

# Suspicious Fire in Wester Hailes

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for information following a suspicious fire in Edinburgh.

The incident happened around 6pm on Monday 30th August in the Wester Hailes area of the city.

A wooden building on Dumbryden Road, which is used by a local youth charity, was set alight causing massive damage.

Fire service tackled the blaze for over two hours while officers from Lothian and Borders Police assisted with road closures and maintaining a cordon.

The building's roof and interior were completely destroyed resulting in around £30,000 worth of damage.

Officers are now appealing for anyone who was in the area and witnessed anything suspicious to come forward.

A police spokesman said: 'Those responsible for this mindless act of destruction not only put the safety of the public at risk, they have also destroyed a valuable community asset and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

'Anyone who saw any suspicious activity in or around the building or in the Dumbryden Road area is asked to contact police immediately.

'Similarly, anyone who can assist us in identifying the suspects responsible for this fire are also asked to get in touch.'