

# Honiton Risk Profile 2018/19



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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

## Overview



**This plan presents the risks in your area and the actions that Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) will take to make the community safer. Our actions are a mix of activities based on prevention, protection and emergency response, all undertaken by the people that are best suited for each activity.**

Honiton Fire Station is located on Dowell Street in Honiton, and covers the town of Honiton and part of Devon County Council. It covers an area of approximately 227.37 square kilometres and a population of 19,526 people. The station covers several council wards including: St. Pauls & St Michaels in Honiton; Gittisham; Awliscombe; Stockland; Broadhembury; amongst others.

The Watch Manager has overall responsibility for the station. The fire station houses two firefighting appliances and an Incident Command Unit. The on

call (retained duty system) section consists of twenty personnel – three Watch Managers, three Crew Managers and fourteen fire fighters. The staff are also the main asset in undertaking a range of Community Safety (CS) activities that are primarily aimed at preventing fires and deaths and injuries in fires.

The station area is home to a range of risks, including major 'A' roads into and out of the town, the M5 motorway and the main rail link between London and the South West of England. Other risks include Heathpark and Ottery Moor industrial Estates, Tesco, Homebase, Honiton Rail Tunnel, Honiton Hospital, Deer Park and Gittisham House Hotels, Adelaide House Nursing home Exeter Airport, Luppitt Common and Gittisham Common there are also two villages with a substantial number of thatched houses-Broadhembury and Gittisham. The local Authority areas served are Devon County Council and Mid and East Devon District Council.

Outside of the town, the fireground also covers an extensive area of open fields and woodland areas, which themselves can cause significant risks.

The area has a mixture of light industry and commerce, and major employers include Nu Heat, Denhay Farms, TWM Technology, Coastguard House mail order, Goonvean Fibres, Hamleys Agricultural sales and repair and also Fujitsu Communication and also includes a large rural area.

**Below are the Officers in charge of this station.**



Watch Manager Brooks  
- On call



Local Risk Manager  
Steve Purchall

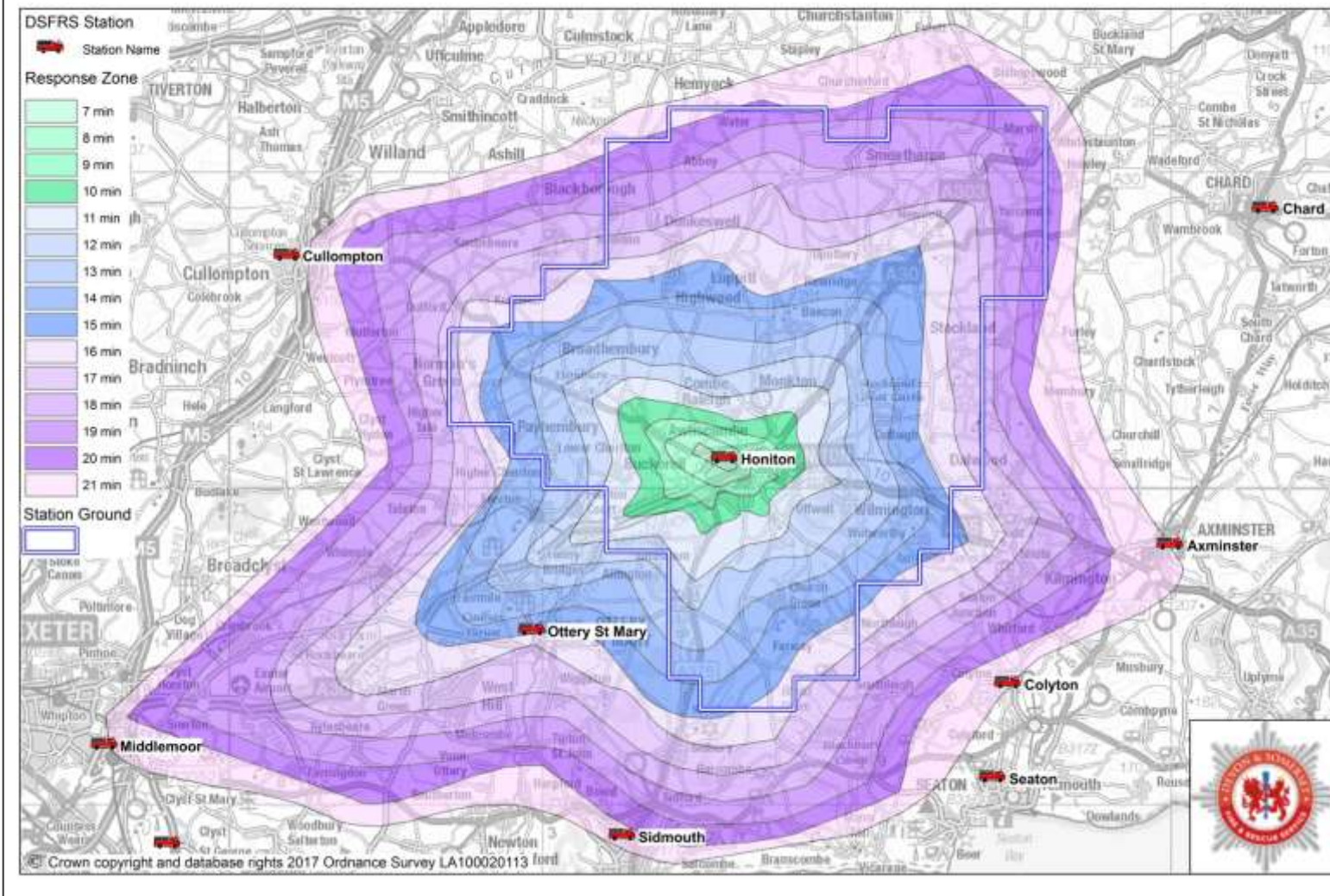
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## Our Response

Stn 40 Honiton - RDS Response Zone



The map opposite shows an estimate of how long the fire engine will take to reach residents in Honiton from the time they make the call. It will naturally take us longer to get places further away from the station.

Residents of Honiton should take the following precautions to help keep them safe from fire:

- Fit a working smoke alarm
- Take care when cooking and never leave cooking food unattended
- Plan and practise your escape route
- Make a bedtime check
- Don't overload your electrics
- Put cigarettes right out
- Use candles carefully
- Have your chimney swept regularly

### Prevention and Protection

We maintain a very simple philosophy that prevention is better than cure and we recognise that risk reduction begins with safe behaviours at home, at work, or on the road, and this leads to a safer society for all. We have developed a community safety strategy to focus our work and set our levels of resourcing where we have most risk. Using our knowledge, along with that of local organisations and partners we will target those people and properties that are more likely to be affected by fire and other emergencies, according to our risk analysis and risk profiling. The risks identified at Honiton station have been identified below, our prevention and protection work will be prioritised accordingly.

|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dwelling Fires   | Business Safety   | Road Safety   | Community Resilience  | Water Safety  | Youth Development & Community Cohesion  | Health & Wellbeing  | Heritage  |
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### Risk Key

|  |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| VERY HIGH  | HIGH  | MEDIUM  | LOW   | VERY LOW  |

## Our Incidents

The activity information for this local community area is shown in the tables below.

### Incidents attended (within station area)

| <b>Station - 40 Honiton</b>                         | <b>2012/13</b> | <b>2013/14</b> | <b>2014/15</b> | <b>2015/16</b> | <b>2016/17</b> | <b>Five Year Average</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>All Fires</b>                                    | <b>41</b>      | <b>45</b>      | <b>45</b>      | <b>39</b>      | <b>32</b>      | <b>40</b>                |
| Fires where people live (primary)                   | 7              | 8              | 9              | 7              | 11             | 8                        |
| Fires where people work and visit (primary)         | 7              | 19             | 18             | 15             | 16             | 15                       |
| Fires - outdoor and refuse fires (secondary)        | 10             | 11             | 12             | 12             | 5              | 10                       |
| Chimney Fires                                       | 17             | 7              | 6              | 5              | 0              | 7                        |
| <b>All False Alarms</b>                             | <b>49</b>      | <b>50</b>      | <b>48</b>      | <b>48</b>      | <b>43</b>      | <b>48</b>                |
| False Alarms - Automatic Fire Alarms                | 31             | 32             | 36             | 34             | 29             | 32                       |
| False Alarms - Good Intent                          | 18             | 17             | 11             | 14             | 13             | 15                       |
| False Alarms - Malicious attended                   | 0              | 1              | 1              | 0              | 1              | 1                        |
| <b>All Special Service Calls</b>                    | <b>59</b>      | <b>48</b>      | <b>59</b>      | <b>61</b>      | <b>56</b>      | <b>57</b>                |
| Co-Responding                                       | 1              | 1              | 1              | 0              | 5              | 2                        |
| Road Traffic Collisions                             | 20             | 22             | 34             | 37             | 27             | 28                       |
| Flooding & Water Rescues                            | 12             | 3              | 5              | 6              | 5              | 6                        |
| Other Special Service calls                         | 26             | 22             | 19             | 18             | 19             | 21                       |
| <b>All Incidents</b>                                | <b>149</b>     | <b>143</b>     | <b>152</b>     | <b>148</b>     | <b>131</b>     | <b>145</b>               |
| <b>All Incidents minus False alarms</b>             | <b>100</b>     | <b>93</b>      | <b>104</b>     | <b>100</b>     | <b>88</b>      | <b>97</b>                |
| <b>All Incidents minus False alarms and Co-Res.</b> | <b>99</b>      | <b>92</b>      | <b>103</b>     | <b>100</b>     | <b>83</b>      | <b>95</b>                |

### Station Availability

In the 12 months from April 2016 to March 2017 the station was able to crew the following appliances

|                               | <b>Hours Unavailable</b> | <b>% Hours Availability</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Fire Engine 1 Retained</b> | <b>74</b>                | <b>99.2%</b>                |
| <b>Fire Engine 2 Retained</b> | <b>3130.75</b>           | <b>64.3%</b>                |

**Station Response Activity:**

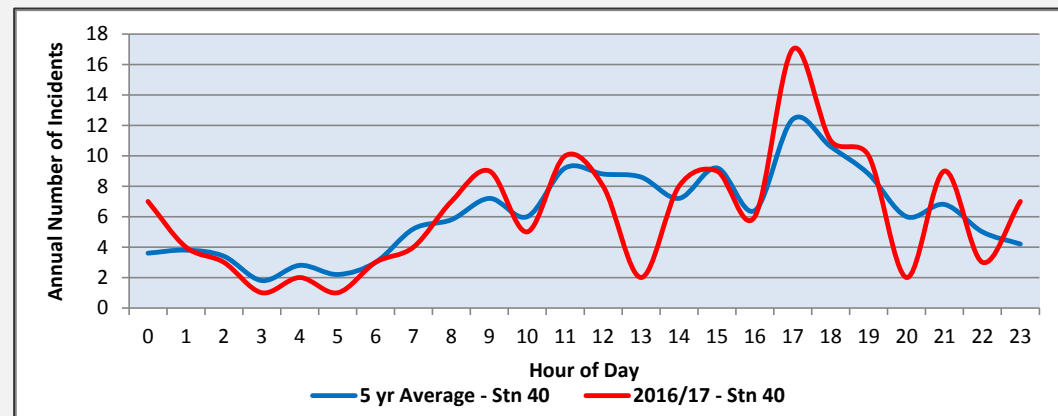
The table below shows the number of times the local fire station was called out (which may or may not have resulted in attending an incident). It also shows the number percentage of calls on and off the station ground.

| Station - 40 Honiton                             | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 5 year average |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Total Turnouts                                   | 243     | 266     | 230     | 241     | 221     | <b>240</b>     |
| Turnouts to incidents on Station Ground          | 204     | 198     | 174     | 198     | 176     | <b>190</b>     |
| % of Turnouts to Incidents on Station Ground     | 84.0%   | 74.4%   | 75.7%   | 82.2%   | 79.6%   | <b>79.1%</b>   |
| % of Turnouts to incidents not on Station Ground | 16.0%   | 25.6%   | 24.3%   | 17.8%   | 20.4%   | <b>20.9%</b>   |

**Station Demand 2012/13 - 2016/17\***

The graphs below demonstrate the peak demand on the station in terms of time of the day and month of the year. (\*Incidents in station area, not including false alarms or co-responding)

**Hour of the day**



**Month of the year**

