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Bracknell's First 'Hot Streets' Event Is A Blazing Success

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) joined forces with Thames Valley Police to host a successful 'Hot Streets' community safety event in Underwood last Saturday (8 September). The aim of the event was to raise residents' awareness of home safety issues and to give advice about how to prevent fires and crime in the home. This was the first 'Hot Streets' event to be held in the Bracknell area.

Firefighters from Blue Watch at Bracknell fire station and RBFRS community safety staff were kept busy all day carrying out Home Fire Safety Checks - a free service that takes place in people's own homes. During a Home Fire Safety Check, firefighters carry out a fire risk assessment, give advice on making fire escape plans, and install free smoke alarms where necessary.

A total of 25 Home Fire Safety Checks were completed on the day with another 15 bookings taken for future dates. In addition, Thames Valley Police crime reduction officers and Neighbourhood Watch representatives gave security advice to residents to help them safeguard their homes.

Julie Isaacs, Community Safety Co-ordinator for East Berkshire, said: "We're delighted that the event was so successful and that we were able to provide such a large number of Home Fire Safety Checks. Feedback from Underwood residents has been excellent and we're aiming to hold more Hot Streets events in the Bracknell area in the near future."

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Note to Editors:

A photo is available on request.