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Pictured left to right: Woody Paul, Fizz Thompson, Russell Martin, Neil Odin

ExxonMobil gives a rapid response

If you see a Vauxhall Corsa with blue flashing lights and sirens in the local area, it could be the Waterside's new, fully-equipped Co-Responder Emergency Response Vehicle. This has been purchased with a donation of £15,000 from the Fawley site. The vehicle was formally presented to the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) in October.

The new vehicle, which will be based at Hardley fire station, has a full medical kit (including a defibrillator, oxygen cylinders and monitoring equipment). It will be staffed by HFRS Co-Responders and will respond to 999 emergency calls for the ambulance service. The Co-Responder scheme was developed to allow specially trained fire fighters to attend appropriate medical emergencies and provide treatment until an emergency ambulance arrives. SCAS provides the Co-Responders with training in basic life-saving skills and the use of semi-automatic defibrillators and oxygen.

A helping hand

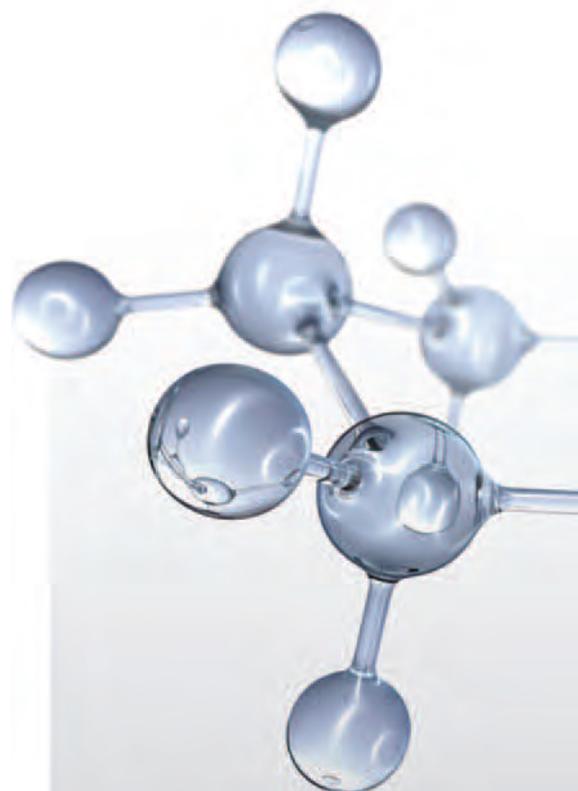
Chemicals Development Engineer, Russell Martin, will be one of the Co-Responders driving the vehicle. Russell was responsible for initiating ExxonMobil's support for the project, when he approached the company with the idea to buy the new vehicle.

Woody Paul, ExxonMobil Chemical Site Manager, said: "I am delighted we have been able to provide this vehicle for our local Waterside community. The fact that one of the volunteer Community Co-Responders, who will be driving it, actually works at Fawley makes this donation even more appropriate."

Fizz Thompson, Director of Patient Care at SCAS, responded: "This very generous donation from ExxonMobil will provide us with a dedicated resource which benefits the people of the Waterside."

Neil Odin, Assistant Chief Officer, was the representative from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. Adrian Butt, Station Manager added: The generous contribution received from ExxonMobil reflects the commitment from the community to see the scheme grow in stature.

COMMUNITY MATTERS



**WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER 2012
EDITION OF COMMUNITY MATTERS.**

**If you would like to know more about us
or have any queries, please ring 023 8089 2511
and ask for Community Affairs**

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The pipes are stilled!

This year, the retirement of a 'grand old lady' of the refinery was announced. Pipestill 2 (PS2) is due to be shut down after over 60 years of loyal service.

Pipestills are used in the primary distillation processes during the refining of crude oil. PS2 and its sister unit, PS1, started up in 1951. Those were halcyon days, with the old ocean liners visiting Southampton Port and import cargos at their highest levels since the end of the war. The pipestills helped to produce fuel oil and bunker fuels, primarily for the port.

In the late 1950s, a vacuum section was added to PS2. During this period, it primarily processed crude oil from Libya.

The 1960s saw the introduction of a new IBM computer and the construction of a new control room. During the 1970s, a desalter and new vacuum condensers were added to PS2. New studded tubes helped to boost the efficiency of the furnace. In the 1990s, various changes were made to increase the unit's capacity.

Brian Falconer has enjoyed a long association with PS2. He recalls: During my 30 years on the Pipestill, I've been involved in every event since about 1986. Whenever I answered the phone, I would say: 'Premier Pipestills, how can we help?' They will always be the Premier Pipestills to me!"

Another person with a long association with PS2 is Alan Wickers. He says: "Some people look back on Pipestill 2 and remember the more testing times. But I mostly remember the great sense of being part of a family."



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Pictured above: Brian Falconer and Alan Wickers on Pipestill 2.

Cat Cracker shutdown

Many local residents have been notified that the refinery has shut down its catalytic cracking unit (the 'Cat Cracker') for a few weeks for scheduled maintenance. This work is expected to continue until mid-November.

The planned maintenance activity is critical to the safety and reliability of the site's operations. These events are planned very carefully, but unfortunately some aspects of the activity need to take place around the clock. The increased activity on site may also lead to an increase in traffic around the refinery. The background noise might be different from usual, but we will be monitoring it and ensuring that any additional noise is minimised. As usual, we will take all practical measures to limit any inconvenience to our neighbours.

However, if you have any questions or concerns, please call Esso on: 023 8089 2511 (24 hours).



A bird's eye view of the Cat Cracker at the beginning of the six-week planned shutdown

Esso apprenticeship scheme

2012 has been another great year for the Fawley's Maintenance Apprenticeship Scheme. Five apprentices have taken up permanent positions this year. A further ten have been offered extended contracts.

In January, two very busy Open Evenings were held at the Waterside Sports and Social Club. During the year, the apprenticeship stand has also been seen at many other local careers events, including the annual Skills Festival at the Southampton Cruise Terminal.

The Esso Apprenticeship scheme is proving increasingly popular; this year, the refinery received some 470 applications. Applicants who met the criteria had an aptitude test at Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA). Following this, over 40 candidates were invited to an assessment centre. This assessed their skills more thoroughly through an interview, a practical task and a team-building task. Ten candidates were successful and began their three-year apprenticeship in September.

Maintenance Apprenticeship Supervisor, Lucinda Ingram, says: "Apprenticeships have become more fashionable again over the last few years. As a result, the number of applications has increased and the calibre of candidates has improved."

Outstanding apprentices

The Esso apprentices swept the board at this year's annual SETA awards. Matthew Jenkinson won Best Electrical Apprentice and Lewis Bacon was Highly Commended; Tom Lyth won Best Metal Trades Apprentice and Lewis Atkey was Highly Commended; Matthew Jenkinson and Callum Dawkins won Best Project Team; and Matt Burvill won the Highly Commended Award for the Stainer Prize for Apprentice of the Year. This was an outstanding achievement by all of them.



Thirteen apprentices have now moved into their final year, having achieved their BTEC qualification and having completed (or nearly completed) their NVQ Level 3 award. This is a great credit to them, as the standard increases every year.

The Apprenticeship Scheme continues to evolve, and Fawley remains both the largest local employer to offer internships and the company that offers the most apprenticeships locally.

The 2013 Open Evenings will be held on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th January at the Waterside Sports and Social Club. Further details will be posted on the website: (www.exxonmobil.com/ukrecruitment)

Day of Caring

Every year for the last seven years, the refinery has organised a 'Day of Caring' in which employees give up a working day to help with projects in the local community.

This year, almost 70 people (ranging from trainees to senior managers) took part in four projects in early September. Each project took place over a full working day, with the exception of one project, at Oak Lodge School, which was a massive two-day project, involving over 25 people.

This year's projects included:

Fawley Church: The church's outbuildings were cleared and the existing roof was removed and replaced. The volunteers also used gravel to re-grade the pathway from the car park to the church and laid down wooden edging.

Lepe Country Park: This was the most physically demanding project. The team re-graded the main track to improve access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility vehicles. Some 30 tonnes of gravel were laid, using only shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes.

Wildground Junior School: Wildground is one of the Fawley sites' Link Schools. The helpers worked in two areas: they cleared the pond so that children could make use of the area, and also painted the nurture room blue, with a rainbow of handprints to brighten up the room.

Oak Lodge School: The school is for children with special needs. The volunteers were asked to improve wheelchair access to the garden to allow the children to get involved in outdoor activities. The team created a ramp leading up to the flowerbeds, which they had raised. The existing polytunnel was replaced and the entire area cleared of weeds and new shingle laid. Another team repaired equipment in the play area, treated all of the wood and painted the metal work, as well as laying new bark to freshen up the area.

Thanks must go to our contractors; Trant provided valuable guidance, sourced materials at a discounted rate, and even contributed two members of staff to help with some of the more skilled work. Speedy Hire generously provided wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels, which were donated to Oak Lodge for use in their garden when the project was completed.



Thank you to all involved in making this year's Day of Caring a massive success.

Come visit us!

Ever wondered how many barrels of oil are processed at Fawley each day? Do you know how many tonnes of chemical products are produced at the refinery annually? Or perhaps you're curious to find out how many ships visit our marine terminal each year?

If you want to learn more, join us on one of our award winning refinery tours.

Visitors must be 16 and over, and up to three people may attend per household. All visitors must bring either a **valid photographic driving licence** or a **passport** with them.

To comply with security regulations, this information may be subject to external verification. If you don't have a valid passport or a photographic driver's licence, please contact Lois on 023 8089 6133.



Guests visiting Fawley Refinery on the community tour. Photo credit: Ian Jackson.

Each visit starts with an introductory talk about the refinery in which Dave Dando, a former head of the Environment Group at Fawley, will talk about how the refinery works, and answer your questions.

The talk is followed by a coach tour of the site (please note that visitors aren't allowed to leave the coach during the tour). All tours take place on weekdays, between 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

If you would like to join one, email **christina.riddell@exxonmobil.com** or send the application form at the bottom of this page to: Christina Riddell, Community Affairs, Esso Refinery, Fawley, Southampton, SO45 1TX, giving your full name and address. We will then post an application form to you. **Individuals and groups are welcome!**



Send an application form to

Full name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

Objective in visiting Fawley Refinery:

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Does anyone in your party have mobility problems?

Do you have a photo passport or driving licence? Yes No

For office use only

The visit will consist of an introductory talk followed by a coach tour of the site. Visitors will not be permitted to get off the coach at any time during the visit. Security searches may occur through bag searches therefore it is recommended that visitors do not bring bags on the tour with them. Only person(s) names on the letter of confirmation will be able to attend the tour. ID, in the form of a valid passport or driving licence, will need to be produced in order to gain entry into the site.

