

Kirkliston blaze now under control



Fire crews from Sighthill, Crewe Toll and South Queensferry were called to piles of rubbish on fire in a field near Hallyards Farm House in Kirkliston early this morning.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Operations Control Edinburgh received the call at just after midnight and quickly mobilised crews to the incident. On arrival firefighters discovered around 200 tonnes of waste materials well alight in open ground.

Firefighters immediately used two main jets to fight the fire which has been burning throughout the early hours of this morning.

One of the piles of rubbish contained cement roof tiles which they suspected contained asbestos. A Technical Adviser from Edinburgh's Scientific Services was called to take samples to confirm the presence of asbestos. As a precaution, all kit used by the firefighters involved were decontaminated.

Crews are still on the scene dampening down the affected area.