

THE FIGHT AGAINST WILDFIRES

Here at Altens Fire Station our Spring/Summer initiatives will be getting under way, one of which I would like to focus on is the Grass/Wildfire prevention initiative. Kincorth Hill is one of Aberdeen's larger areas of countryside right on the edge of the urban district. It has retained its natural character and extensive wildlife and is open at all times to visitors. It is a Local Nature Reserve which is managed by Aberdeen City Council Park Rangers' Service. There is a network of paths running across the hillside through areas of coniferous and deciduous woodland, grassland, scrub, heath and past a pond. It is a popular location for nature watching, taking a gentle stroll or walking the dog with areas to stop, have a seat and enjoy the views across the city. Once again firefighters from Altens fire station have teamed up with the Park Rangers to provide school children and scout groups informative walks and talks around the Kincorth and Tullos Hills (gramps) area detailing the dangers of setting fire to grass areas, explaining how quickly a fire can spread and the dangerous effects it could have on themselves, other park users and the environment. By carrying out these talks we are



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hoping to further reduce the number of call outs to these types of incidents.

This is part of a National campaign highlighting the dangers of wildfires throughout Scotland. Over recent years the central message given out by this partnership has had a significant impact to this area with a marked reduction in fire calls. However we can never be complacent and will continue to educate people on the dangers and overall impact of wildfires. If you are reading this article and would like to speak in more detail about the issues raised please contact your local fire station.



Firefighters tackling blaze at Kincorth Hill

would you like a free home fire safety visit or any other fire safety advice.

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