



Freedom of Information Request FOI 22 56

Wareham Forest

Query:

I am a sixth form student at the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester and am currently completing my NEA. I have chosen to research the fire which occurred in 2020 in Wareham Forest, and I would be grateful for any information you might be able to provide on where the fire started and exact locations on where the fire spread too, and any other information about the fire you might have.

Response:

The Wareham Forest incident occurred near to Sugar Hill. Grid reference 50°44'30.7"N 2°11'15.5"W or postcode BH20 7NN were both close to the centre of our scene of operations. From this location, fire damage is visible to the North East, South West and West.

It may be worthwhile contacting the Forestry Commission or Natural England, who may be able to provide further details of the damage.

We attended the Wareham Forest incident a total of 482 times, in 140 individual appliances.

Firefighters attended from each of our 50 stations. There were a total of 1416 attendances (if a firefighter attended more than once then they are counted for each time they attended).

We also had support from:

Devon and Somerset FRS
Hampshire FRS
West Sussex FRS
Berkshire FRS
South Wales FRS
A privately contracted firefighting helicopter.

The total cost to us of the Wareham Forest incident has been calculated to be £570,000.

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