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Police and Fire officers join forces to tackle fire incidents in Derby disused buildings.

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Our officers have joined forces with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service after numerous calls of fires in disused buildings and waste ground in part of Derby.

Dan Crosby and Sarah Levein pictured at the site

Over the last five months we have received 14 calls to attend fires at the disused, old railway siding buildings near to the junction of Great Northern Road, Uttoxeter New Road and Stafford Street in Derby.

The site has now been re-visited and signs erected, reminding people of the dangers of setting fires on waste ground and in disused buildings.

PCSO Dan Crosby from the Abbey Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "We have been increasing our patrols of the site and speaking to the owners to deter trespassers on the land.

"As we approach the colder evenings and nights we are concerned that these trespassers will be tempted to start more small fires that could put themselves or others in danger.

"We have put these signs up to remind people of these dangers and to re-assure local residents that we are aware and working with others to try and resolve the issue."

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Community Safety Officer Sarah Levien, said: "We've done a lot of collaborative work with our partners in the police to try and discourage people from setting fires in the area.

Deliberately started fires can take firefighters away from potentially lifesaving emergencies, so it's crucial for us to try and prevent these from occurring."

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