



## Bonfires/Bonfire Celebrations

**Humbberside Fire and Rescue Service actively encourage the public to attend organised events for the Bonfire Night period.**

Humbberside Fire and Rescue Service are committed to making the local community safer utilising the skills, knowledge, information and experience of its employees and relevant partner organisations.

It is not illegal to have bonfires on private property, however, the Environmental Protection Act 1990 states it must not cause “**unreasonable interference**” with others’ enjoyment of their own property. Frequently bonfires can cause disputes with neighbours and other community issues which may be seen as antisocial behaviour.

Humbberside Fire and Rescue Service get many calls to bonfires, which, diverts resources away from protecting the local community for emergencies. Many instances of property damage have come from bonfires spreading to property causing serious damage and placing people at risk from harm.

**Humbberside Fire and Rescue Service will:**

- Work with local council waste teams to encourage recycling and safe disposal of waste.
- Educate the community to encourage safe bonfire practice and ensure they are aware of the dangers posed.
- Monitor repeat calls to properties having regular bonfires.
- Work with local councils to enforce where occupiers are breaching the Environmental Protection Act.
- Proactively work with the police and other partners around the bonfire period to try to reduce callouts and serious incidents.

