



Partner update on the fire on Langdale Moor

28 August 2025

Latest on the firefighting operation:

This continues to be a major incident. National resources, regional mutual aid and a multiagency response is in place due to the scale of this ongoing incident. National funding has been approved by Government to help support North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, which continues to have significant presence in the area.

The effort along the A171 flank has helped contain the fire and no evacuations have taken place overnight.

The plan for the today is continued containment of the fire within the current boundary and then some further work to add more control lines to offer greater protection against future spread.

The fire is currently 22sq KM.

It is across extremely difficult terrain exacerbated by the unexploded devices in some areas on the top of Fylingdales.

The fire is seated in the peat in an extensive area of the moor as well as burning across the surface on moorland and forestry in places and at times. This all makes it a huge ongoing challenge.

The fire service has established a number of sectors and put a variety of tactics in place to control the fire. The position at the moment is stable, but we are aware of the changes in wind direction over coming days and ongoing activity is focussed on preparing for that including the construction of more firebreaks.

This response is led by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, but there are a number of partners involved including North Yorkshire Council, Forestry England, North Yorkshire Police and military partners, as well as many other agencies.

These efforts are being boosted by local volunteers and landowners and by the kindness of public donations of welfare items for those on the frontline and supporting the wider response.

Partners are currently using Pickering Showground as a holding area for a range of resources to help support the effort. These will include large items like diggers, dumper trucks, fire engines, large water containers and so on. Please do not be concerned about this. It is simply a holding area for resources out of range of fire and smoke but close enough to access and we are grateful to the showground owners for this valuable space.

Whilst the fire is extensive it is localised to the northeast part of the North Yorkshire Moors, the vast majority of the county is unaffected and open to visitors as normal.

The cause of the fire has not been established at this time.

The fire service is adding to their rolling blog regularly so stay up to date here:

[Incident Update – Langdale Moor Fire - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service](#)

Smoke impacts and evacuation – health advice

We understand that people in the Whitby and Scarborough area might be concerned about the fire spread and the smoke.

A very small number of people have been evacuated so far. **Anyone who is needed to be evacuated will be contacted and advised directly.** Residents who do live in areas near to the fire might want to consider preparing a grab bag in case they need to leave at short notice.

Residents should also be mindful of any pets they own and their whereabouts.

Watch Jonathan Dyson, the Chief Fire Officer, explain the approach to any evacuation here
<https://youtu.be/lr7ilyKvkCQ>

If they are concerned residents should consider packing items like medication, insurance documents, glasses and contact lenses, phones and chargers and other items they might need if they have to leave their property at short notice.

Find out more about items you might need to pack at www.northyorks.gov.uk/north-yorkshire-local-resilience-forum/protect-yourself-emergency

If you're affected by smoke, please follow the advice below:

- Keep your doors and windows closed
- If driving in smoky areas keep your windows wound up, air vents closed and switch off air conditioning systems to prevent drawing in outside air
- Keep hydrated with cool drinks
- Whilst it may cause short-term poor air quality, exposure to smoke from large-scale wildfires is unlikely to contribute to any long-term health effects
- In general, exposure to smoke is more likely to affect people who have existing breathing problems, lung or heart conditions (such as asthma, bronchitis, chronic pulmonary disease or heart disease). The very young and very old, smokers and people with flu or flu-like illnesses may also be at greater risk after exposure to smoke from fires.
- Smoke can irritate air passages, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing and wheezing, breathlessness and chest pain. Individuals with pre-existing cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, such as asthma, should carry any necessary medication or inhalers with them at all times and seek medical advice if their symptoms worsen, by contacting their GP or NHS 111.

- Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat should consider reducing activity, particularly outdoors.

Watch Public Health Consultant Dr Victoria Turner explain <https://youtu.be/JYG8bJu7gkk>

There is more advice at www.northyorks.gov.uk/wildfire

Anyone visiting the area you may want to think about making plans to leave earlier than planned especially if they're in the area near the smoke or fire. As a result of the A171 closure, motorist should also allow extra time for their journey, follow the signed diversion in place and not use the minor road network as some of these may also have to be closed at short notice.

For those travelling between Scarborough and Whitby, they should use the A170 and A169, or by this route reversed.

Other parts of North Yorkshire are open.

Advice and support for businesses in North Yorkshire.

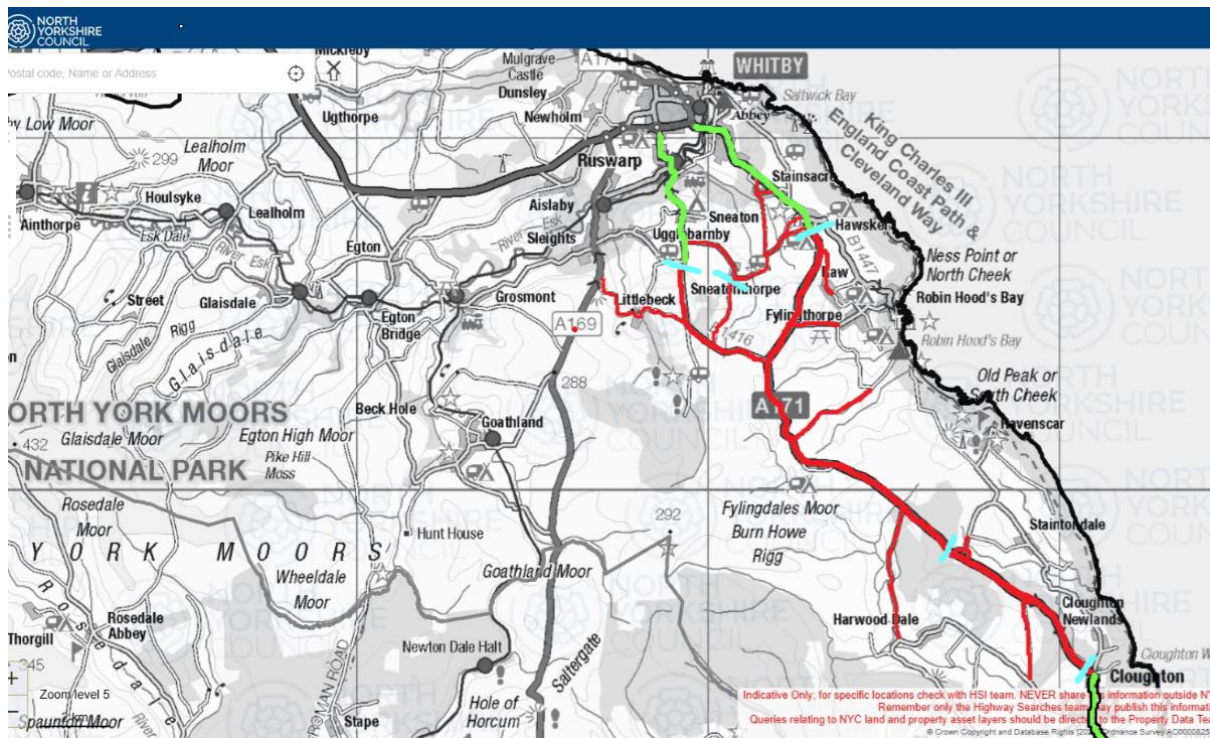
We are aware that the devastating fire has had a significant impact on businesses including the Visitor Economy in the surrounding area. Businesses in the agriculture sector and those with outside operations may want to consider temporary arrangements.

North Yorkshire Council offer support to businesses across the region. We understand that there may be particular pressures as a result of the Moorland Wildfire. If you need to talk to a business advisor, please email business.nyc@northyorks.gov.uk and one of our colleagues will be in touch. If you're in the Visitor Economy, Visit North Yorkshire offers specialist support, get in touch by [contacting the team at Visit North Yorkshire Business](#)

Supporting tourism - The Visit North Yorkshire Team are aware of the impacts on the visitor economy of the moorland fire and are here to provide advice and support. The Tourist Information Centre in Whitby has been busy helping visitors not wanting to stay locally to relocate. You can get in touch by [contacting the team at Visit North Yorkshire Business](#)

Fire and smoke impacted road closures for public safety

The following roads are currently closed due to the wildfire at Langdale. Updated: Thursday 28 August. Please note these can change. The latest information can be found here www.northyorks.gov.uk/roadclosures



- A171 Robin Hoods Bay turn to Cloughton - (C219 Sledgates to C77 Newlands Road)
- A171 Summerfield Lane to Fern Farm, Hawsker
- B1416 Sneatonthorpe (Dean Hall Brow to A171)
- C78 Public House to Ruskin Lodge, Harwood Dale
- C206 Gowland Lane, Cloughton
- C224 Moorgate, Littlebeck (A169 to U2335 Lousy Hill Lane)
- U2335 Lousy Hill Lane, Littlebeck
- U2346 Raikes Lane, Sneatonthorpe
- U2349 Road from High Normanby to Whitby to Scarborough Road, High Normanby
- C78 Gainforth Wath Road, Staintondale
- C85 Bridge Home Lane to Evan Howe Pond, Fylingthorpe
- C219 Sled Gates to Latter Gate Hills, Fylingthorpe
- U2413 Stoupe Brow to Stoup Bank Farm, Fylingdales Moor, Junction Cinder Track
- C85 Bridge Home Lane to Low Farm, Fylingthorpe, Junction Cinder Track
- C70 Helworth Road, Harwood Dale (Junction A171 Helworth Road to Gowland Lane)
- C225 Stainsacre Lane, Stainsacre (Junction A171 Stainsacre Lane, Whitby)
- C225 Sneanton Thorpe Lane, Sneatonthorpe (Junction U2346 Raikes Lane, Sneatonthorpe)

- C226 Back Lane, Hawsker (Junction A171 Summerfield Lane to Fern Farm)
- U2339 Summerfield Lane, Stainsacre (Junction A171 Stainsacre Lane, Whitby)
- U2343 Hall Farm Road, Hawsker (Junction A171 Summerfield Lane to Fern Farm)
- U2343 Mill Lane, Hawsker (Junction A171 Summerfield Lane to Fern Farm)

These closures are in place due to heavy smoke.

Please avoid this small part of North Yorkshire.

Walking and cycling - North York Moors National Park Authority

Due to the spread of the moorland wildfire in and around Fylingdales Moor, the Coast to Coast walk has been closed temporarily from Grosmont to Hawsker.

Please avoid walking or cycling in the vicinity of the affected area and be aware that other popular routes, including the Lyke Wake Walk, are also being affected.

The area of the Coast to Coast most impacted is from Littlebeck to Hawsker. Coast to Coast walkers are advised to pick up the Esk Valley Walk at Grosmont, following the leaping salmon waymarkers to Whitby. At Whitby, follow the Cleveland Way to Robin Hood's Bay - but please note that smoke may be affecting this section.

Please [see this map for details of the diversion to the Coast to Coast](#), but be aware that smoke may be affecting surrounding areas.

The situation is changing quickly so if you do intend to walk or cycle anywhere in the east of the National Park, it is worth checking the [homepage of the North York Moors National Park website](#), which will feature the latest emergency notices.

Further fire risk - The rest of the North York Moors is open for you to enjoy safely, but extra caution is required, as the National Park remains at extreme risk of further wildfires.

Please follow our **Extreme Fire Risk warning advice**. You must NOT:

- Discard cigarettes or matches anywhere, including from car windows along any road. Even a tiny spark can start an uncontrollable blaze.
- Light barbecues or campfires in the National Park, surrounding gardens, allotments, lay-bys, or any nearby open land or forest.
- Leave glass bottles or reflective litter, sunlight can ignite dry vegetation through them.

To read the full fire risk guidance, please see our press release - [Extreme fire risk in the North York Moors: Public urged to consider their actions | NYMNP](#)

Much of this information is easy to access and stay in touch with here:

[Langdale area wildfire | North Yorkshire Council](#)