

Health and Safety Quarterly Report for June 2011

This report provides an update on the work carried by the Health and Safety Team for April to June 2011. It is not an exhaustive list but identifies some key activities.

Investigations

A preliminary file has been sent to solicitors for consideration of findings into a firework incident where 18 people were injured.

Accident where an employee with osteoporosis fell and fractured vertebrae, full co-operation from the company and matter being dealt with.

Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice requesting an electrical report of a mini-market

David Chipperfield Entertainment Ltd. is being investigated with the HSE on the fall at height incident from a High Top circus tent (near fatality). This invokes the use of the Flexible Warrant for the 1st time in our District which demonstrates our partnership working.

Notices (8 improvement notices and 1 prohibition notice served)

Prohibition Notice served on parcel delivery company protecting the safety of customers. Other important issues were found. Works ongoing and significant improvements made regarding health and safety

Improvement Notices served on Petrol Station to make the premises safer for both staff and customers

New registration issued for Tattoo and piercing company following the lifting of a Prohibition Notice which had stopped all tattooing and piercing

We have also received and investigated 38 accident notifications.

Safety Advisory Group

The May meeting was our busiest. We are due to attend a briefing with the Police regarding a very unusual project called "Godiva Lives" which plans to have 25 cyclists joined together to transport a giant puppet structure from Coventry to London (going down the A5 through Dunstable to Luton) to coincide with the 2012 Olympics. We have provided advice to a number of events in respect of their event safety management arrangements, particularly with regards to processions on the highway. We have provided an advisory update to Town & Parish Councils on a range of topics including safety at public fireworks displays, Remembrance Day Parades and arrangements for The Royal Wedding.

The group has also recently dealt with a planned event in Old Warden where concerns were raised by a number of interested parties by communicating and liaising with those involved and affected.

Other work

Report produced for the Duty to Manage Asbestos project carried out by Herts and Beds group in which CBC took a key role in the organisation & administration of this project and the writing of the report. We carried out numerous inspections and served 6 Improvement Notices

CBC hosted a joint seminar with the HSE on managing Health and Safety where best practice and issues were discussed.

Animal Licensing

Following visit with vet to premises containing 100s of animals where poor conditions were noted in February 2011, there is ongoing monitoring to ensure the welfare of animals.

We completed the combined Zoo Licensing Renewal & Periodical Inspection process for Whipsnade Zoo and have issued them with the inspection report for their comment. We have also been approached by them with regards to setting up a Primary Authority agreement covering Zoo Licensing, Food Safety, Trading Standards and Health & Safety for both Whipsnade & London Zoos. This is in the very early stages.

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