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**LEFT:** Thank you to the Exel Foundation for generously donating £1,000. Pictured are Foundation Manager Helen Parker and Safety Centre Director Jan Alder.



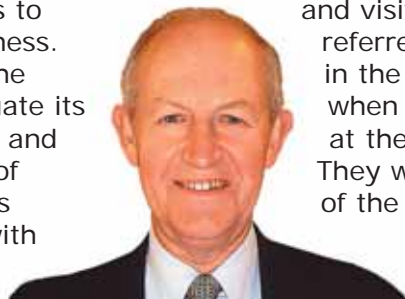
**RIGHT:** Suzanne Davis of Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service began her two-year secondment to the Safety Centre in September. We are grateful to BFRS for continuing to support our work.

## Evaluation is another big step for the Safety Centre

INTERNET-based children's evaluation questionnaires taken before, immediately after and six months after visits will for the first time give quantitative evaluation of our work.

We have always had extremely positive qualitative feedback from children, parents and teachers but this will allow us to gather credible statistics to prove our effectiveness.

It will also help the Safety Centre evaluate its operation and hone and polish the delivery of messages as well as reinforcing issues with the children.



Our picture shows Kay Pistell helping two members of a class from Loughton School to do the quiz. The school's Year 6 Co-ordinator said: "The children really enjoyed the quiz and visit. They

referred to the questions in the quiz several times when discussing scenarios at the Safety Centre. They were also very proud of the improvement in their scores second time around!"



Peter Ballard, **bottom left**, Chair of the Safety Centre Trustees, said: "This is one of the most important steps we have taken in Hazard Alley's development.

"It will give us concrete statistics that help us identify how

well our safety messages are being learned and retained.

"This alone is of huge benefit, but we have also found that the messages are reinforced as the pupils have to re-address the issues every time they complete a quiz."

**RIGHT:** We are delighted to welcome Kay Pistell to our Schools Liaison Team. Kay, far right, joins Christine Hawkins (left) and Val Hall. The team liaises with visiting schools before and after they come to the Safety Centre, offering follow-up advice and any guidance they need on the PHSE and citizenship curriculum. Kay will be especially involved in implementing the evaluation programme (see story on front page).



**RIGHT:** Employer-supported volunteering is a new way of supporting a charity and giving your staff more experience and training. Leading UK retailer Tesco is pleased to support the local community in this way, sending a number of staff for training. For more information, please contact Jan Alder or Melanie Rolfe on **01908 263009** or send an email to **info@safetycentre.co.uk**



# We'd like to introduce you to some rather special people!

**BELOW:** Jai-Yi Lui from Green Park Combined School, Newport Pagnell, pictured (*main picture*) with her parents, won first prize in the older category of our School Alert summer term poster competition. Chloe Hill from Priory Common First School, Bradwell, pictured (*inset*) with her parents, won in the younger category. They both won a £15 book token, plus £50 for their schools. The School Alert programme is delivered to primary schools in Milton Keynes

to help raise awareness and instill a sense of community responsibility for looking after schools. Our Schools Liaison Team offers assemblies and competitions to engage the children in this worthwhile project. For more information, please contact the Schools Liaison Team on **01908 263009** or send an email to **info@safetycentre.co.uk**

**BELOW:** New volunteers Angie and Tony Brooks and Jean Hanson-Furniss are pictured. Angie and Tony said: "We find working with the children rewarding, challenging and different every time."

The Safety Centre receives many children who have special needs and although our guides are all trained to cope with differing needs, we recently offered additional training on strategies for dealing with children who may have behavioural problems. If you feel you would be able to spare some of your time to help us, please ring Melanie Rolfe on **01908 263009** or go to **www.safetycentre.co.uk** for more information.

**LEFT:** Milton Keynes South West MP Dr Phyllis Starkey meets Spike the road safety hedgehog at the Safety Centre's successful open day in August.



**BELOW:** Safety Centre volunteers enjoy an outing to Warwick Castle – our way of thanking them for all the hard work they put in during the year.



## Course dates for next year

### JANUARY 2006

5 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

10-13 First Aid at Work  
(four-day course)

17-20 First Aid at Work  
(fully booked)

24-25 Refresher Course  
(two-day course)

30 Appointed Persons Course

### FEBRUARY

6 Appointed Persons Course

16-17 & 20-21 First Aid at Work

23-24 Refresher Course

28 Appointed Persons Course

### MARCH

6 Appointed Persons Course

9-10 Refresher Course

20 Appointed Persons Course

23-24 & 27-28 First Aid at Work

### APRIL

18 Appointed Persons Course

20-21 & 24-25 First Aid at Work

26-27 Refresher Course

28 Appointed Persons Course

### MAY

4 Appointed Persons Course

11-12 & 15-16 First Aid at Work

23-24 Refresher Course

25 Appointed Persons Course

### JUNE

1 Appointed Persons Course

8-9 & 12-13 First Aid at Work

20-21 Refresher Course

26 Appointed Persons Course

### JULY

3 Appointed Persons Course

6-7 Refresher Course

13-14 & 17-18 First Aid at Work

20 Appointed Persons Course

### AUGUST

15-18 First Aid at Work

24 Appointed Persons Course

29 Appointed Persons Course

30-31 Refresher Course

### SEPTEMBER

1 Appointed Persons Course

4-5 Refresher Course

7-8 & 11-12 First Aid at Work

15 Appointed Persons Course

### OCTOBER

3 Appointed Persons Course

5-6 Refresher Course

12-13 & 16-17 First Aid at Work

23 Appointed Persons Course

### NOVEMBER

6 Appointed Persons Course

9-10 & 13-14 First Aid at Work

21-22 Refresher Course

28 Appointed Persons Course

### DECEMBER

1 Appointed Persons Course

6-7 Refresher Course

11 Appointed Persons Course

14-15 & 18-19 First Aid at Work



## Training round-up

WE are very pleased to welcome a new trainer to our First Aid tutor team. Elizabeth Prince, *pictured above*, has many years' experience teaching First Aid.

To find out more about adult First Aid, Health & Safety and Manual Handling courses at the

Safety Centre, please contact Barbara Cherryman on **01908 263009** or email her at **info@safetycentre.co.uk**

For information about Protective Behaviours courses for adults, please get in touch with Chris Hawkins using the same contact details.

## Speed awareness courses expanded

THAMES Valley Police, in association with Drive Tech (UK), have expanded their speed awareness scheme (SAS).

Motorists caught speeding and given the option of attending a speed awareness course instead of a fixed penalty fine and three points on their licence, will now be able to attend the scheme at the Safety Centre.

Malcolm Collis of Thames Valley Police said: "It's clear from attendee feedback that the

SAS is playing a major role in changing the attitude and behaviour of drivers toward speed and speeding"

Safety Centre Chair of Trustees Peter Ballard said: "We are pleased to host the SAS. We applaud anything which enhances road safety education and this scheme fits in with our aims and objectives perfectly".

Contact Drive Tech (UK) by email at **enquiries@drivetech.co.uk** or on **01344 467881**.

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