

Firefighters tackle large wildfire near West Calder



Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are currently tackling a large wildfire at Harburn, West Calder having been called out at 1.05pm yesterday.

Six appliances attended the scene and are expected to remain until the fire is under control.

No roads closures are in place.

Firefighters issued a warning over wildfires on Friday morning and SFRS Deputy Assistant Chief Officer Andy Coueslant said: "Many rural and remote communities are hugely impacted by wildfires, which can cause significant environmental and economic damage.

"Livestock, farmland, wildlife, protected woodland and sites of special scientific interest can all be devastated by these fires – as can the lives of people living and working in rural communities.

"Human behaviour can significantly lower the chance of a wildfire starting so it's crucial people act safely and responsibly in rural environments and follow the countryside code."