

On-Site Bonfires – A Cautionary Tale

On Thursday a plotholder called the Fire Brigade as there was a serious fire on site that was beyond their capability to extinguish.

I'm pleased to say that the Fire Brigade responded quickly and the damage was limited to some wooden compost bins – but they were totally destroyed.

The Cautionary Tale is how this happened!

A plotholder received the Secretary's email saying that bonfires would be banned from the end of the month and decided that he needed to burn some items. He quite correctly chose an appropriate time and had his bonfire following all the guidelines.

So far – So good!

The following day he came to site and decided that he'd clear up the bonfire remains ready to cultivate the ground where the fire had been.

This is where he made his big mistake!

He shovelled the fire remains into his compost bin – thinking that the ash would make good compost.

However – experience tells that even after 24 hours bonfire remains can still be smouldering – and in this case they were hot enough to set the wooden compost bin on fire with the resulting damage.

