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Mid and West Wales  
Fire and Rescue Service

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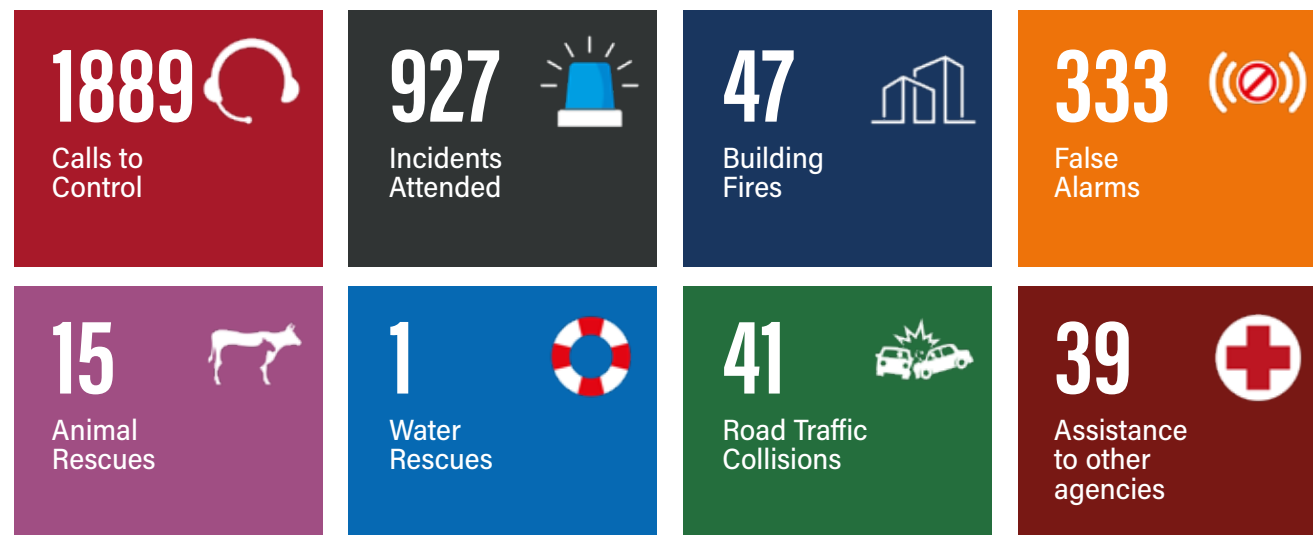
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CLWB CHWARAEON A CHYMDEITHASU  
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**Dewch i ymuno  
HEDDIW  
Become a member  
TODAY**

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y Clwb Chwaraeon a Chymdeithasol, anfonwch neges e-bost

For further information regarding the Sports & Social Club, please contact

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Mae'r Clwb Chwaraeon a Chymdeithasu yn agored i holl aelodau presennol y Gwasanaeth, a'r aelodau sydd wedi ymddeol.

The Sports and Social Club is open to all current and retired members of the Service.





## WELCOMING THE HIGH SHERIFFS OF DYFED, POWYS AND WEST GLAMORGAN!

On Tuesday, 18th July we welcomed the High Sheriffs of Dyfed, Powys, and West Glamorgan, - Messrs Meurig Raymond, Reg Cawthorne, and Alan Brayley respectively, to Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) headquarters.

All three High Sheriffs are 3 months into their year long term and are enthusiastic supporters of the emergency services. They were eager to learn more about how we work and the support we provide to the communities we serve.

During their visit they met our Chief Fire Officer Roger Thomas and were introduced to our Executive Leadership Team where they discussed our Emergency Response, Prevention and Protection work, strategic plan, and vision for the future. This was followed by a tour of Carmarthen Fire Station where they had the opportunity to meet representatives from our Community Safety team and our Farm Liaison Officer - Jeremy Turner, each providing an overview of the work they do to keep our communities safe. Also, members of Carmarthen Fire Station crew displayed vital lifesaving equipment and provided some live demonstrations.

We would like to thank all three High Sheriffs for taking time to come visit us and we look forward to seeing them again in the near future.





## UK-ISAR TEAM

# UK-ISAR TEAM DEPLOYED TO SINGAPORE

In June, the United Kingdom International Search and Rescue (UK-ISAR) Team, which includes crew members from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS), held a training exercise in Singapore.

The training exercise, named Exercise Merlion, took place from June 12th-16th and allowed the UK-ISAR Team to prepare team members for working in heat and humidity and to experience the physiological effects of working in a tropical climate. It also allowed them to familiarise themselves with new, hot-weather personal protective equipment, which can also be used as wildfire PPE.

Over the 72-hour period, there were several challenging rescue scenarios for team members to undertake, which included 'breaking and breaching',

lifting and moving, shoring and line access. Some of these scenarios combined the additional challenges of water and height.

The exercise provided an excellent opportunity for interoperability, with members of the local Singaporean team assisting in some scenarios, as well providing their search dogs for casualty search training exercises, which also involved using search cameras in voids inaccessible to people. There were also many opportunities for the UK-ISAR medical team to provide casualty care, on live victims as well as simulated casualty dummies. The team practiced their response to a variety of injuries of varying severities. The logistics team were required to familiarise themselves with the Singaporean equipment and played a vital part in providing stability for unsafe structures at simulated incidents remotely. This allowed our confined space rescue teams to demonstrate their capabilities to enter these structures, provide trauma care and subsequently rescue entombed casualties.

Throughout the exercise the team were subjected to numerous challenging scenarios to test their decision-making skills under pressure, which included gas explosions, gas leaks, site evacuation, gun shots and explosions and additional requests for assistance.



## UK-ISAR TEAM

The UK-ISAR Team are on-call 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year to respond to humanitarian incidents, accidents or disasters anywhere in the world, to provide a search and rescue capability and support humanitarian efforts. The team has been operating for over 20 years and has components from 13 UK Fire and Rescue Services, who have successfully carried out search, rescue and relief missions around the world.





# WALES WILDFIRE CHARTER LAUNCHED AT THE ROYAL WELSH

Monday 24 July 2023 saw the launch of the inaugural Wales Wildfire Charter at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show, Builth Wells.

Outlining the commitments of the Wales Wildfire Board, which is comprised of key agencies from across Wales; the Wales Wildfire Charter is a key strategic document which sets out the Board's approach to managing the risk of wildfire, minimising its impact on the environment and the communities of Wales.

Iwan Cray, Chair of the Wales Wildfire Board and Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said,

*"Our new Wildfire Charter is built on the knowledge and experience partners on the Board have gained over the last decade in dealing with the impact of wildfires across Wales."*

*"Under the collaborative approach of the Strategic Arson Reduction Board, we have seen considerable successes, achieved through a great deal of determination and hard work by all the agencies involved. However, wildfires across Wales continue to present a clear and present danger to our environment, economy and communities. In recent years, we have seen the early signs of plateauing in incident numbers, indicating a new approach is needed to ensure we can deal with the emerging challenges we are facing."*

Andrew Wright, Deputy Chair of the Wales Wildfire Board and Senior Specialist Advisor - Plant Health and Knowledge Transfer at Natural Resources Wales said, *"Our wildfire charter is formulated around three key themes, each designed to ensure we are able to focus on the areas which not only require the most attention but will also have the biggest influence in improving our understanding of wildfires and how the Board can positively manage their impact."*



## The Wildfire Charter themes include:

### Partnerships

Through an evolving partnership approach, we will bring together Welsh Government, Emergency Services, Public and Private Organisations, Landowners and Land Users to manage and develop our landscape.

### Environmental and Community Resilience

We will contribute to the management of our landscape to protect wildlife, forestry and livelihoods; improve well-being, health and amenity, facilitate sustainable food production and create a sense of place and community ownership.

### Prevention and Protection

We will implement a diverse range of management techniques to reduce the impact of wildfire on our communities and the landscape in Wales.

Every year fire is responsible for the destruction of thousands of hectares of countryside, open space and wildlife habitats. Partners of the Wales Wildfire Board commit to working with communities to build a healthier and more resilient landscape, by developing a more biodiverse countryside for the future.

Drawing together a multi-agency approach to Wildfire awareness, the Wales Wildfire Board aims to engage with various audiences, working together to support wildfire management, listening and sharing practical solutions for Wales. Through this collaborative approach, agencies on the Wales Wildfire Board hope to provide a better understanding of what can be done to limit the number of wildfire fires, in turn, minimising the damage they can cause to our environment.



**Bwrdd Tanau Gwylt Cymru**  
Wales Wildfire Board





# MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ATTENDS LLANELLI PRIDE 2023

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service joined the colourful Llanelli Pride celebrations on Saturday, July 15th.

Equality, diversity and inclusion is at the heart of what Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) does and are values which sit at the core of our organisational processes, practices and culture. Therefore, it was a pleasure to support and attend the annual Llanelli Pride celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, which included a parade through the town centre as well as a variety of activities, stands and entertainment at the Selwyn Samuel Centre.

Forming part of the Llanelli Pride Parade was MAWWFRS's Pride Fire Engine, a colourful member of the Service's training fleet, joined by members of the Community Safety Team. Despite the torrential rain, everyone taking part in the parade had a smile on their faces while waving their MAWWFRS rainbow flags.

Following the parade, members of the Service's Community Safety Team and Llanelli Fire Station crew were on hand at their stand in the Selwyn Samuel Centre to offer fire safety advice and information, plus MAWWFRS Pride merchandise. As well as members of the Llanelli community, the team also had the opportunity to welcome Llanelli Town Mayor, Councillor Nicholas Pearce, to their stand.

We look forward to attending Llanelli Pride 2024!





## COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

# ESSENTIAL SANITARY PRODUCTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

In June, Tracey Davies and Hannah Blewitt received women's welfare packs which were kindly donated by Hannah Lodder-Rodda, the Women in the Fire Service Representative for Wales.

The packs, which are available for free, will be distributed by the Community Safety Team while they attend youth-related events and activities. They include a variety of environmentally-friendly sanitary products which should improve access to these essential items.

Richard Felton, Head of Community Safety, said: *"We are extremely grateful for this kind gift as we are experiencing more and more of the issue of period poverty that affects so many women and girls."*

The packs were collected by Hannah Lodder-Rodda at the Women in the Fire Service UK's National Training and Development Event earlier in June. Pictured are Tracey Davies, Youth Practitioner, Hanner Lodder-Rodda and Hannah Blewitt, Youth Practitioner.



## EXPERIENCE DAYS

# BE A FIREFIGHTER

Have you ever thought about becoming a firefighter, but aren't sure what it involves or what the selection process is like?

We're holding a series of Experience Days that offer you the chance to ask any questions, put some fire kit on and see what you can do!

Join us at Earlswood on 9th, 12th or 22nd of August, or at Haverfordwest Station on 31st August 2023.

If you're interested in attending please go to:

<https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/join-us/experience-days/>

**Booking is essential.**





# DIWRNOD AGORED OPEN DAY

**GORSAF  
CAERFYRDDIN /  
PENCADLYS**

Heol Llwyn Pisgwydd,  
Caerfyrddin, SA31 1SP

**CARMARTHEN  
STATION / HQ**

Lime Grove Avenue,  
Carmarthen, SA31 1SP

Er budd | In aid of



**The Fire Fighters  
charity**



**DEWCH I  
WELD SBARC!  
COME AND  
SEE SBARC!**

**BWYD BARBECIW**

**BBQ FOOD**

**ARDDANGOSIADAU BYW**

**LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

**PROFION FFITRWYDD**

**FITNESS TESTS**

**RAFFL**

**RAFFLE**

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SEPTEMBER**

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**10.30-4.00**



## EVENTS

### STATION OPEN DAYS

Pembroke Dock Open Day - 28th July

Tenby Open Day - 2nd August

Milford Haven Open Day - 3rd Aug

Ammanford Open Day - 19th August

HQ Open Day - 1st Sept

Haverfordwest Open Day - 9th Sept



## SAVE THE DATE

### More Than Just Fires Awards 2023

This year's event will take place on Friday 10th November 2023, at The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells and recognises the tremendous efforts made by employees of the Service, in making our communities safer places to live, work and visit.

Nominations are now open, please visit [Insight](#) to submit your nomination, and will close on Friday 1st September.\*

**Your nomination could make all the difference!**

**\*Open to service staff only**



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MORE THAN JUST FIRES**







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