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## Welcome to Charles Buckman, our new Trustee

THE Trustees would like to welcome Charles Buckman, who joined the Board in December 2005. Charles is the Minister in Charge of The Fathers Christian Centre and is also heavily involved with black and ethnic minority

groups in the community. He said: "It's an honour to be on the Board, as our focus is to provide safety information to children and adults to change their behaviour in order to keep safe. I find that very challenging and I am looking forward to it."

## They're back as evening guides!

THE Centre runs tours in the evenings, usually for brownies, cubs or other groups.

Pictured are some of our evening guides who have heard about the centre either through work experience or the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, or who visited with their primary school and felt they could help when they were older.

Allyson, pictured, said: "I came to help towards the completion of my Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and am still here two years later."

### Generous donation

MANY thanks to Renault UK for their generous donation to the Safety Centre of £1,000. Renault also kindly lend us a car to park in our garage scenario which allows us to deliver the in-car messages in a realistic way.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire & Rescue Service have kindly provided a car for use by Safety Centre staff.

Safety Centre Director Jan Alder said: "This will be extremely useful and cost-effective, especially for our outreach schools liaison staff."

Jan is pictured with Suzanne Davis of BFRS, who is currently on a two-year secondment to the Centre.



Clockwise from the top left: Drawings from Ben, Leia, Sam and Emma.

My favourite was the alleyway because it was dark and scary. - Ellie

I especially want to thank Peter for taking us round and trying to cope with our loud habits. - Alice

Hazard Alley was one of the best trips we have ever been on. - Bethany

The most important thing I learned was the recovery position because if someone faints or collapses you can help them. - Joshua

I enjoyed the house which caught on fire because you got to learn about a lot of things. - Nicola

My favourite part was when we went in the phone box to talk to the police. - Beth

We all really appreciate it that you gave up your time for us. - Katrina



These new versions of the Safety Centre logo were produced by Nicola (above) and Joshua (below).



Pat Serle – on secondment from the John Lewis Partnership for six months.

## Golden opportunity

THE John Lewis Partnership runs a charity which gives UK registered charities the opportunity to benefit from the skills of its workforce.

This Golden Jubilee Trust, set up in April 2000 to celebrate John Lewis' Golden Jubilee, allows members of staff to be released on full pay to

work with a charity in their area. The Safety Centre have been fortunate to have **Pat Serle** seconded for six months.

Pat will be enormously helpful as a tour guide as well as providing admin back-up when necessary.

We are extremely grateful to the John Lewis Partnership for this support.



**SIR Norman King**, pictured, has been involved with the Safety Centre since its inception.

He was Chair of the Board of Trustees for many years and now helps the Centre enormously in his

role as Honorary President.

Sir Norman said: "I am delighted to be back as part of the team and intend to undertake the tour guide training so that I may show children around the Centre from time to time."

# Just a few of the things **you** say about **us**

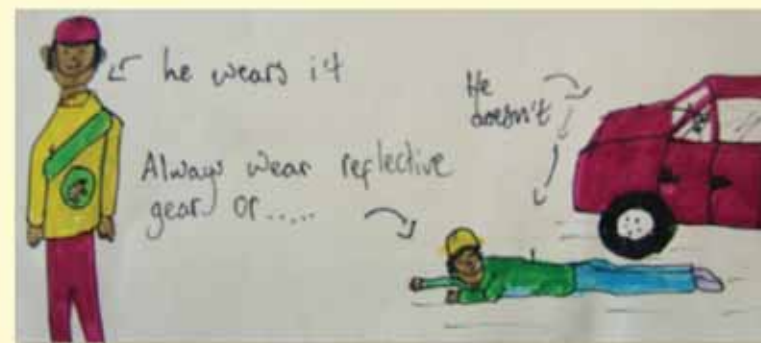
I really enjoyed my day at Hazard Alley and now feel confident that I would know what to do in an emergency. - Georgina

You taught me to think before I act and to think of safety in all I do. - Elizabeth

I'll never forget how much I screeched and jumped in surprise, not expecting a hazard to occur in some of the situations. - Rebecca

MORE than 20,000 children a year visit the Safety Centre, and many of them write to thank us afterwards.

Here is a selection of some of their letters and drawings



Above: The perils of not wearing reflective clothing, as seen through the eyes of Katrina. She also drew the sign on the right.

Below: This anti-vandalism sign was drawn by Ellie.



To help staff at Hazard Alley maintain the highest possible standards, teachers are asked to fill in evaluation forms after bringing children to the Centre. A selection of their comments will be featured in the next edition of Newsflash.



Hedgehogs and birds drawn by Alice.



## Dates for the rest of 2006

### APRIL

18 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)  
20-21 & 24-25 First Aid at Work  
(four-day course)  
26-27 Refresher Course  
(two-day 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  
10 & 17 Paediatric First Aid Course  
(two-day course)  
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  
23 & 30 Paediatric First Aid 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  
2 & 9 Paediatric First Aid Course  
6-7 Refresher Course  
11 Appointed Persons Course  
14-15 & 18-19 First Aid at Work



Course tutor Elizabeth Prince is pictured with 'baby' Annie.

## Update on courses

THE Safety Centre has been offering a 12-hour paediatric first aid course for the last two years.

This course is suitable for child-minders or people who work with pre-school children. It is run in two modules which are held on Saturdays.

The courses that are due to be

held this year are as follows:

- 10 and 17 June 2006
- 23 and 30 September 2006
- 2 and 9 December 2006

To find out more about these courses or to book a place, please contact Barbara Cherryman on **01908 263009** or email her at **info@safetycentre.co.uk**



This is the third issue of Newsflash. For information about the previous two, please visit our website at **www.safetycentre.co.uk** or ring the Safety Centre **01908 263009**.

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