



## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

### FIRE SAFETY

#### Bonfire Watch

BonfireWatch, a multi agency initiative to help people have fun, stay safe, not get injured by bonfires and stop antisocial behaviour has been set up in the lead up to Bonfire Night each year since 2008.

The BonfireWatch campaign is coordinated by the South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership Safer Places Joint Action Group which includes Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Thriving Communities Officers, Trading Standards Officer, Portland Janitorial and Waste Management staff.

By removing illegal bonfires the aim is to help to decrease the chances of people being injured, property being damaged and reducing the likelihood of people getting involved in antisocial behaviour.

The campaign also runs in conjunction with Operation Moonbeam which is aimed at keeping emergency services safe during bonfire season and includes enhanced public order resources and awareness around the purchasing of fireworks.

#### Key Actions

- Hotspot areas identified
- Pro-active Thriving Community Officer patrols
- Public encouraged to contact Council to report any suspect bonfires
- Fast response from Waste Management Department and out of hours clearance service

#### Preventative Spend/Cost Benefit

Based on the preventative spend toolkit produced by the Scottish Community Safety Network the average cost to the Fire Service for attending an outdoor secondary non-deliberate fire is £2000.

In relation to the 14 bonfires attended by the fire service in 2024 this equated to a saving of £44,000 when compared to 2008.

