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## Farndon Cottage Fire – With Pictures



Morning update: Cheshire fire service report they were called at 8pm last night to Farndon to deal with a fire in a cottage. This fire started in the middle of the row of cottages yet spread to both sides.



This is a view earlier this morning of the damage caused:



Tweeted to @wrexham by @GeorgeDuerden

Around 9.30pm last night reports surfaced on twitter to a large scale fire in Farndon, near Wrexham. Twitter users sent in the following images and information to us:

Cheshire fire service reported that crews from both Chester and Wrexham were attending the fire on the High Street in Farndon.

Reports say that three thatched cottages are alight, with one eyewitness ( @KevM5 ) saying he saw up to 5 fire engines, five police vehicles and three ambulances.

An early unconfirmed report was sent to the Wrexham.com twitter account by @GeorgeDuerden staying that three people have apparently been arrested after allegedly firing a firework onto the roof of the cottages and thus starting a fire.

Due to this Barton Rd is currently closed as are turn offs from the A534. This row of cottages are Grade II listed .



1am sent to @wrexham from @georgeduerden

We understand there are no injuries reported, and the people made homeless and evacuated from neighbouring buildings are being looked after in the local memorial hall.

At 1am the fire service was still in attendance with four engines on the High St, pumping water from the River Dee up the hill to the affected properties.

The following is a view taken at 1am:

Crews remained on scene overnight dampening down the building.

<https://www.wrexham.com/news/farndon-cottage-fire-tonigh-pictures-2326.html>

## Fire at Farndon cottages was an accident, say investigators

CHESHIRE Fire and Rescue Service says the fire that destroyed a row of Grade II listed cottages last Thursday was accidental.

The blaze, at the Grade II listed black-and-white cottages in High Street, was reported at 8pm on Thursday, September 8.

A spokesman said: “Four fire engines were sent to the scene but on arrival an aerial appliance and a further four fire engines were requested as the fire had spread.



“Cheshire had appliances from Malpas, Chester, Ellesmere Port and Tarporley on the scene while North Wales Fire and Rescue Service had two engines and an aerial appliance from Wrexham and a further engine from Deeside.

“Firefighters used five hose reel jets to tackle the blaze.

“The fire started in the middle cottage out of a row of three and spread to those on each side. Two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus went into the end cottages to tackle the fire.

“After getting the fire under control, crews withdrew from inside the cottages and firefighters in the aerial appliances sprayed water on the roofs and began to pull away the thatched roof.”

All residents were able to get out of their homes safely and there were no reported injuries.

Neighbour David Birch said: “It was just a little bit to start with but it spread quickly. The fire service did a good job.

“I saw flames shooting out of the top of the thatch and there was smoke everywhere.”

Rumours were circulating on social networking site Twitter that the fire was started by youths who threw a firework, but Cheshire Constabulary said there have been no arrests in connection with the incident.

<https://www.cheshire-live.co.uk/news/chester-cheshire-news/fire-farndon-cottages-accident-say-5188578>