



Arson Control Forum

Topic	Not in my neighbourhood week Reduction in Fire Calls to Bonfires
Organisation	Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service
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Issue

Reduce Anti Social Behaviour and number of fire calls on the lead up to and after Bonfire night

Actions Taken

A sub group of Central Shropshire Partnership Community Safety Delivery Group was set up comprising of representatives from West Mercia Police, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, Shropshire Council and Severnside Housing Association. Previously a large amount of anti social behaviour and damage was reported mainly late at night relating to bonfires. It was agreed by the group that bonfires would be allowed to be built on land owned by the council or Severnside Housing Association.

Then the following steps were taken:

- A letter was sent out by the partnership to all residents explaining that no ASB would be tolerated and fires would be extinguished by the fire service after 10pm.
- Press release made by the partnership
- Bonfires were inspected; any hazardous material was removed by council staff
- Police Officers accompanied fire fighters to bonfire calls to prevent any breach of the peace.

Summary of Benefits Realised

- Large reduction in the number of calls received by the Police from residents regarding ASB.
- No reports of wheelie bins or fencing being stolen to be placed on fires
- Reduction in the number of fire calls received by SFRS
- No threats made to fire crews

Contact

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