

There is a very high risk of wildfire across the New Forest through the driest summer months.

Even a small spark can spread rapidly through dry grass and heathland, threatening homes, wildlife, livestock, woodland and emergency access routes. Fires can develop quickly and place significant pressure on emergency services.

Residents can help reduce the risk by:

- Never discarding cigarettes or matches outdoors.
- Keeping gardens clear of dry rubbish and combustible materials.
- Avoiding garden bonfires especially during hot and dry weather.
- Removing glass bottles and jars from outdoor areas—our local litter pickers already do a great job, and everyone can help by keeping Brockenhurst tidy.
- Remaining alert to signs of smoke or fire.

The Rules (PSPO)

To protect the New Forest's heathland, wildlife and free-roaming livestock, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) remain in force across the open Forest.

- No campfires, disposable BBQs, purpose-built BBQs or outdoor cooking equipment are permitted anywhere on the open Forest.

Reporting and Emergencies

- **Spot a Fire:** If you see a fire or unattended BBQ, move to a safe location and call 999 immediately.
- **Pinpoint the Location:** Download and use the what3words app to help emergency services identify the exact location.
- **Non-Emergencies:** To report non-emergency use of fires or BBQs on Crown Land, contact Forestry England on 0300 067 4600.

Please stay alert and help protect our community, homes, wildlife and countryside.