

# **SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03**

## **Local Committee for Mole Valley 24 September 2003**

### **KEY ISSUE:**

This report updates the Local Committee on the strategic context, local activity and performance monitoring information for Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.

### **SUMMARY:**

To achieve its aim in reducing fires, fire deaths and related injuries the Service is employing a number of strategies and initiatives that aim to educate the community in preventing the causes of fire and actions to take in case of one. These initiatives stem from both national and local sources.

This report sets out performance information for 2002/03 which indicates that the District generally had a low incidence of fire and fire related injuries and deaths.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Local Committee in Mole Valley should

- (i) Note the service performance in Mole Valley
- (ii) Consider a request for £4250 local funding for three initiatives to enhance community safety initiatives in the District.

## **1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

To achieve its aim in reducing fires, fire deaths and related injuries the Service is employing a number of strategies and initiatives that aim to educate the community in preventing the causes of fire and actions to take in case of one. These initiatives stem from both national and local sources.

These initiatives cover:

- Youth education through school visits,
- Provision of Early Years Activity Boxes to nursery groups,
- Junior Citizens Scheme,
- Firewise Programme,
- Home Fire Safety Risk Assessments,
- Provision and fitting of smoke alarms,
- Multi-agency working in reducing the dumping/abandoning and 'torching' of vehicles.
- Multi-agency working in reducing the number of road traffic accidents (RTAs).
- Reduction of unwanted alarms (AFAs).

Members will be only too aware of the tragic events that occurred in Mole Valley during this year. Incidents such as this serve to highlight the continued need for quality targeted fire safety campaigns.

The Service is moving into a period of change following industrial action. The creation of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) has the potential to release central resources into incident prevention. There is a clear incentive to create a better balance within the prevention, protection and intervention roles of Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. It is hoped that a combination of central resources combined with additional Area Committee resources will provide the basis for safer communities within Mole Valley.

## **2. LOCAL ACTION**

- The Mole Valley Housing strategy 2002 identified 3 key areas of relative deprivation. The availability of Census 2001 and its breakdown into ward areas will allow better targeting of vulnerable groups within these areas and the community in general.
- The Service will target its resources in these areas. Therefore a program of Home Fire Risk Assessments will be undertaken in Leatherhead North, Leatherhead South and North Holmwood. This will enable fire safety advice to be given and an assessment of need for the provision of smoke detectors to those homes visited.
- The Service, through its Mole Valley officers, seeks local funding to enhance community safety initiatives for the district.

1. Purchase domestic smoke detectors and the equipment with which to fit them.

Approximate costs:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| • 200 x '10 year' smoke detectors | @ £10 each | £2000 |
| • 2 x cordless drill              | @ £100     | £200  |
| • 2 x pipe detectors              | @ £25      | £50   |

Total **£2250**

If this cost is shared it will equate to **£392** per member.

2. The Service seeks funding for the training and equipment for a 'Firewise' advisor for the Mole Valley area from the committee at a cost of **£1000**.

The advisor will be a member of the Service and as such employment costs will be borne by Surrey Fire and Rescue.

If this cost is shared it will equate to **£167** per member.

3. The Service seeks funding to provide 10 Early Years Learning Boxes to be used in pre-school establishments within the Mole Valley area.

Costs: 10 EY Nursery Boxes @£100 each £1000

If this cost is shared it will equate to **£167** per member.

**Total costs to support all initiatives will be £4250 or £708 per member.**

- A funding stream has been identified to address the issue of abandoned vehicles and their removal throughout the County. We hope the scheme currently running in Mole Valley will support the County network.

### **3. PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The attached Best Value Indicators (BVI's) quoted cover the Mole Valley area for the year ended 2002/03. The wholetime stations at Dorking and Leatherhead provide fire cover for Mole Valley. Attached charts help to illustrate the performance of Mole Valley against other District Councils and the Surrey and the National averages.

- 3.1 **142i** - Number of calls to fire attended: - total calls (excluding false alarms) per 10,000 population.  
Total for Mole Valley – **271**.
- 3.2 **142ii** - Number of calls to fire attended: - primary fires per 10,000 population.  
Total for Mole Valley – **149**.
- 3.3 **142iii** - Number of calls to fire attended: - accidental fires in dwellings per 10,000 dwellings.  
Total for Mole Valley – **37**.
- 3.4 **143i** - Number of deaths arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population.  
Total for Mole Valley – **0**. *The team are aware that during this reporting year 2003/04 fire fatalities have occurred.*
- 3.5 **143ii** - Number of injuries (excluding precautionary checks) arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population.  
Total for Mole Valley – **6**.
- 3.6 **144b** - Accidental fire in dwellings confined to room of origin in smaller cities/larger towns and classified as 'B risk'.  
No 'B' risk in Mole Valley.
- 3.7 **144c** - Accidental fire in dwellings confined to room of origin in smaller towns and urban residential areas and classified as 'C risk'.  
Total for Mole Valley – **26** fires of which **21** were confined.
- 3.8 **144d** - Accidental fire in dwellings confined to room of origin in rural village areas and classified as 'D risk'.  
Total for Mole Valley – **12** fires of which **8** were confined.
- 3.9 **145a** - The percentage of fire calls at which the number of appliances met standards of fire cover.  
Total for Mole Valley – **446** calls with a **100%** success rate.
- 3.10 **145b** - The percentage of fire calls at which the number of riders met standards of fire cover.  
Total for Mole Valley – **446** calls with a **97%** success rate.

3.11 **145c** - The percentage of fire calls at which the attendance times met standards of fire cover.

Total for Mole Valley – **446** calls with a **96%** success rate.

3.12 **146** - Malicious false alarms per 1,000 population.

Total for Mole Valley – **11** incidents representing a **0.14%** average.

3.13 **Ops7** - Number of special services that were road traffic accident incidents.

Total for Mole Valley – **61** road traffic accidents (RTAs) of which **16** involved persons being extricated by the Service, **37** requiring service activity and **8** requiring no action from the Service.

**CFS** - Number of Community Fire Safety Activities.

Since January 2002 the **Firewise Intervention Scheme** has had a **100%** success rate in the Mole Valley area from the **6** cases referred to the Firewise team.

The **Junior Citizen Scheme** brings schoolchildren from Mole Valley to a central location where valuable safety advice is imparted in the form of short interactive sessions. Last year a total of **3** officer working days were committed to the scheme in Mole Valley. *However this does not reflect the fact that Mole Valley schoolchildren were also bussed to locations outside the District.*

The **Surrey Fire and Rescue Schools Liaison Team** have been visiting Key Stages one, two and three over many years. This popular and immensely successful area of the Service's community activity resulted in a total of **25** officer days.

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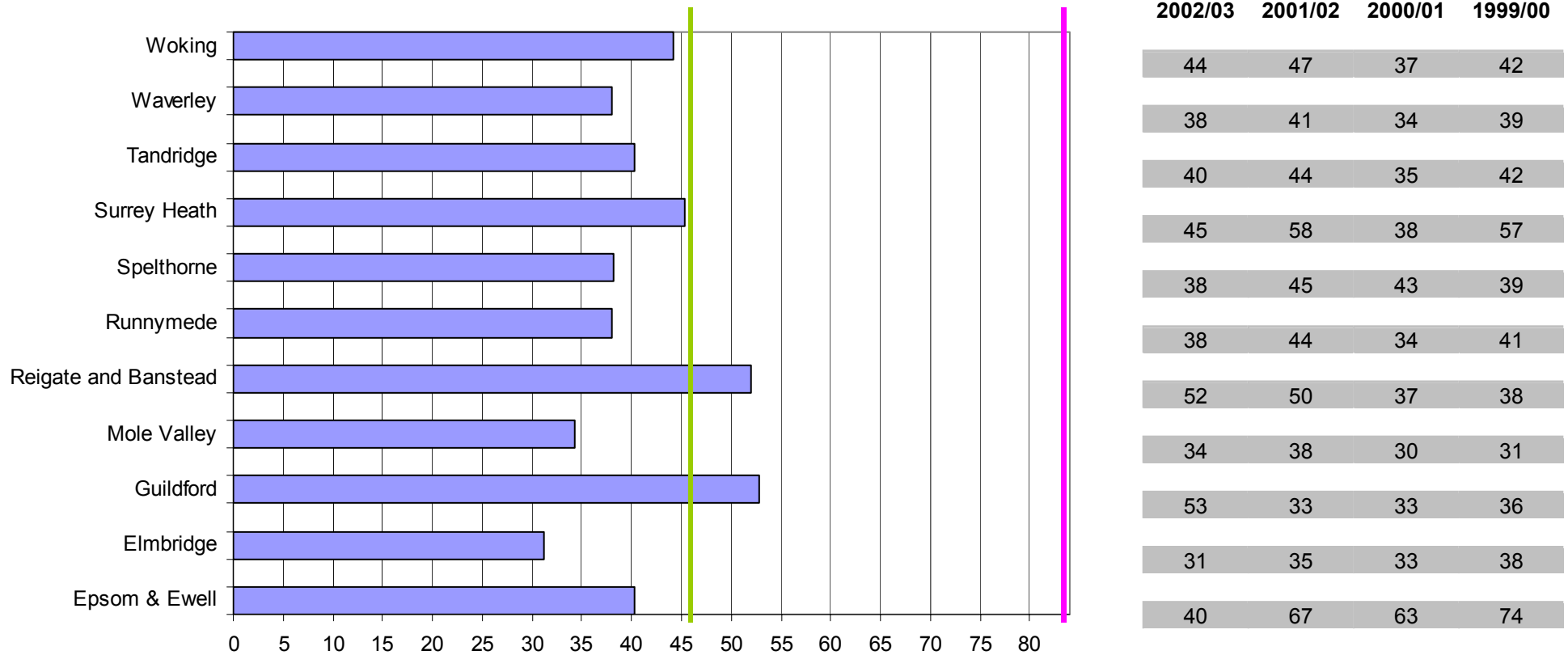
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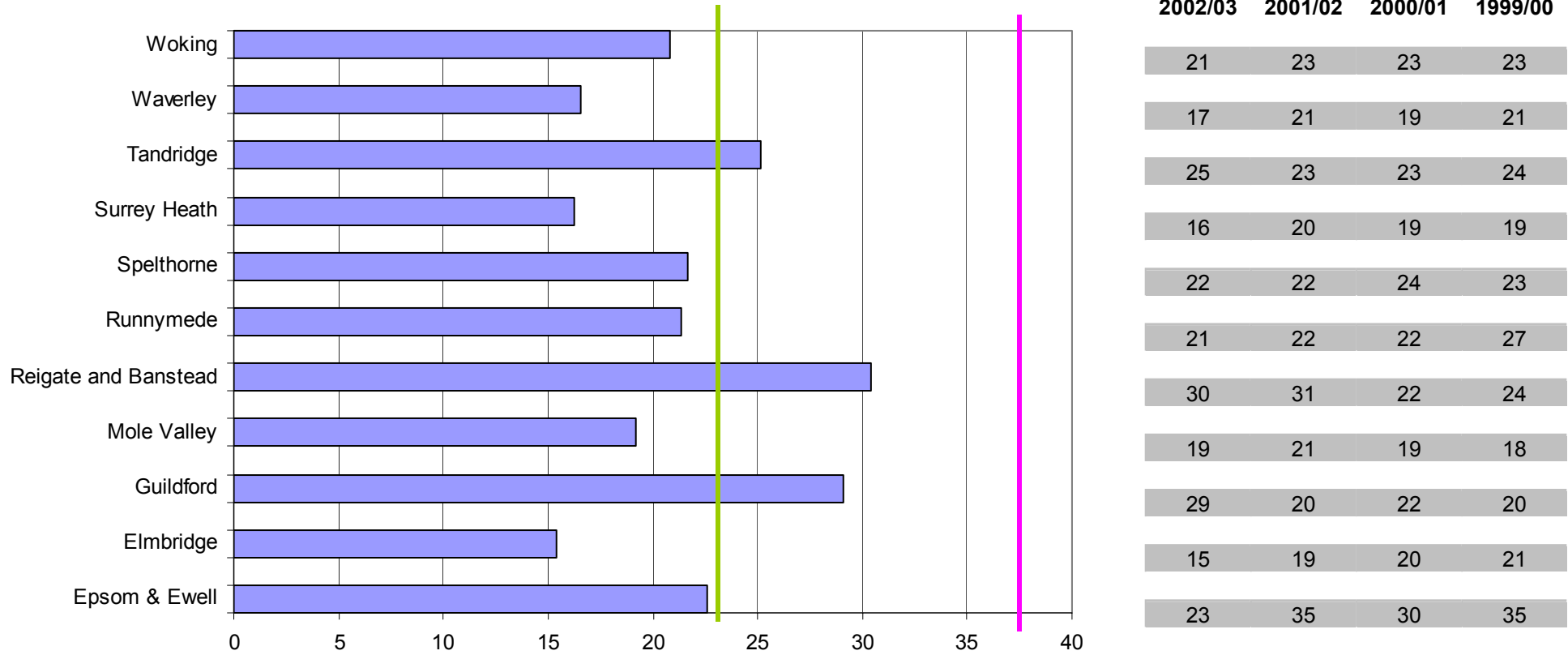
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**BVPI 142i: Total fires per 10,000 population by Local Committee area**



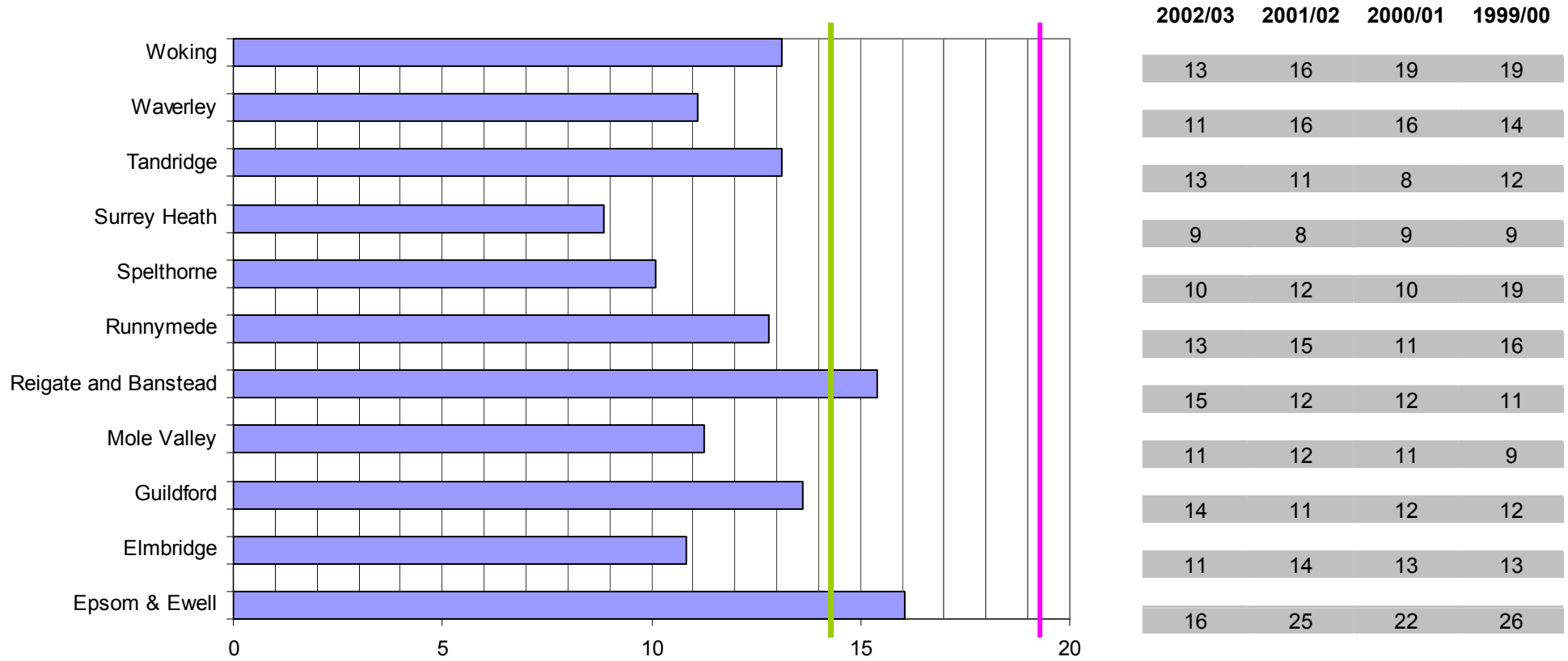
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**BVPI 142ii: Primary fires per 10,000 population by Local Committee area**



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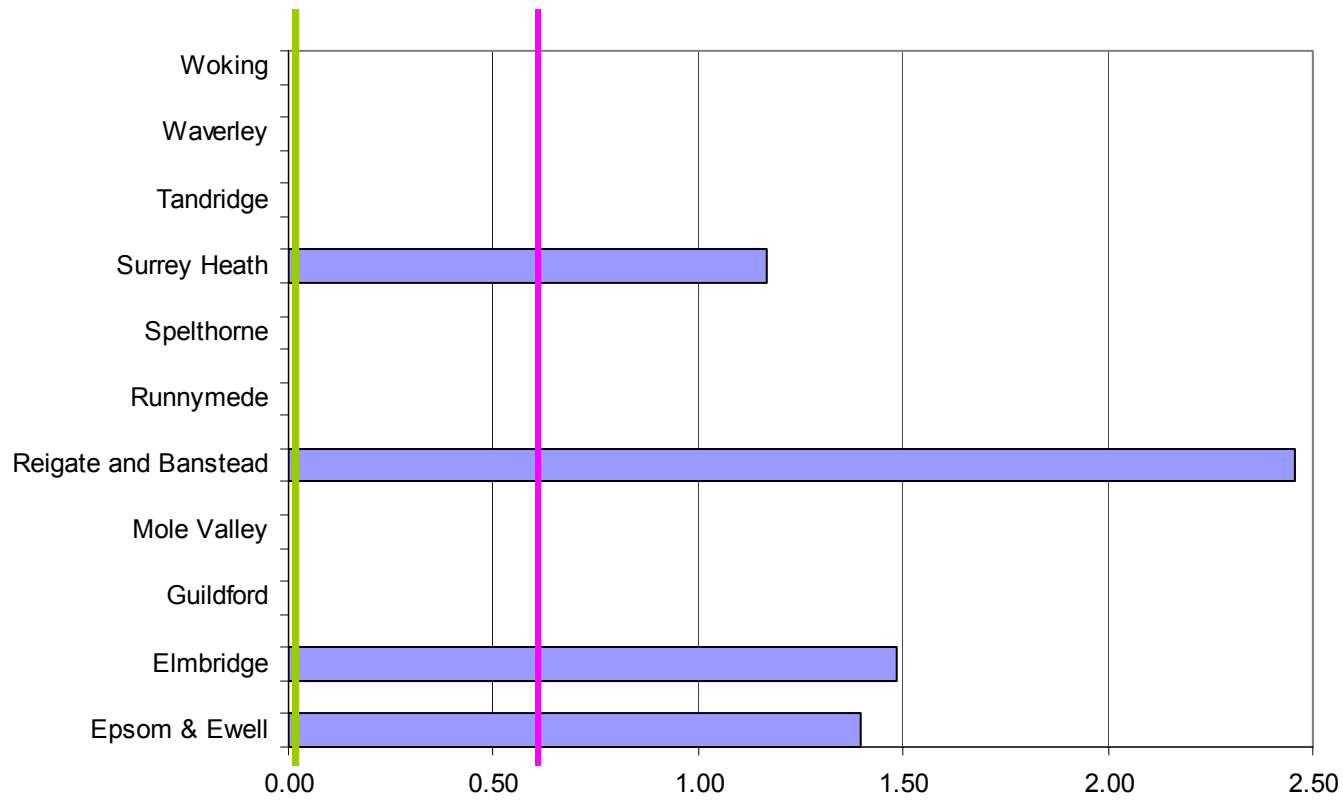
**BVPI 142iii: Accidental Dwelling Fires per 10,000 dwellings by Local Committee area**





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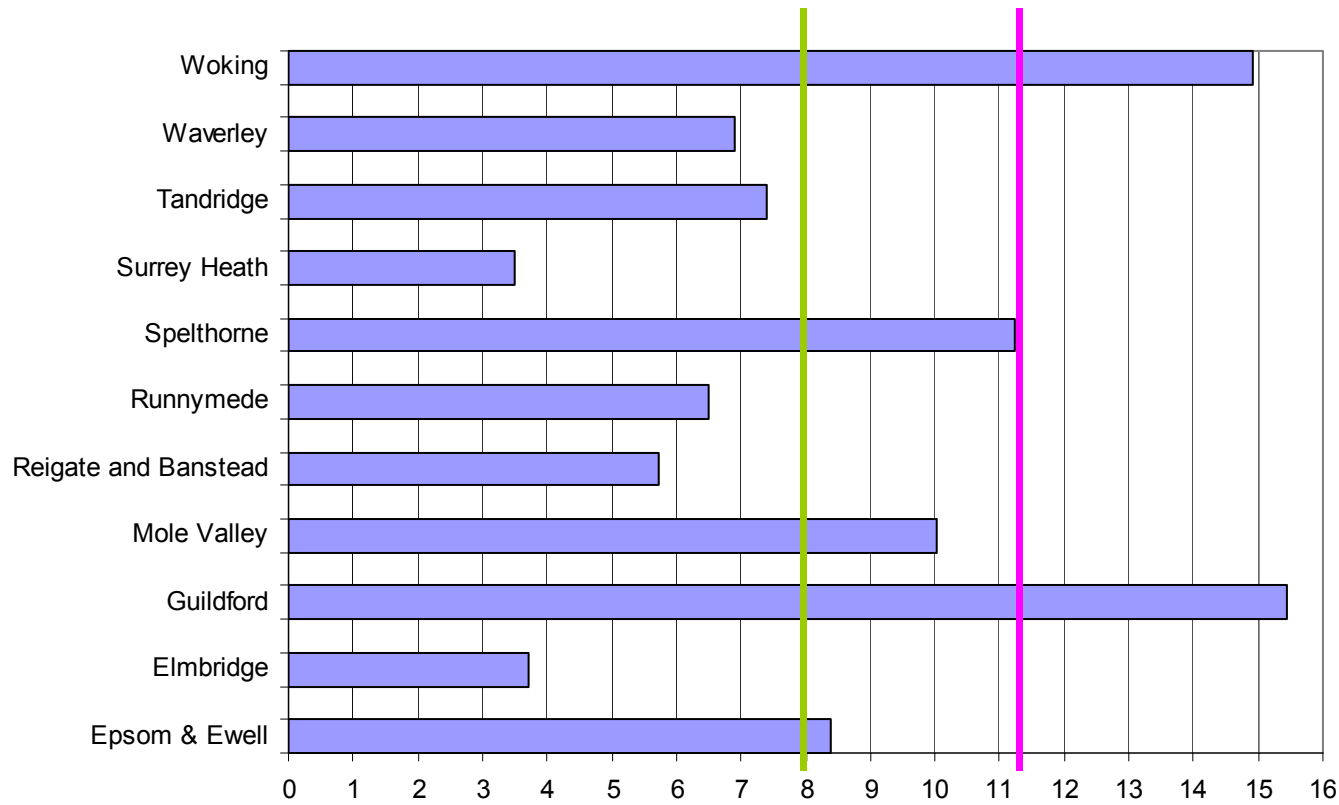
**BVPI 143i: Deaths from Accidental Dwelling Fires per 100,000 population by Local Committee area**



	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00
Woking	0.00	0.00	1.07	0.00
Waverley	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.00
Tandridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surrey Heath	1.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spelthorne	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.12
Runnymede	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reigate and Banstead	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mole Valley	0.00	0.00	2.50	1.25
Guildford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elmbridge	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Epsom & Ewell	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**BVPI 143ii: Injuries from Accidental Dwelling Fires per 100,000 population by Local Committee Area**



2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00
14.93	6.40	14.93	12.79
6.91	4.32	6.91	8.64
7.39	2.46	4.93	7.39
3.50	0.00	12.84	0.00
11.22	15.71	5.61	22.45
6.50	15.60	13.00	13.00
5.73	9.82	9.82	8.18
10.01	12.52	6.26	6.26
15.44	2.32	5.41	10.04
3.71	14.84	7.42	14.84
8.38	9.78	11.17	36.31