



Dow Corning

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NEWS

Register now for our new improved service

A new, improved 'warn and inform' service for the Barry Industrial Complex neighbourhood is being introduced.

The service is free to anyone who wishes to join (residents, businesses, schools, organisations and so on). Just a simple registration process is required to begin with.

It is replacing the existing mass telephone notification service but the site alarms will continue to be used and the emergency information issued in calendars will still apply. As with the outgoing warn and inform system, the new service will be used only if there is an incident which affects the local community.

"While the possibility of a major emergency is very unlikely, we strongly

encourage our neighbours to register for this service," said Dow Corning's Jonathan Coldman, speaking on behalf of the Barry Industrial Complex.



"To be included in the new system you will have to register your details even if you signed up for the old system four years ago."

The new service will be much faster, getting special safety information to thousands of telephones in seconds.

Registering online is simple and gives the user complete control over their details, which will be held on a secure database by the service provider.

Go to <http://barry.ens.htk.co.uk> and follow the instructions. If you are unable to use the internet, telephone 0800 7830187 during office hours and your registration will be done manually.

Silicones: the fascinating facts

The many uses of Dow Corning's silicones output is showcased in an entertaining and educational new web site called Fascinating Silicone.

The site demonstrates what silicones can do, why they work so well and how they

are used to the advantage of everyone – from road safety and solar power to clothing and beauty care.

Visitors to the site can learn how these amazing materials have solved problems and enabled new technologies from ancient to modern times. It's a great resource for the teacher, student or anyone interested in this remarkable commodity and its uses.

The Fascinating Silicones web site at
<http://www.dowcorning.com/content/discover/>



Maths help in schools

During the first three months of the year volunteer employees from Dow Corning made regular visits to schools in the area to help youngsters with their maths.

The site's maths mentoring scheme, now in its fifth year, aims to stimulate pupils' interest in the subject and to demonstrate its usefulness in life after school years.

Over a 10-week period the 12 maths mentors regularly visited St Richard Gwyn High School and Bryn Hafren to help some 24 pupils who who needed a little extra help with their studies.

Each volunteer spent approximately one hour a week with a pair of youngsters showing them how maths plays a crucial role in everyday life. To back up the classroom experience the pupils visited their mentors at Dow Corning to see how maths and science are applied in the workplace.

Part of Dow Corning's programme to support education locally, the scheme is backed by Careers Wales and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Participating schools report that the programme is a significant help and that pupils, who regard being selected for the scheme as a privilege, get "a real buzz" from meeting with their Dow Corning mentors.

If you have comments or queries about the site, please write to:

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Pupils learn of wonders of science

Sound, light, foam and bubbles were all in a recipe for a successful Science Week at Dow Corning in March.

Some 200 enthusiastic primary pupils came to the site to conduct experiments and see science in action.

Part of the sessions set them the task of developing an anti-foaming agent for an imaginary customer.

In other experiments, using science kits

on loan from Techniquest, the children gained fascinating insights into the subjects of sound and light.

Giving their time to help the 10-year-olds with their experiments were some 50 Dow Corning and Cabot employees who volunteered to support the educational initiative.

The annual six-day programme for schools is part of the National Science and Engineering Week run by the British

Science Association to enthuse youngsters.

It supports the National Curriculum and benefits pupils by helping them with numeracy, literacy, reasoning and dexterity skills.

Safely attired in aprons, gloves and eye-glasses, the youngsters had the use of Dow Corning's education centre in the Cadoxton Ponds nature area for their sessions, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Panel has three new faces

Three new student members have joined the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) which plays an important role in promoting good relations between the chemical complex and the neighbouring community.

Olivia Richards, Kristie Higgins and Rhys Orton, who are all sixth formers at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, will represent the young people of the area on the panel.

Now in its 18th year, CAP hold regular meetings and an annual summary of their discussions can be viewed at www.dowcorning.com/barry.

The panel welcomes interest from people living near the industrial complex who would like to become members.

For more information, contact the site's community relations co-ordinator Jonathan Coldman on 01446 732350.

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