



Press Release

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ARNFIELD MOOR FIRE - UPDATE

Firefighters from across Derbyshire (New Mills, Matlock, Whaley Bridge, Alfreton, Buxton and Glossop Fire Stations) are back on Arnfield Moor today fighting a moorland fire that has been burning since Sunday.

The area that Derbyshire Firefighters are working on is approximately one kilometre in size and is located North of Arnfield Flats and South of Windgate Edge.

Officers and crews are working closely with partners from United Utilities. Peak Park Rangers, the RSPB and local game keepers to bring the incident to the quickest and safest conclusion.

Since firefighting operations began, the fire has reduced in size, but crews continue to fight the fire and work continues in extremely challenging conditions.

Whilst at present there aren't any visible flames on Arnfield Moor, the fire is still burning deep in the peat bogs that form the landscape. This makes firefighting more challenging.

Two helicopters have been brought in to assist with firefighting and water is being dropped to saturate the ground and also into strategically located portable dams, to prevent any further fire spread and to support ongoing firefighting operations.

Arnfield Moor fire, which is being dealt with by Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service, is one of a number of moorland fires currently burning in close proximity to each other.

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It is one of six sites in total (it was seven, but two have joined together) and Derbyshire Officers and Firefighters continue to support Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service with these other firefighting operations.

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