



Scenario - Catch a wildfire setter



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Imagine this scenario - a wildfire is raging for 2 days and a night. It has already burnt through a local nature spot and is spreading quickly towards the residential area of the local community.

Fire and Rescue Services have been alerted and are in the area trying to get the wildfire under control and extinguished. A fire fighter has received some burn injuries in the course of their duties. Paramedics and an ambulance are on site, dealing with this injury and in preparation for any further issues. The police are also on site to help divert traffic away from the areas affected by the wildfire, having closed roads in the immediate vicinity.

Volunteers from the community are helping by providing refreshments and rest spaces for the emergency services at the local community centre, which is at a safe distance from the wildfire.

The local council has advised residents to keep their windows closed to reduce the risk of them inhaling smoke from the wildfire which could cause health issues. They are also putting an emergency plan together in case people in the immediate area need to be evacuated. They have identified a leisure centre in a nearby town where evacuees can be housed if needed.

Residents are scared and angry that they and their property have been put in danger. Some homes and businesses in the area are using sandbags to try to protect their houses, shops and offices from the risk of possible flooding from the firefighting water run-off. Several local businesses have had to close as a safety precaution. Feelings are running high, and people want to know who is responsible.

A well-loved local nature area has been burnt, with the loss of many trees and plants. The local school use the

nature spot for outdoor learning and health improvement activities and have nowhere else to use. The community will feel the loss of an area that was enjoyed as a play and recreation site, helping to improve local health and well-being.

Local wildlife is being affected. Many animals including birds, dormice, badgers, squirrels, rabbits and foxes are at risk of injury or even death and are being chased from their homes and habitats by the wildfire.

This type of wildfire event happens repeatedly in the area, every spring. The local population is getting increasingly frustrated that the authorities and related organisations haven't found a way to stop it. Most people in the area assume it is anti-social behaviour by local children or teenagers. Many people blame the parents and can be very suspicious of groups of children or young people that gather in the area.