



Chief Fire Officer Update

The fire in little Sark has been a herculean effort from everyone involved. The 999 call came through at 11am Friday morning and, although the fire is now under control, firefighters are continuing to dampen down the area. It is expected that this will need to continue for at least several days.

I declared a major incident around 1pm on Friday. This is the first time a major incident has ever been called by Sark Fire and Rescue Service in the history of the fire service (inception in 1958). The area is over the cliff at the Silver Mines at Port Gorey. There are two separate fires and we have had to fight it from six different venues. A field approximately size of a football pitch was scorched over in approximately one minute. We managed to stop the flames from reaching two private dwellings. Excavators have been involved by cutting fire breaks through the gorse.

I estimate we have used 60,000 gallons (270,000 litres or 270 tonnes of water). Volunteers from Sark have turned up with 1,000 litre IBC containers of water and have continued to help by transporting water to the fire appliances.

Once again my thanks goes to everyone involved from Guernsey Fire & Rescue, Guernsey Harbour Office, JESCC, Guernsey drone crew, Sarnia work boat, Sark Shipping, Sark charter vessels, Guernsey Ambulance and Rescue and Flying Christine 3. My thanks also goes to the too numerous to count volunteers from Sark, including those who supplied the fire crews with food and water. At one point yesterday afternoon there was 50+ personnel assisting.

Below is a photo of the approximate area of the fire.

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