

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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Dear Inspector Oliver

FIRE HAZARD TO PROPERTIES AT STATION COTTAGES, PRINCETOWN

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council has received representations from residents of Station Cottages Princetown who are concerned over the threat of fire to their properties caused by youths trespassing in the adjacent pine plantation.

The plantation boundary fences are largely broken down and local youths have begun to play in the trees, making dens, creating noise, leaving litter and, most worryingly, lighting camp fires. A number of houses are particularly vulnerable to any out-of-control fire in the wood as they are immediately adjacent to the east of the plantation, which is downwind in the prevailing weather conditions on the moor.

According to Land Registry records the owner is Gerrit Kasper Groenewold of 67 Mill Street Oxford OX2 0AL. Apparently, Mr Groenewold does not live at this address, which is registered to him at 1 Ferry Hinksey Road Oxford OX2 0BY. Residents have tried to contact Mr Groenewold at both addresses to seek fencing improvements, but have received no response.

Consequently, residents are seeking increased policing of the area to evict youths who may be in the plantation and to deter future trespass and fire-lighting. Dartmoor Forest Parish Council supports this proposal and requests you take the appropriate measures to implement this police action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Tigwell'.

Nigel Tigwell
Parish Clerk