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Hills kerbside loader braves fire to help Warminster woman

Mathew Riches, kerbside loader for Hills Waste, recently helped a Warminster woman avoid a house fire by hauling her tumble-drier outside when it went up in flames.

Mathew was doing his usual kerbside rounds to collect recycling from houses in the community when the woman ran out of her house, calling for help. He went into autopilot.



Mathew said: "I heard the woman calling and knew she needed help, so I just reacted instantly. I firstly made sure the lady was uninjured and out of immediate danger, and then moved the drier into the garden as quickly as possible before calling the fire brigade."

Ken Webb, kerbside collection supervisor and Mathew's line manager, said: "What Mathew did was good. He showed courage and we're really proud of the way he helped this woman. We all need to remember though, that the most important thing in situations such as this one is the safety of everyone involved."

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Notes for editors

A photo of Mathew Riches is available on request.

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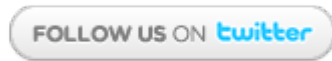


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