

**From:** Upper Valley Coordinator

**Sent:** 07 April 2022 12:29

**Subject:** Request for assistance with the renewal of PSPO on Calderdale Moorlands

Dear colleagues,

Our moorland areas are precious resources and are at risk from fires, especially during dry weather. The impact of uncontrolled fires on these sites can be devastating and can result in loss of habitat, air and water pollution, risk to people and property, release of carbon into the atmosphere, loss of grazing land and many other problems. The costs and effort required in dealing with a wildfire are also significant and divert our Fire and Rescue Services and other agencies from other important work.

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has been in place on our moors for the last three years and Calderdale Council are looking to renew and expand it.

A public consultation will open soon. In the meantime, if you have any photographs, observations or evidence from your own or your group/organisation's activities which could support the continuing need for a Public Space Protection Order on our moorland, please do get in touch with myself on before May. Recent examples included the use of portable barbeques, thrown still lit cigarettes and the leaving of litter containing glass, which has the potential to cause fires by the heat of the sun. You may have come across the same or other specific examples of when/where this has happened in our locality or know of similar behaviour on the Moors that put people and land at risk. If so, it would be helpful to hear about this. Please send us any photos or reports that you may have that can be used to evidence the need for the PSPO's renewal.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance,

**Upper Valley Neighbourhood Co-ordinator**