Grampian Fire and Rescue

Since 2004 Grampian Fire and Rescue have been working in partnership with the Ranger Service, the Police and all the local schools. This is part of an initiative to help reduce wilful fires.

Each year we go into the schools and give a talk to the P6 and P7 classes on the dangers, the destruction that is caused, along with the consequences of lighting wilful fires on the Tullos Hill and Kincorth Local Nature Reserve (Gramps). Around May we take the P6 classes out onto the hills for a walk to see the wildlife and different types of habitat that can be found.

We also show them what damage can be done by a fire, for example:-

following a fire on the hill it can take up to 20 years for the wildlife and habitat to get back to how it was before the fire.

In 2004 we attended 73 wilful fire on the Gramps. This, as we explain in our talks, is not only a huge cost to the public it has a massive impact on the environment, the killing of animals in the fire and the eyesore that is left behind.

Last year we attended 13 wilful fire on the Gramps It is down to the successful partnership working but mostly it is down to all the children that have helped us over the years to pass on the message that "Lighting fires is no Joke". All of the children who have had our talk and walk have passed on the message of don't light fires just enjoy what we have. Please enjoy the countryside that you have on your doorstep. On a clear day the view from the viewpoint at the top of Kincorth Local Nature Reserve over the City and beyond is fantastic. It is great to walk around and see all of the different animals and listen to the birds. The Tullos side is work in progress, it is nice for the children to see what work is on going and why it has to be done. They can watch over the coming years the regeneration that is taking place.

Thank you for all your help over the years and keep up the good work.

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