

This sheet includes facts and quotes related to a newsworthy incident. Can you use them to write a newspaper article? Your article will report on these events as if they happened yesterday. Write the sentences in your own words. You don't have to include all the facts and quotes.

## FACTS:

- Nobody seriously hurt.
- Cause not known.
- Air smells for miles.
- Locals heard explosion and saw fire before police and firefighters arrived.
- Fire occurred at about 6:45 pm.
- Factory at Old Road, Chelmsford.
- Thick black smoke seen coming from factory roof.
- 50 firefighters needed to put out fire.
- Smoke not toxic or harmful.
- Fire started in place where goods vehicles are kept.
- Area not evacuated.
- Seven people at hospital - minor burns
- Firefighters called just before 7pm.
- Emergency crews still at scene.
- Locals asked to keep windows closed.
- Fire spread to glue vats.
- 9 staff there at night.

## QUOTES:

### Fire chief quotes:

“Shortly before 7pm yesterday we received a call to attend Baker’s Glue Factory on Old Road. Emergency services were able to attend the scene within minutes. Whilst officers were able to ensure further spread of the fire was quickly halted, more time was needed to bring the fire under control. I can report that 50 fire officers were required to stop the fire, which was extinguished by 11:00 this evening.”

### Baker’s glue factory spokesperson:

“A fire broke out at our factory at 6:45pm today. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the emergency services, who

were able to ensure the safety of our staff and bring the blaze under control. We would also like to apologise to people living near to the factory who have been inconvenienced and for any disruption they have suffered.”

### Police officer quote:

“I can report that as of 3:00 this morning, the fire was fully extinguished. Fortunately, although seven workers at the factor were treated at hospital for minor burns, nobody was seriously hurt. At this time, the reason for the blaze is unknown and officers are working to establish what caused it.”

### Essex Police tweet (7:10):

We are currently attending a large fire at Baker’s Glue Factory on Old Road. Please assist the fire services by keeping clear of the scene.

### Fred Williams (eyewitness) quote:

It was like something out of a film! First, there was this almighty explosion, then there was this massive pillar of black smoke. I didn’t know what was going on.

### Essex Police tweet (8:00):

Due to the fire on Old Road, there will be road closures in the surrounding area. Please check local media for details.