



Fire incident at Lower Compton landfill site

Update: Friday 20 April – 9.00am

Three crews from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (DWFRS) remain on site following the fire which started yesterday afternoon on the Lower Compton landfill site.

The fire is under control but has not been completely extinguished. Employees on site are using clay material to spread over the affected area to smother the fire that remains. The landfill site is closed.

The materials recycling facility, ready-mixed concrete plant and the Honeyball household recycling centre are not affected by the incident and are open today as normal.

There are no reports of any personal injury or damage to property.

The fire at Lower Compton landfill site was ignited when waste was tipped from one of our collection vehicles. Whilst at present we are trying to identify the exact source of the fire within the waste, we would like to remind all residents of the importance of disposing of waste material in a responsible manner.

Mike Hill, chief executive of The Hills Group said: “Our employees are well trained and reacted quickly to the situation. They immediately launched the on-site emergency plan and followed procedures for this type of incident. I would also like to thank the Fire & Rescue services for their quick response.”

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