

## **Health and Safety Quarterly Report for September 2011**

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

### **Investigations**

70 accidents have been reported to the team over this period all of which have required consideration. Incidents involving a box falling from height onto someone's head, a fork lift truck injury and a fall from height where someone broke their ankle have all been investigated.

The investigation into the firework display in Leighton Buzzard where 18 people were injured continues as does the case involving a fall from a high top circus tent at Woburn.

Concerns raised by councillors and residents about health and safety and noise in relation to a Motocross Event held in Potton required intervention.

### **Notices (8 improvement notices served)**

Improvement Notices served for dangerous electrics, trips and falls hazards, falls from height asbestos and problems with workplace transport

Further new registrations issued for tattooists, body piercers and acupuncturists.

### **Safety Advisory Group**

The group continues to be very busy the July meeting saw representatives of seven different events which are to take place in Central Bedfordshire. The group which comprises officers from across Central Bedfordshire Council and other relevant agencies such as the Police and Fire Service. All parties have an interest in ensuring that events are run safely and with minimal disruption to others and the meetings provide an opportunity for them to talk to organisers about the events, raise any concerns and offer advice to the organisers.

A meeting involving ward and parish councillors and external agencies such as the police etc. over the major highway event proposed to coincide with the Olympics called "Godiva Awakes".

## **Other work**

Officers have been carrying out inspections and revisits where necessary.

### Policies and Procedures

We have drafted an Inspection Plan for Moto a company based in Central Bedfordshire for who we act as Primary Authority for other Local Authorities to follow nationally. This will be posted on the Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) website

The H&S team are drafting a procedure on how they will deal with all accident notifications. This has been considered in line with the team's limited resources available to investigate all accident reports received. The team will adopt the same approach made by the Health and Safety Executive. The completion of the procedure will be completed once the new database for Public Protection has been launched and in line with planned changes to the accident reporting system (ICC).

## **Animal Licensing**

Currently working in partnership with Lincoln University about providing a zoo seminar for other Local Authorities

Carried out three zoo & H&S inspections. Numerous breaches of zoo and safety law including dangerous electrics were discovered. Matters are being resolved after agreement from business to make the necessary changes with support from the team.

Inspections carried out three riding establishment at two problems were found but rectified.

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