



**OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Oxfordshire County Council  
Fire and Rescue Service  
Headquarters  
Sterling Road  
Kidlington  
Oxfordshire OX5 2DU**

**David Etheridge  
Chief Fire Officer**

Dear

**Re: Fire in East Hagbourne**

I have made aware by some of my officers that you and others from the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church were very helpful at a fire we recently attended in East Hagbourne. The fire was very demanding and the crews were having to work hard to extinguish the fire as quickly as possible. Your help in providing food and drink and somewhere to rest was very well received.

As it was late at night it would have been easy to have returned home and I recognise that there was no obligation on you to get involved or provide the food and drink for our fire-fighters. This type of support is greatly appreciated and shows that community spirit is thriving in East Hagbourne.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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