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Festive Fire Safety Advice At Chaddleworth Christmas Fair

The villagers of Chaddleworth will have an extra reason to visit the Christmas Fair this year, as Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service will be on hand to advise visitors how they can reduce the risk of fire over the festive period.

Visitors to the fair, which takes place on Sunday 25 November, will also be able to request a free Home Fire Safety Check. This is a free service that takes place in people's own homes and provides fire safety checks, advice on making an escape plan and the installation of free smoke alarms where necessary.

Pete Boardman, Group Manager for Community Safety, said: "Christmas is a great time of year but it is traditionally a busy one for the fire service. You may have friends or relatives staying with you, spend more time cooking than usual and use candles or fairy lights to decorate your home. As a result, all the every day hazards increase and fires can start all too easily.

"However, taking a few simple precautions can reduce the risk and ensure that everyone has a safe and happy Christmas. We will be asking visitors to the fair to make sure their smoke alarms are in good working order and reminding them to switch off their Christmas tree lights before they go out or go to bed. We will also be reminding people not to leave candles or cooking unattended and to make sure that any friends or family staying with them know what to do in the event of a fire breaking out."

RBFRS is currently working with volunteers in West Berkshire, who are helping to spread the fire safety message within their own communities. The volunteers make sure that those most in need are aware of the various services on offer, including Home Fire Safety Checks. RBFRS is looking to recruit more volunteers across West Berkshire, so if you are interested in getting involved, please contact the West Berkshire volunteers centre in Newbury on 01635 49004 or speak to RBFRS staff at the Christmas Fair.

For more fire safety advice, log on to www.rbfrs.co.uk.

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