



Firewise Toolkit

The Five Steps to Firewise

- The community should produce a wildfire risk assessment as a written document. It is anticipated that this will be in conjunction with the host Fire and Rescue Service and compliment any Risk Management Planning that the FRS undertakes. Examples / potential templates for this process are included in this document.
- The community should form a committee, and create an action plan based on the risk assessment. The committee should if possible represent all the interested parties and include for example householders, landowners and land managers. Fire and Rescue Services may not want (or be able) to make such a commitment in the longer term but should consider their involvement initially to get them off the right start. They may also wish to have oversight on an annual (or other) basis.
- Conduct a “Firewise Day” event to raise awareness of the scheme, encourage new members and potentially raise funds. More than anything this day should be fun and bring the community together. This is something that FRS should consider their participation in – to educate and build links with the community concerned.
- Invest a minimum of £1.50 per capita in local Firewise actions for the year. This does not have to be actual money but could be – for example – accounted for by labour put into schemes to make the community safe.
- The Committee and local Fire and Rescue Service confirm Firewise status.

