risk is proving more challenging, and new, smarter ways of working are being developed. This new way of working relies on close partnership working with agencies that are assisting us by identifying and referring those most in need of assistance.
- 3.3 The East Leeds Local Area Risk Reduction Team will focus resources and further develop partnership working. An example of this is the collaboration with East North East Homes (ENEH) which has now been extended into its second year where a member of their staff is seconded to work within WYFRS Fire Prevention department.
- 3.4 Historically WYFRS have carried out 21,000 Home fire safety checks across the Leeds district. It has been decided that a more targeted approach to identify the most vulnerable residents of west Yorkshire was required. A new system has been developed which looks at the severity of risk to an individual along with the likelihood of a fire occurring. This ensures that resources are being targeted at the most vulnerable groups.
- 3.5 We will continue to deliver the highly successful Schools education package to all year 5 students, which include fire and road safety.
- 3.6 We have been installing the Firefly system in the most vulnerable residences in the Outer North East area since August 2012. To date, approximately 185 dwellings now benefit from this system of identifying those less able to escape in a fire situation.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 WYFRS consult regularly on proposals for improving fire cover. An extensive consultation was undertaken in 2012. None of the proposals will impact directly upon Wetherby, Harewood or Alwoodley wards.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 WYFRS perform at the excellent level of the Fire and rescue services Equality Framework, and were the first FRS to achieve this level.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 WYFRS are a member of the Safer Leeds Partnership.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 A Community risk management strategy is contained within the WYFRS 2011-2015 Service Plan.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 WYFRS works closely with partners and the community it serves to improve its understanding of local needs and prioritise resources where they are most needed, WYFRS continues to deliver its services in the most cost effective way.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee note this report.

7 Background documents – located at WYFRS website

- 7.1 WYFRS Service Plan 2011-2015

Leeds district risk reduction plan 2013 / 2014

Appendix A

Maps showing Home Fires safety Checks carried out in 12 month period 1/4/12 – 31/3/13

Home fire safety checks Wetherby Ward 2012 / 2013



Mode: Default Indicators



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Options

Polygons

Data Sets

Quick Zoom

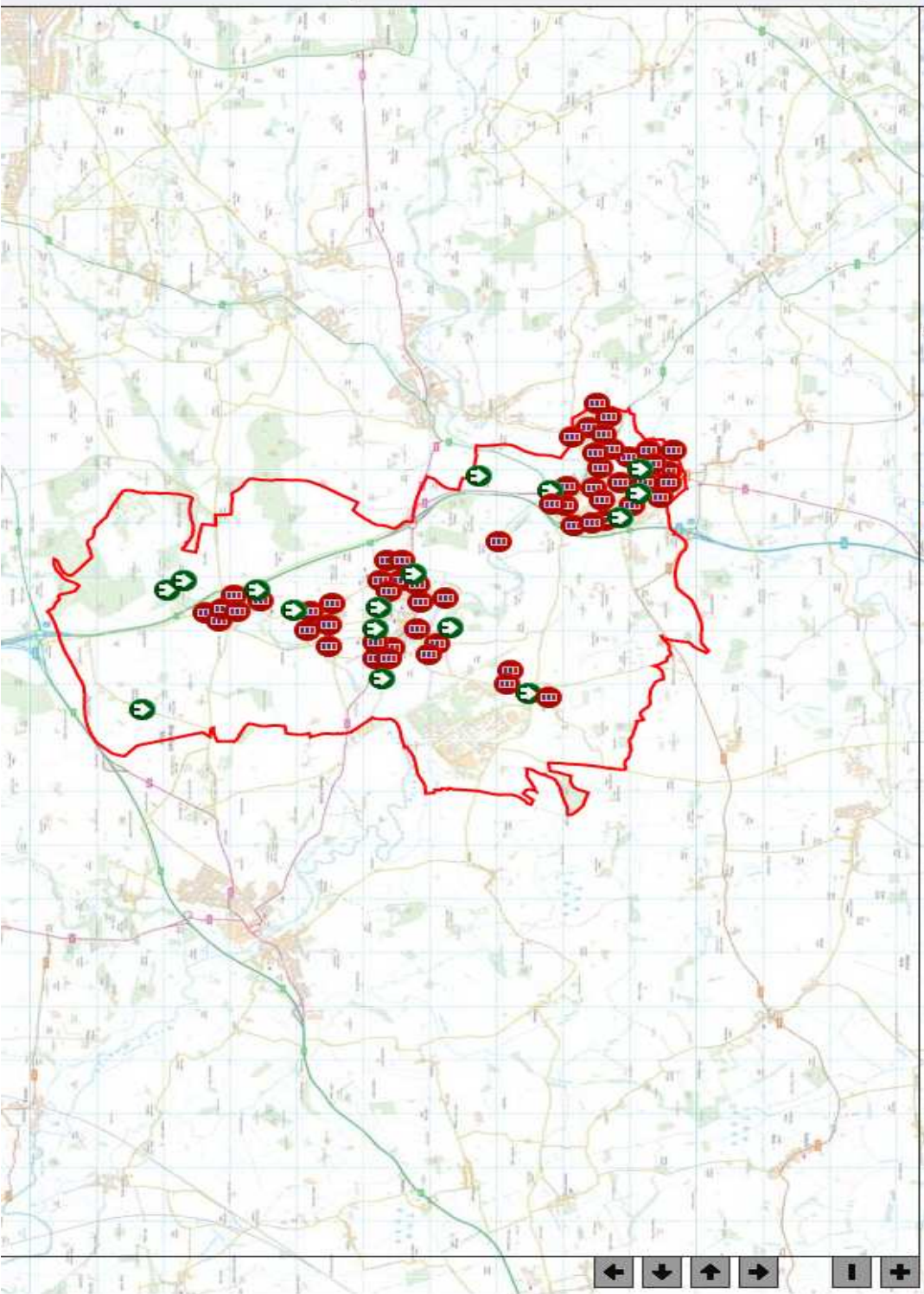
Date From 01/04/12 to 31/3/13

- Primary Fires
- Secondary Fires
- Chimney Fires
- False Alarms
- Special Service
- Home Fire Safety Checks (512)
- Incomplete IRS Reports
- NLPG Buildings
- Show Only Checked Data

- Stack of Incidents/Visits
- Stack of Addresses (of that type)

Easting: 426931 Northing: 441025

Total Points: 512



Home fire safety checks Harewood Ward 2012 / 2013

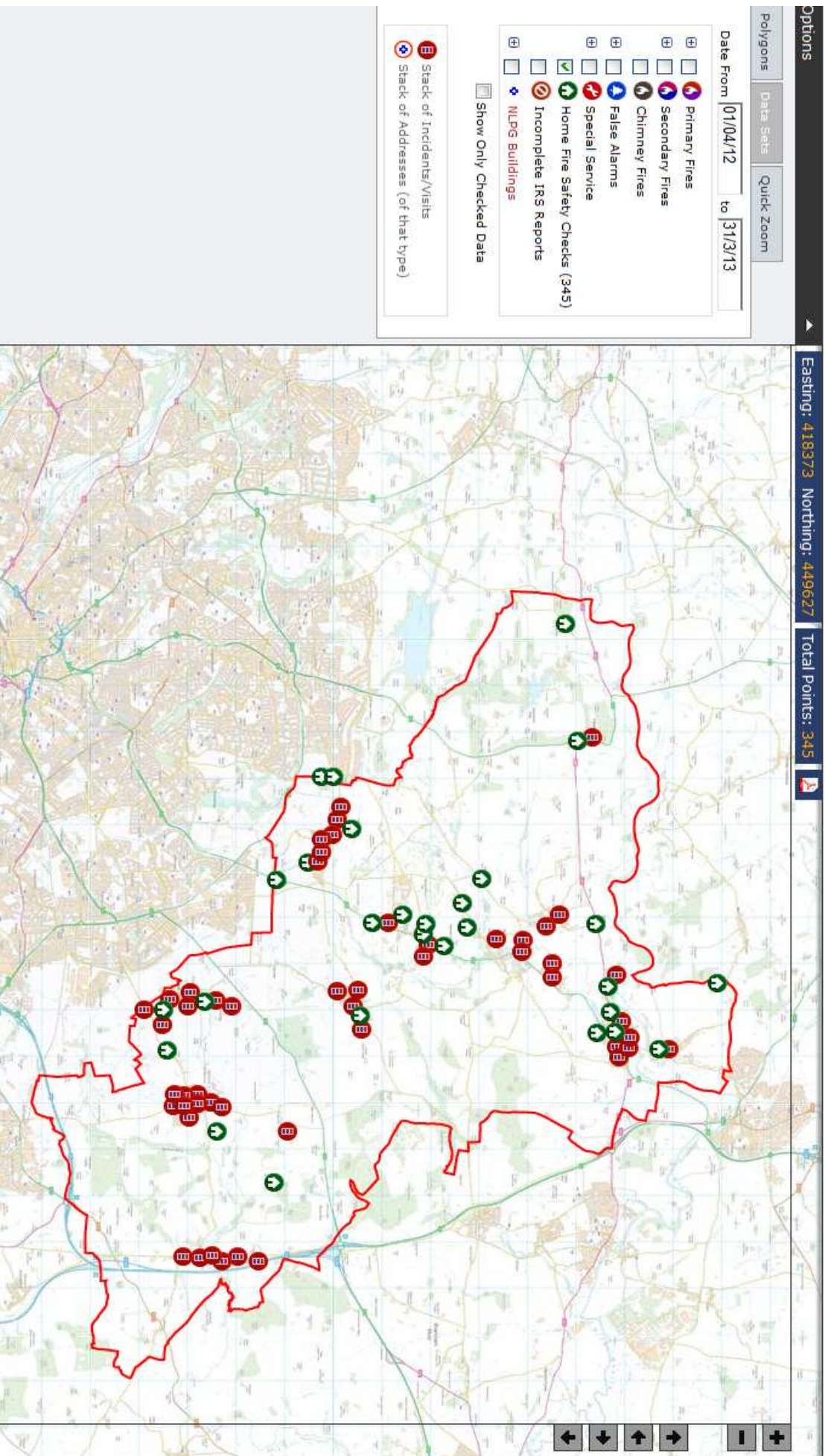


Mode:

Default Indicators



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service



Home fire safety checks Alwoodley Ward 2012 / 2013



Mode:

Default Indicators



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Options

Polygons Date Sets Quick Zoom

Eastings: 420970 Northings: 441194 Total Points: 464

Date From 01/04/12 to 31/3/13

- Primary Fires
- Secondary Fires
- Chimney Fires
- False Alarms
- Special Service
- Home Fire Safety Checks (464)
- Incomplete IRS Reports
- MUPG Buildings

Show Only Checked Data

- Stack of Incidents/Visits
- Stack of Addresses (of that type)

