

# Help Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service to reduce ARSON in your area

Firefighters and Community Safety Officers are asking for your help to keep your community safe by reporting any information you have on deliberate fires to FireStoppers. The call for help comes following an increase in deliberately set fires in the open in the Chesterfield and Staveley areas.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is working with partners to raise awareness of this issue and is therefore encouraging school pupils, parents/guardians, local residents and visitors to the area to be vigilant and report any information that could help us prevent further fires.

#### Responding to deliberate fires in the open ties up valuable lifesaving resources

While Firefighters are tackling a deliberate fire, they are not available to attend 999 emergencies.

These emergencies can include house fires and road traffic collisions where people may be trapped with an immediate risk to life.

### The consequences of fire setting

Anyone caught setting fires deliberately (Arson) could be charged with a criminal offence which would lead to a criminal record, which can also have longer term consequences including:

- Not being accepted into University
- Not being able to apply for certain jobs
- Not being able to go abroad on holiday

#### Damage caused in your area

Many of you may not be aware of the damage that has been caused in your area and the impact this has had on your community. Fires set in public parks and wooded areas cause timely and costly repairs, and in some cases irreplaceable damage. The damage in the area has led to your local council having to pay for the clean-up and removal of what has been set on fire.

## Help us protect your area

We would like to give you assurance that we will continue to work with our partners from Derbyshire police, working to raise awareness and try and combat this local problem.

# FireStoppers.

If you have any information on the recent fires, please share it with FireStoppers. You can report what you know anonymously by calling 0800 169 5558 or via the <u>website</u>. By sharing any information you have, we can reduce these incidents in the future, keeping your community a safe place to live and socialise.





