



Angela Smith's visit delighted the Safety Centre's Trustees and was headline news in the Milton Keynes Citizen.

Fire Minister visits the Safety Centre

THE Safety Centre needs Government funding if it is to achieve its aim of opening similar facilities in the region in the future – so we were delighted when Angela Smith, Fire and Resilience Minister at the Department for Communities and Local Government, paid us a visit.

She was given a guided tour by Safety Centre Director Jan Alder, accompanied by local MP Dr Phyllis Starkey.

Afterwards the Minister told reporters she was impressed with what she had seen, adding that funding of such a service "was an area for the Government to consider".

The Safety Centre cost £350,000 to run last year and was visited by 21,000 children in the seven to 12 age group. Volunteers, fees, donations and adult courses help it pay its way.

The Trustees would like to create new centres and are currently searching for sources of funding.

Angela Smith later met Safety Centre Trustees Damian Smith, Chief Fire Officer of Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, and Peter Ballard – two of the Safety Centre's found-



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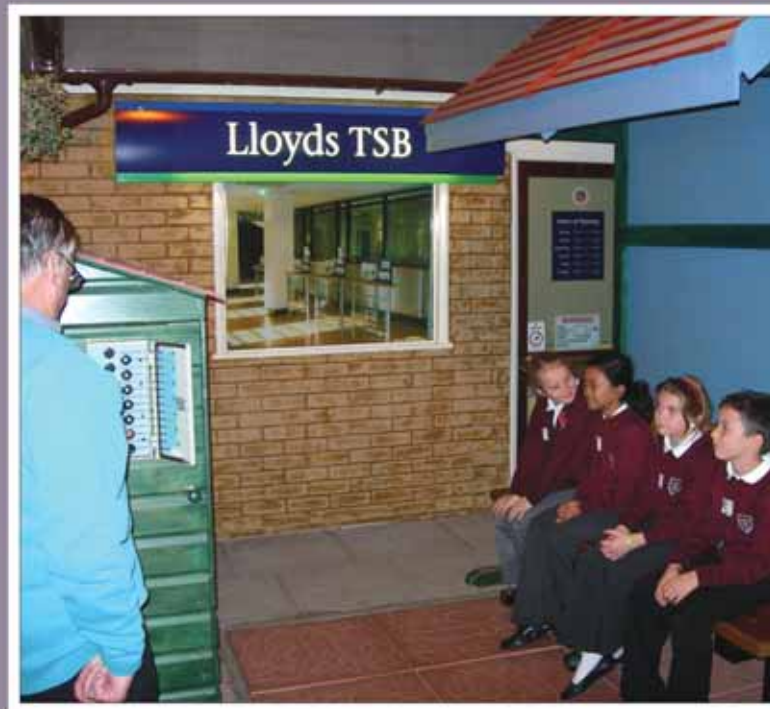
ing partners. She then visited Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to learn about some of its innovative work.

She said: "They are developing imaginative new ways to work with partners in the community to make Buckinghamshire a safer and better place in which to live and work.

"One such project, the Safety Centre at Milton Keynes, has become a model for fire and rescue authorities across the country."



Water safety scenario sponsored by the Parks Trust.



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WE would like to thank the Parks Trust for their continued support of our water safety scenario.

Children are faced with the emergency situation of someone drowning in the lake and have to decide the best strategy to rescue the person.

Of course, we emphasise safe places to swim and general responsible behaviour around open water.

We would also like to thank Lloyds TSB for their generous donation which helps continue delivering all our safety messages to children.



Pupils from Holne Chase Primary School, Milton Keynes, completing the evaluation quiz following their visit to the Safety Centre.

On-line evaluation – teachers' views

ON the front page of this newsletter, we reported the findings of an analysis of the results of our post-visit evaluation programme.

This gave us conclusive proof that children learn and retain the Safety Centre's vital messages.

On this page we feature a selection of the comments teachers have fed back to us about the evaluation programme. For a full report, visit our website at www.safetycentre.co.uk



Kay Pistell, a member of the Safety Centre's schools liaison team, is pictured carrying out the on-line evaluation quiz at a school.

They had to think about the multi-choice questions carefully before answering, which focused them

Southwood Middle School

It helped focus their attention for the visit. It encouraged them to find out more.

Langland Community School

Often, aspects of safety that I would expect Yr 6 pupils to know – they don't. The quiz taken prior to the visit demonstrates this.

Willen Primary School

Children very enthusiastic to share personal examples of how they need to stay safe and what they have learnt as a result of the visit to the Centre.

Caroline Haslett Primary School