



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Community Action Days in Stourport a success **DRAFT**

Partner agencies report that the Community Action Days they ran in The Walshes area of Stourport recently were a great success.

The two events, which were run from Half Crown Wood Children's Centre in Princess Way on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September, were jointly organised by Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (H&WFRS), West Mercia Police, Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership, Vestia Community Trust, Wyre Forest Community Housing and Act on Energy.

The aim was to highlight to residents which services each agency offers and how these services can be accessed, and with 283 properties visited and 199 referrals received over the two days, the Community Action Days were considered a great success.

Caroline Webster, Community Safety Advisor with H&WFRS, said: "From a Fire Service perspective, we wanted to make people more aware of fire safety in the home and we received more than 80 referrals for Home Fire Safety Checks as a result of the two day campaign.

"We will now be making follow-up appointments to visit people in their homes to offer fire safety advice specific to their household and to install smoke alarms as required. We are delighted with the outcome of this joint initiative."

Helen Dyke, Chair of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership added: "This was a successful initiative for all of the agencies involved, each one receiving a number of referrals as a result of the two days. These were regarding a range of issues, from requests for repair work to advice on how to save money on energy bills.

"The feedback from residents has also been very positive, with people appreciating the chance to have their concerns heard and acted upon."

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She passed on her thanks to all of the agencies involved with the Community Action Days, saying that it was an initiative they would look at repeating in the future.

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**NOTE: Number of referrals by agency:**

H&WFRS	83
West Mercia Police	15
Age Concern	3
Community Housing Group	27
St Bartholomew's Primary School	3
Half Crown Wood Children's Centre	14
Walshes Community Partnership	19
Act on Energy	35

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