

## **Community Fire Stations work in the six Town Centres of Stockton (2024)**

### **Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).**

#### **Safer homes visits – 29% reduction in ADF against national average (Stockton)**

- 3815 YTD (October) – 586 partnership referrals, 7925 interventions (SBC, Adult support services/Dolby Vivisol/13 group)
  - Stockton town centre – 1163
  - Ingleby Barwick – 975
  - Yarm – 191
  - Billingham central – 594
  - Thornaby town centre – 1453
  - Norton central – 294

#### **Operational intelligence visits/station risk footprint visits – Upper tier COMAH completed by SM**

- 50 Operational Intelligence visits completed YTD safer compliant businesses, better intelligence for operational crews.

#### **Schools' visits – aligned to NFCC themes**

- Crews carrying out site visits to nurseries, groups throughout the year.
- Group visits to stations – Beavers, scouts, community groups.

#### **Property risk register – CLO**

- Void premises which can attract ASB and fire related activity. The CFB CLO influencing securement of these premises – reduction in fire incidents and saw a reduction since the spike in the summer.

#### **Arson Audit Inspections (AAI) – F3 fires and identifying abandoned vehicles**

- Fly tipping report to SBC online.
- Deliberate vehicle fires – joint investigation with Cleveland Police. BWVC/CCTV evidence shared with Police on request to support convictions. Reduction in the last 2 months.

#### **Community Engagement by Fire Station Crews (Q2 only as an example)**

- Synthonia Scouts station visit
- Ropner Picnic in The Park event
- Stockton rainbow and brownie visit to station with fire safety in the home talk
- Army Cadet station visit
- Ware Street Day Centre for Adults with Autism visit
- Appliance visit to Grangefield's community centre

- Thornaby crew visit to Hartwell School fete
- Thornaby C of E Primary School fete
- Beckfield's Community Centre fete
- Thornaby attended Picnic in The Park event at Peel Street
- Helifest community event in Thornaby
- **14 separate visits to Stockton and Thornaby stations in Q2**, with crews delivering community safety engagement with the public on fire safety and reducing deliberate fire setting.

**Operation Autumnus – bonfire period work with partner agencies.**

- Bonfire period plan created by Cleveland Police – supported by CFB bonfire strategy.
- BWVC worn by all OIC, CCTV on appliances - ASB/VTS reported to police. Leading to prosecutions within the District.

**Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).**

- UKRO event to be held at the Riverside – 2026 still under consideration
- Partnership agreements – Station plans contain the partnership agreement
- Accessing vulnerable groups – station plans assigned to a specific watch – continuous throughout the year.