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Open day on 28 July

THIS year's Safety Centre open day takes place on Sunday 28 July from 10am to 4pm.

Have a look around our mini town, featuring 12 interactive filmset-style scenarios, in perfect safety. See if you can identify some of the everyday hazards.

Entry is free, and a number of attractions and displays are being arranged.

There will also be refreshments and the chance to talk to staff and volunteers about our work.



Anthony Stansfeld, the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, is pictured meeting Director Jan Alder and Peter Ballard, Chair of Trustees, during a recent visit to the

Safety Centre. Mr Stansfeld said: "I was most impressed by the Safety Centre and the work they do. It is a hugely useful tool to educate children in keeping safe and crime prevention."

Quality assured



The Government has firmly endorsed the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge by citing it in the new Health and Safety guidelines covering educational visits. The Safety Centre is a holder of this accreditation.

There's never been a better time to visit us!

THE Safety Centre is pleased to bring three pieces of good news to schools and other organisations who are planning to visit us.

1 Headteachers in Milton Keynes have chosen to support the Safety Centre, allowing us to offer reduced costs to Milton Keynes Council-maintained schools for the next two years. To secure your booking, ring **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk** for further details.

2 Help is available for schools with disadvantaged children. We will continue to assist where possible through the Safety Centre Bursary. See the 'Book A Visit' section of our website (**www.safetycentre.co.uk**) for an application form.

3 The Safety Centre Trustees have decided to make an offer of half price to any school for their first visit to the Safety Centre.

The full cost is currently £8.70 per child, which includes VAT.

Thanks for supporting the Safety Centre



THE Safety Centre is able to improve and adapt thanks to kind donations and the work of its sponsors.

■ Thanks to BT for updating our phone box, pictured left. Making an emergency call, even for an adult, can be daunting. Here at Hazard Alley we give children the opportunity to practise this vital skill.

■ Thanks to the Gas Safe Charity for its donation. The Safety Centre will be delivering classroom-based gas safety lessons teaching children how to understand the dangers of misusing gas appliances in the home, which might give off carbon monoxide, and how to prevent this happening and what to do in an emergency

■ Thanks also to St Peter and St

Paul Masonic Lodge in Newport Pagnell for their kind donation. We are most grateful that they chose the Safety Centre as a worthy cause.

The Safety Centre is always pleased to hear from companies who

would be interested in:

- Having the company linked with a relevant safety scenario.
- Renting a 'shop window' in which you could display your products.
- Seconding staff or allowing them to volunteer as tour guides. This could be an ideal way to help staff develop and improve



communication and presentation skills, to the benefit of your business.

Please contact Jan Alder on **01908 263009** to discuss ways in which we can work together.

The special effects that are designed to shock!

THE shocking power of electricity is being demonstrated to children at the Safety Centre, thanks to a donation from Western Power Distribution.

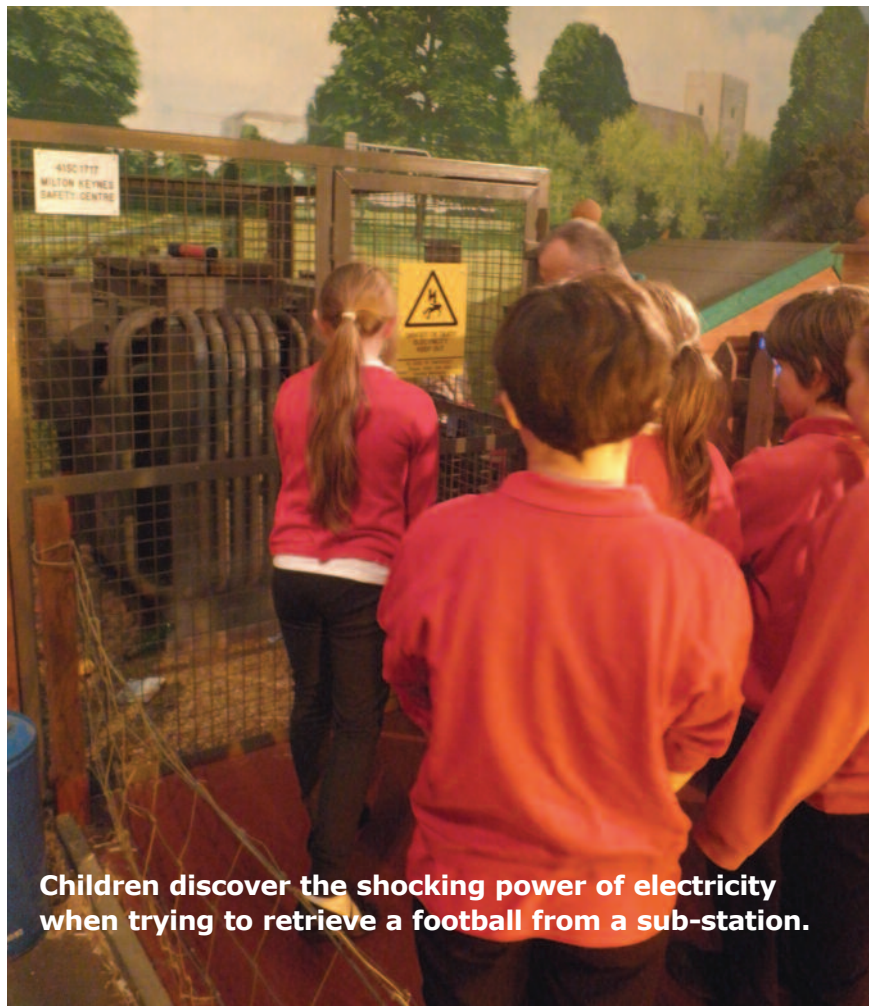
The special effects, which have been added to the sub-station scenario, cost almost £2,000 to install.

Jan Alder, Safety Centre Director, said: "We were very keen to offer the children a more realistic experience. The reactions from the children since the new effects were installed have been fantastic – they are truly shocked by the power of electricity."



Jocelyn Honeywood, Education Liaison Officer for Western Power Distribution Midlands, said: "Safety is our number one priority. Safety centres like Hazard Alley help us spread the word about the dangers of electricity to thousands of children every year."

Western Power Distribution also support other safety centres across the Midlands, South Wales and the South West.



Children discover the shocking power of electricity when trying to retrieve a football from a sub-station.

We love feedback!

"Our children absolutely loved it, and want to come back again! I've had some brilliant feedback from parents, saying what an excellent, educational, fun trip it was! We will definitely be back next year. I will also recommend you to other holiday clubs in the area."

"I wanted to write and say a massive "Thank You" from 2nd Shenley Brownies for our visit to the Safety Centre. The girls had a brilliant time, and definitely learnt a lot. The guides were fantastic with the girls - it's a real testament to them that despite many of the girls having been to the Centre previously with their schools, the guides were able to keep their interest and provoke some deep thinking from the Brownies."

Sheriff's award

SAFETY Centre guides are pictured with the County Citizenship Award presented by Jack Sapsworth MBE, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, "in recognition of great and valuable services to the community". Every year, about 4,000 of our 19,000 visitors come from Bedfordshire.



Anti-bullying charity pays for another seven visits

THE Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation has funded another seven schools to visit the Safety Centre and receive classroom-based sessions on bullying, including cyber bullying.

It's the world's first foundation dedicated to raising awareness of the long-term, damaging effects of bullying, and funding those doing real-world work to stand up to it and stop it.

The Safety Centre promotes strategies to help children deal with bullying alongside many other safety messages.

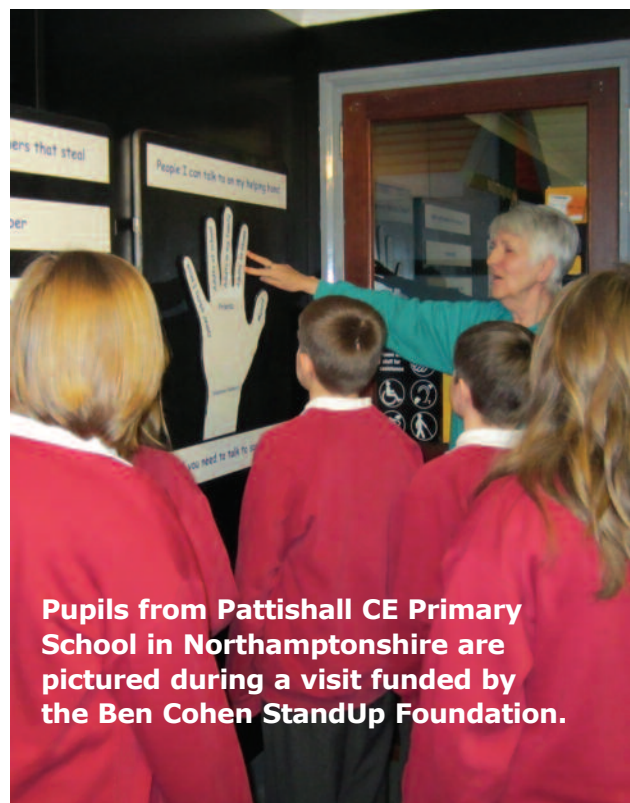
One of its scenarios is dedicated to chat-room safety, and our school liaison staff



deliver classroom sessions which cover this and many other aspects including cyber bullying, social networking and gaming.

Sessions for teachers on cyber bullying and sessions for parents on all aspects of keeping your child safe online are also available.

For more information on internet safety sessions, contact Val Hall or Maggie Foan on **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk**



Pupils from Pattishall CE Primary School in Northamptonshire are pictured during a visit funded by the Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation.

Course dates to October 2013

MARCH 2013

- 6, 7, 8** First Aid at Work
(three-day course)
12 Emergency First Aid at Work
(one-day course)
14-15 Paediatric First Aid
(two-day course)
21-22 First Aid at Work
(two-day course)
27 Annual Refresher
(three-hour course)

APRIL 2013

- 10, 11, 12** First Aid at Work
18 Emergency First Aid at Work
23-24 First Aid at Work
29 Annual Refresher

MAY 2013

- 7** Emergency First Aid at Work
8, 9, 10 First Aid at Work
15 Annual Refresher
16-17 Paediatric First Aid
21-22 First Aid at Work

JUNE 2013

- 13-14** First Aid at Work
19 Emergency First Aid at Work
24 Annual Refresher
26, 27, 28 First Aid at Work

JULY 2013

- 2** Emergency First Aid at Work
4-5 Paediatric First Aid
10-11 First Aid at Work
12 Annual Refresher
17, 18, 19 First Aid at Work

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 5** Emergency First Aid at Work
10-11 Paediatric First Aid
12-13 First Aid at Work
18, 19, 20 First Aid at Work
26 Annual Refresher

OCTOBER 2013

- 3-4** First Aid at Work
9 Emergency First Aid at Work
14, 15, 16 First Aid at Work
21 Annual Refresher



Children are pictured learning about the recovery position during a visit to the Safety Centre.

First aid courses at the Safety Centre

AS part of their two-hour tour of the Safety Centre, children learn how to put someone into the recovery position.

They learn how to keep themselves safe and then to call for help and contact the emergency services.

Teachers – if you would like a more in-depth first aid session for your children, we could deliver a classroom session at your school.

We can also cater for staff training on your site or on our premises (see panel on left for courses held at the Safety Centre).

Bespoke sessions can also be arranged for parents, grandparents and carers who may wish to update their knowledge on the basics. Just ring **01908 263009**.

What they say

“Thank you for making a serious course easy to understand and retain. I feel very enabled ... delivery fabulous.”

“Thank you very much for giving me confidence and belief in myself to be able to deal with first aid situations if needed.”

“I have been on a few first aid courses over the years and this one was the best.”

The Safety Centre also offers accredited first aid courses for adults – dates are in the panel on the left.

For more information, visit **www.firstaid.safetycentre.co.uk**



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