



South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

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South Wales Fire and Rescue Partnership/Intelligence Approach-Fire Crime

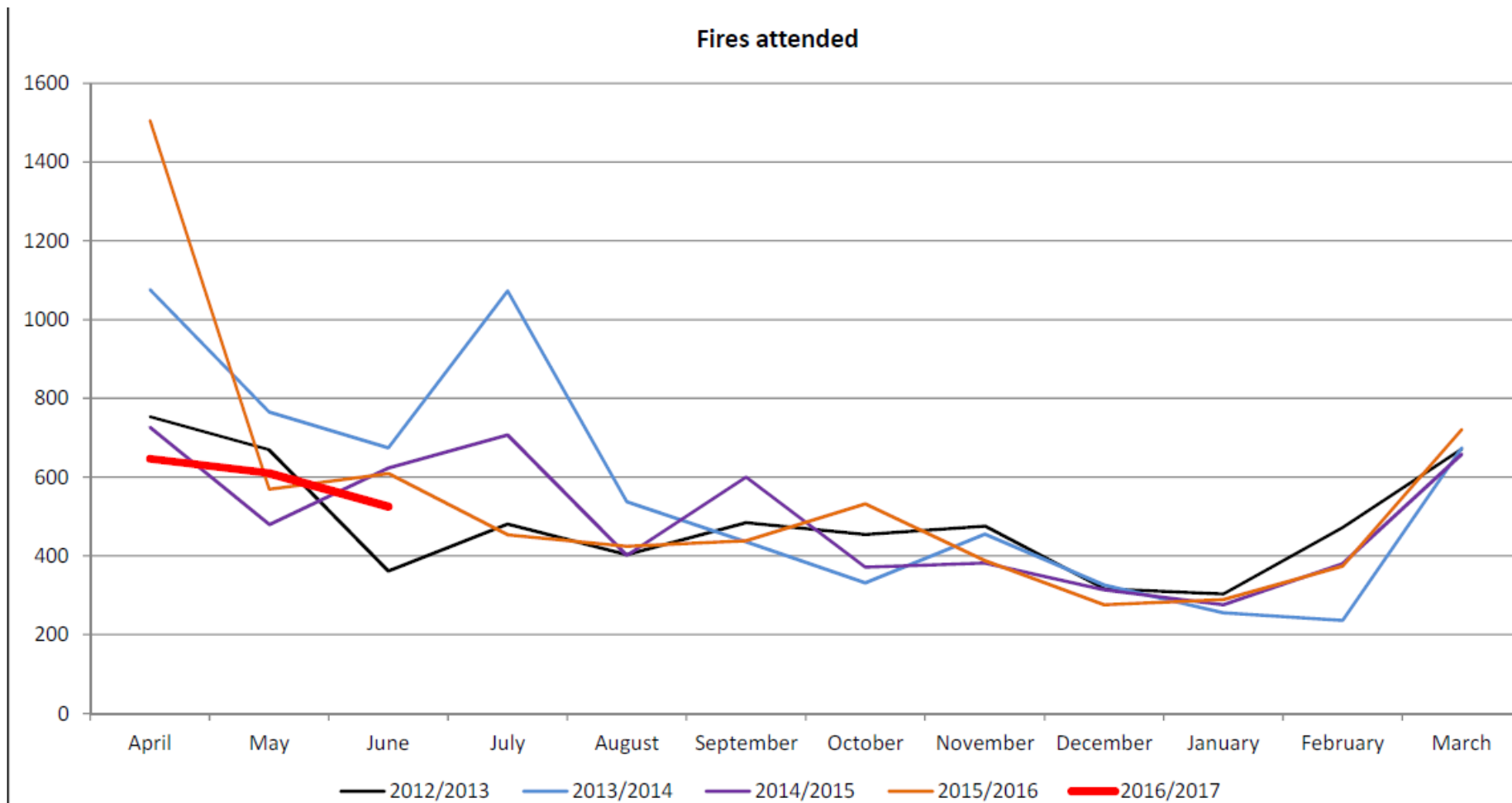
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The Facts about Fire Safety and Crime

- Total Fires reported 2015-16 6578 ,
- Around 75 % of all these fires are classed as deliberate by SWFRS (predominantly grass/refuse- 'secondary fires'
- SWFRS has one of the highest deliberate fires rates in England and Wales
- **Economic cost of arson across Wales is est £160 million per annum**



2012-Date Comparisons- All fires



Position by volumes				Unitary Authority	Total Fires				% Total Oct
Oct	Sept	Aug	July		Oct	Sept	Aug	July	
1	1	1	1	Newport	83	58	85	56	21.1%
2	2	2	2	Cardiff	72	48	66	46	18.3%
3	3	3	4	Caerphilly	52	43	60	28	13.2%
3	4	4	3	RCT	52	31	44	37	13.2%
6	5	5	6	Torfaen	26	27	33	20	6.6%
4	6	6	5	Blaenau Gwent	37	21	23	30	9.4%
8	7	7	8	Vale of Glam	14	20	22	17	3.6%
5	8	8	9	Bridgend	27	15	18	14	6.9%
7	9	9	6	Merthyr	22	10	15	20	5.6%
9	10	10	10	Monmouth	8	1	11	7	2%

Fire Crime Inspector Role

- Liaison with South Wales Police and Gwent Police Forces
- Build links between orgs , share best practise, investigations
- Proactive in identifying trends and crime patterns, data management
- Identify problem profiles- 'SARA' , PAT
- Working in Partnership, 115 Partnership meetings info share
- Advise and work on strategic (short, medium ,long term goals) , tactical (e.g. explore ,crime reduction options, Intel CCTV,) and operational response (Patrols, Days of Action with Fire Crime practitioners)

Context -Statutory duties and Strategies

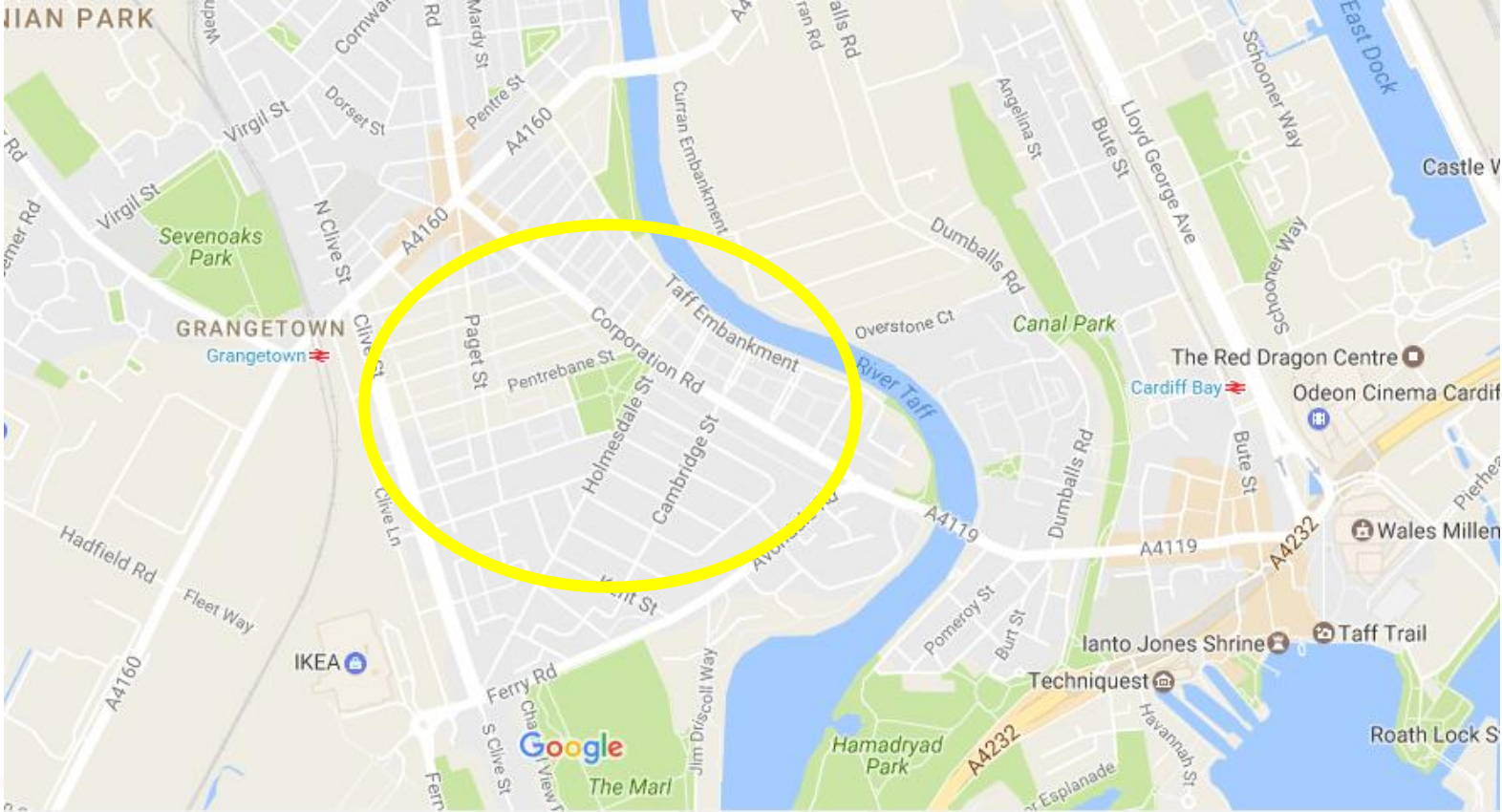
- **SWFRS Vision- *Make South Wales Safer by Reducing Risk***
- **Well being of Future Generations(Wales) Act 2015**
- **All Wales Arson Reduction Strategy –'WARS'**
- **Joint Arson Reduction Group – J. A.G**
- **Crime-stoppers Wales Link**



QUALITY OF LIFE MULTI AGENCIES MEETING



Case Study 1- Grange Gardens, Grangetown, Cardiff



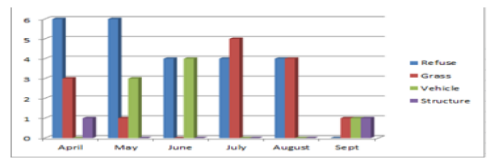
Grange Gardens -Grangetown

- **Problem profile**, Oct- Dec 11th 2016' 39 recorded deliberate fires at park location mainly , -refuse, ,property within park, Fireworks thrown etc
- **Strategy** – youth engagement, park closure, patrols, park lighting ,environmental audit ,furniture in park moved , Partnership meetings x3 police ASB , 'Waymarker'
- **Solutions**-Fire Crime Patrols, Neighbourhood team patrols, community engagement all successful and environment changes
- **Key partners**, active partners, community leaders, ASB coordinators for Cardiff CC, SWFRS ,SWP, Cardiff City Youth Academy, Youth Services, Local residents group
- **Outcomes** – No calls to any deliberate fire since 13th December at location

Case Study 2- Chaffinch Way, Duffryn, Newport



Data April- Sept 16 Tredegar Park Ward



	Refuse	Grass	Vehicle	Structure
April	6	3	0	1
May	6	1	3	0
June	4	0	4	0
July	4	5	0	0
August	4	4	0	0
Sept	0	1	1	1
Totals	24	14	8	2

Chaffinch Way Duffryn

- **Problem profile-** Persistent High Deliberate fire area, in woods, cars burnt out and refuse fires.. Average 7 a month in this location
- **Strategy** – Raise problem profile with key local partners , drive activity , improve info flow and intelligence, architectural changes and youth engagement , hot spot status
- **Solutions-** Patrol plans police/Fire, agenda One Newport meetings .
- Separate site visits 6th Oct and problem solving. Refuse clear ups, Cars removed from woods ,architectural changes. Undertaken by mid Nov.
- **Key Partners**, Police, Fire, Communities First (PSB) , Youth Services Via Comm First and SWFRS, NCC Waste Management and Comm Safety , NCH, NRW. (Work ongoing)
- **Outcomes-** only two fires over following six weeks

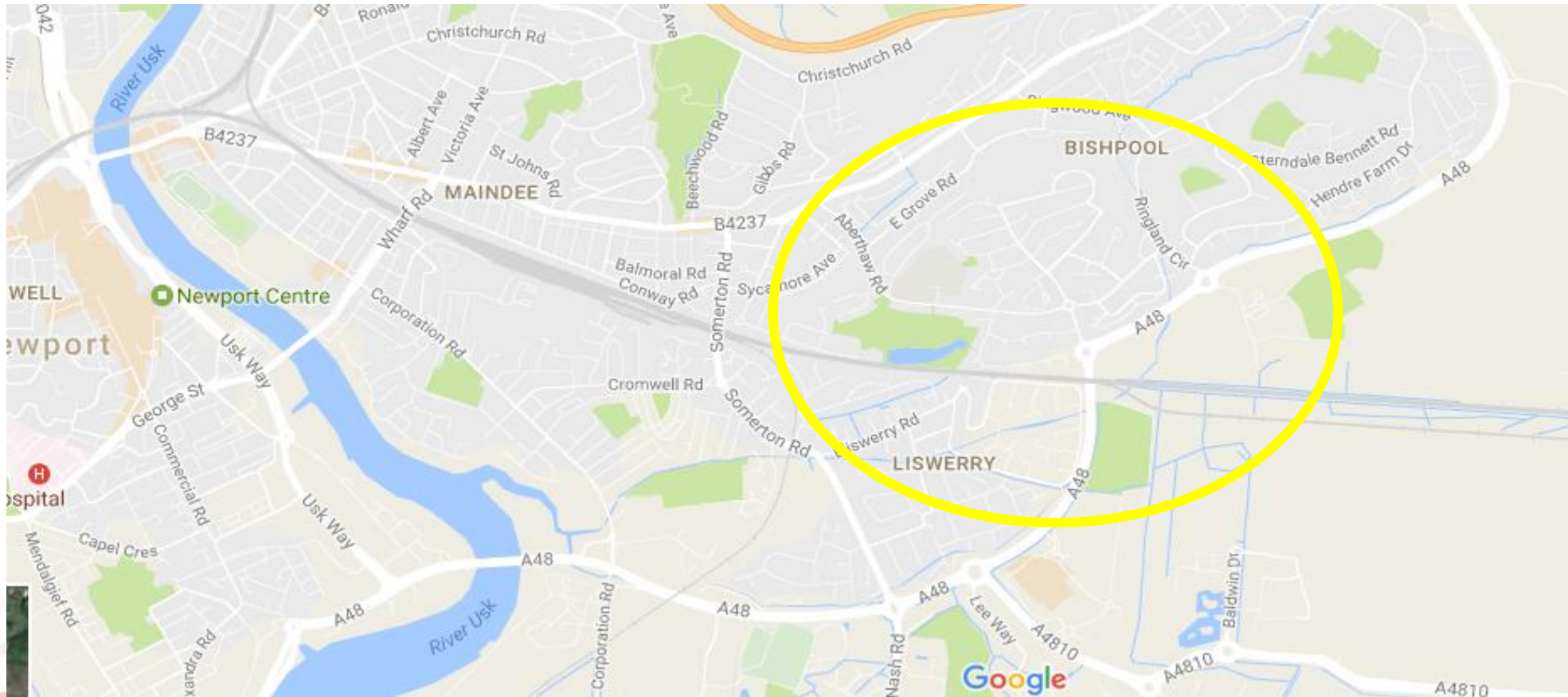
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Duffryn Chaffinch Way Clear ups /Reduction strategy



Case Study 3- Liswerry/Alway/Ringland- Newport EAST

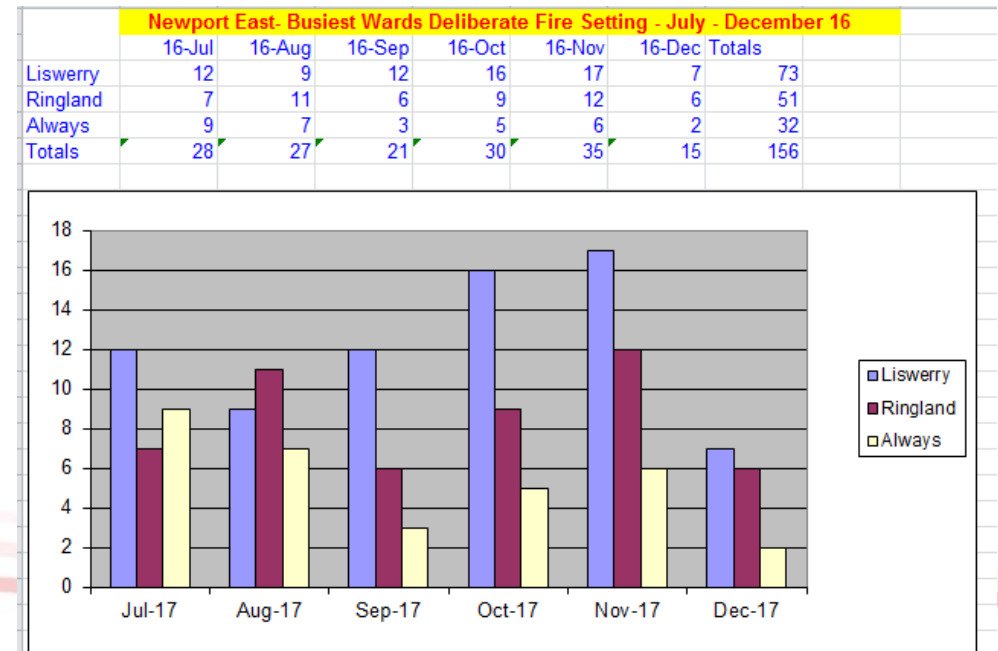


Liswerry, Alway, Ringland



Newport East Activity

- **Problem profile**, Largest volumes in SWFRS area refuse/wheelie bins etc
- **Strategy** –Site visit establish causes and scales , refuse fires , community engagement , reporting
- **Solutions**- Days of Action x3 -Wed 19th October ,20th October and Friday 4th November to conduct visual audit, educate, work in partnership ,waste removal and public engagement . Youth engagement , liaise with social landlords re refuse
- **Key partners** – NCC waste management and community Safety ASB officers, SWFRS, NCH, Gwent Police ,Newport East NPT , Trading Standards , Comm Safety (One Newport) engagement
- **Outcomes** –Focus on Refuse collection/education ,
- Community engagement and positive feedback, reassurance , drops in December figs , more activity planned



End Questions ?

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