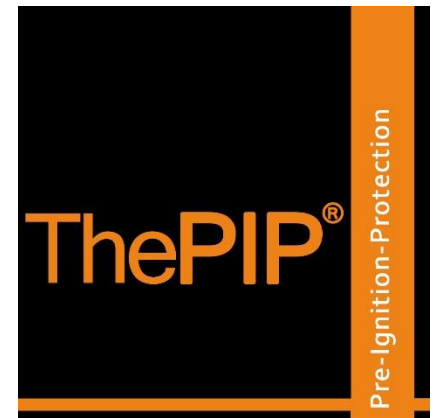


Pavement Explosions & Fires 2016



- This document includes some (not all) of the electrical pavement / underground street explosions and fires that have occurred in the UK during 2016.
- It is highly likely that some of these incidents could have been prevented by installing ThePIP Modular System.
- ThePIP Modular System can be installed in underground Link & Fuse Boxes to provide Pre Ignition Protection@85°C ± 5°

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Power restored to 200 homes in Cowley after electrical fire

Houses in the OX4 postcode around Hollow Way were affected for most of the day after a fire at 10.30am.

A spokesman for Scottish and Southern Electricity said a fire in an electricity link box had caused the power cut.

Initially 80-100 homes were hit while engineers put out the fire.

An additional 80-100 homes also had their power switched off to enable the problem to be fixed.

[http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14846605.Power cut in Cowley affecting up to 200 homes caused by electrical fire/](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14846605.Power%20cut%20in%20Cowley%20affecting%20up%20to%20200%20homes%20caused%20by%20electrical%20fire/)

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Assistance to Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service

Fire in underground electrical junction, Dickens Drive, Old Stratford. One appliance and crew from Great Holm attended.

The incident was left with electricity engineers.

<http://bucksfire.gov.uk/latest-incidents>

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Businesses evacuated in Grantham's Westgate as underground electricity cables catch fire

Several businesses have been evacuated in Westgate, Grantham, due to an underground electrical fire.

Flames could be seen through the pavement outside New Era.

Businesses became aware of the fire when lights began to flicker. Power and phone lines have now gone down.

<http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/businesses-evacuated-in-grantham-s-westgate-as-underground-electricity-cables-catch-fire-1-7690841>

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Pavement 'explodes' in Blackfriars injuring woman

A woman has been rushed to hospital after a manhole cover exploded in the City this afternoon.

Police and fire crews were called out to the electrical fire on Tudor Street in Blackfriars, shortly after 1pm.

A woman was injured at the scene and taken to hospital. Her condition was described by police as not life-threatening.

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/blackfriars-exploding-pavement-injures-woman-in-tudor-street-a3312241.html>

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Pavement explosion in Hackney

Firefighters were called to reports of a fire and explosion under the pavement on Mare Street in Hackney. It is believed that an electrical intake box under the pavement caught fire. Mare Street was closed in both directions from Morning Lane to Paragon Road.

Firefighters also set up a 25 metre safety cordon while crews worked with colleagues from UK Power Network. There were no reports of any injuries.

One fire engine and five firefighters and officers from Homerton fire station are at the scene.

http://www.londonfire.gov.uk/LatestIncidentsContainer_0310201620_hackneyexplosion.asp

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Road closed after 'sparks and smoke seen coming from pavement'

Fire services and electricity specialists are on scene after smoke and sparks were seen coming from a pavement in Hartlepool.

A spokeswoman for Cleveland Fire Brigade has confirmed that there is currently one appliance, from Hartlepool, on “protective stand-by” at the incident.

A spokeswoman for Northern Powergrid said: “We received reports from the fire service of sparks being seen coming from the pavement and our engineers found that it was a fault with underground electricity cables.

<http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/road-closed-after-sparks-smoke-12148896>

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Properties left without power after underground electricity fire

A main road in Leek was cordoned off and homes were evacuated after a manhole cover exploded into flames.

The incident happened at an underground electricity box in the pavement at the bottom of Sneyd Street with its junction with Broad Street.

Leek resident Rob Patalong had walked over the then smoking manhole cover just seconds before it exploded, initially producing "12 feet high" flames.

<http://www.leek-news.co.uk/a-main-road-in-leek-was-cordoned-off-for-several-hours-on-sunday-after-a-manhole-cover-exploded-into-flames/story-29776558-detail/story.html#hkOAWztxFx7JFgch.99>

Fire brigade called to smoking road

A power cut in Wantage was sparked by an underground fault that caused smoke to spew from a manhole.

Residents in 1,000 homes lost electricity at about 3pm yesterday, and endured a gloomy evening while engineers worked to fix the problem.

A passer-by was concerned to see smoke burbling from a manhole cover in the road, and called the fire brigade.

<http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14793187.UPDATE> Residents face gloomy evening as power cut hits 1 000 homes/

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Firefighters attend to smoke from electrical junction box in Brentford

Lionel Road South in Brentford, close to the junction with Kew Bridge, was shut after smoke was seen coming from an electrical junction box.

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) has sent one fire engine and around five firefighters to deal with the incident.

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/road-closed-congestion-kew-bridge-12189807>

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'Explosion' outside Bristol doctors' surgery

A explosion is said to have taken place outside a Bristol doctors' surgery.

Nearly 100 homes are currently without power following a black-out in the area, with an underground electricity cable thought to have caused both issues.

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/explosion-outside-bristol-doctors-surgery-after-evacuation-and-power-cut/story-29729667-detail/story.html#dwMKeu4jF1OLPyUu.99>

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Fire breaks out underground

An underground electrical fire closed Norton Road in Worcester for around an hour this afternoon.

Firefighters from Worcester attended the blaze shortly after 2.30pm and the road was shut.

http://www.redditchadvertiser.co.uk/news/regional/14750251.Road_shut_after_fire_breaks_out_underground/?ref=mrb&lp=2

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Cable fire sparks drama

Power has been restored to around 200 homes in Cowley after an earlier electrical fire.

A spokesman for Scottish and Southern Electricity said a fire in an electricity link box had caused the power cut.

Initially 80-100 homes were hit while engineers put out the fire.

An additional 80-100 homes also had their power switched off to enable the problem to be fixed.

<http://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/14846605.UPDATE> Power restored to 200 homes in Cowley after electrical fire/

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Cable fault to blame for fire under pavement in North End

An underground cable fault caused a fire in North End which led to people being evacuated from parts of the street and nearby shops last week.

Six buildings had no electricity from 7.10pm to 11.20pm after the blaze as engineers fixed the problem.

<http://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/8203-cable-fault-to-blame-for-fire-under-pavement-in-north-end/story-29597446-detail/story.html#QXKVdYmJPod4MDiL.99>

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Electrical blowout causes power cut to multiple businesses in Bath's Kingsmead Square

An electrical blowout caused a power cut to a number of businesses in Kingsmead Square during a busy trading day late this afternoon.

It is thought a junction box below the street blew up at around 4.45pm. One fire crew from Bath Fire Station attended and roped off the part of the street above the blown junction box.

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/electrical-blowout-causes-power-cut-to-multiple-businesses-in-bath-s-queen-square/story-29543831-detail/story.html#cxMTJH8D5vgVz4M.99>

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Fire in electrical installation

The Fire Service were called to reports of a link box in the High Street on fire by Western Power. Fire Control mobilised two appliances from Salcombe and Kingsbridge to attend this incident.

Upon arrival crews confirmed smoke and flames were issuing. Crews got to work using two breathing apparatus and one dry powder extinguisher. Western Power confirmed they had isolated the power. At 1045hrs crews confirmed the small fire in underground electrical point was now out, the cause of the fire is believed to be accidental.

<http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/news/newsdesk/IncidentDetail.cfm?IncidentID=38099&siteCategoryId=3&T1ID=26&T2ID=35>

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Power cut after electrics box bursts into flames

AROUND 40 Dunfermline homes suffered a power cut after an electrics box suddenly burst into flames on Friday morning.

Fire crews raced to Bellyeoman Road after the alarm was raised just after 11.30am. The Press understands residents reported hearing a “boom like a car crash” and lights flickering in their homes when the fire sparked.

Police attended and the road was closed off. The blaze was put out using dry powder.

[http://www.dunfermlinepress.com/news/dunfermline/14526250.Power cut after electrics box bursts into flames/](http://www.dunfermlinepress.com/news/dunfermline/14526250.Power%20cut%20after%20electrics%20box%20bursts%20into%20flames/)

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Underground electrical fire shuts Eastgate Street in Winchester

Smoke is billowing from a manhole cover in Winchester after an electrical transformer caught fire. Eastgate Street has been shut as smoke plumes out of a grate in the pavement.

A pump crew from Winchester fire station is currently on the scene. Police are also in attendance.

[http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/14679483.VIDEO AND PHOTOS Underground electrical fire shuts city street and causes power cut/](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/14679483.VIDEO_AND_PHOTOS_Underground_electrical_fire_shuts_city_street_and_causes_power_cut/)

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Manhole cover 'explodes' in Peterborough city centre

Eyewitness Sarah Ratcliffe said: "Myself, my one-year-old and my three-year-old were maybe six metres away - could easily have killed them."

A police spokesman said: "We were called at about 1.10pm this afternoon with reports of a manhole cover exploding into the air."

The cause of the incident was a fault on an underground power cable.

<http://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/news/video-manhole-cover-explodes-in-peterborough-city-centre-1-7503943>

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Island Crescent in Newquay cordoned off

A street in Newquay has been cordoned off after flames erupted from an underground electricity supply this morning.

Police and firefighters were called to Island Crescent at about 8.35am. The flames were approximately 6" high.

<http://www.cornwalllive.com/island-crescent-in-newquay-cordoned-off-after-underground-electricity-fire/story-29572104-detail/story.html#1KDOCsSJA35fjuF.99>

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Road closures in Leighton Buzzard after 'explosion'

Firefighters were called to reports of an 'explosion' under a manhole cover in central [Leighton Buzzard](#) this morning.

Emergency services were alerted to what is believed to be an electrical fire in Maple Mews at about 7.33am today.

<http://www.bedfordshire-news.co.uk/traffic-update-road-closures-in-leighton-buzzard-after-explosion/story-29540318-detail/story.html>

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Underground cable fault causes fire in Bromsgrove's Haydon Road

WESTERN Power Distribution (WPD) are working to fix a fault in some underground power cables on Haydon Road, after a fire broke out this morning.

Emergency services were called at 6.59am on Wednesday, July 27 after the fire had begun to spread on to the pavement.

http://www.bromsgroveadvertiser.co.uk/news/14645270.Undergroundcable_fault_causes_fire_in_Bromsgrove_street/

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Road closed after underground 'explosion' rips open manhole cover

RESIDENTS were left shocked after being disturbed by the sound of an 'explosion' yards from their homes.

Firefighters were called to Lullington Road, Overseal, today, after residents reported an underground explosion which ripped through a manhole cover, causing extensive damage to the pavement.

<http://www.burtonmail.co.uk/road-closed-underground-explosion-rips-open/story-29405663-detail/story.html#0kKFqowpOCQrHBgb.99>

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Eighty Huddersfield homes left without power after underground cable fire

Electricity was cut to properties on and around Spinkfield Road in Birkby for almost eight hours after underground link cable box caught alight at 1.20am today.

<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/eighty-huddersfield-homes-left-without-11496245>

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Fire crews battle underground electrical fire in Oxted

An eyewitness said "there was heavy smoke, it was pretty dense and you could smell the burning about 500m away" after a fire broke out in Station Road East.

Fire fighters from Godstone and Reigate attended the blaze involving electricity cables after it broke out near the Boots store in Station Road East at around 7pm.

<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/fire-crews-battle-underground-electrical-11643064>

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Explosion under pavement in Accrington town centre

Dozens of properties have been left without electricity in Accrington town centre following an underground explosion.

Abbey Street was closed and evacuated from Blackburn Road to Eastgate after a manhole cover was blown open outside J Archer Carpets Ltd.

<http://www.accringtonobserver.co.uk/news/breaking-explosion-under-pavement-accrington-11434783>

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Underground fire at Wetherspoon's pub

Firefighters are tackling a blaze at Louth's Wetherspoon's Joseph Morton pub on Kidgate, caused by an underground electrical fault.

Two crews of firefighters are tackling the blaze. Engineers from National Powergrid have been alerted.

<http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/underground-wetherspoon-s-pub/story-29394375-detail/story.html#p4XHurGiSHXGVKM7.99>

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Road in Sherborne believed to be closed due to electrical fire

FIREFIGHTERS are at the scene of an electrical fire in Sherborne this morning (May 18).

A crew from the town was called to Long Street at 8.27am where smoke was emerging from the pavement.

Reports suggest the road is closed due to the incident.

<http://www.somersetlive.co.uk/road-sherborne-believed-closed-electrical/story-29288065-detail/story.html#A0GMdGumcF3jjvUt.99>

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Residents flee fire as flames burst through the ground

Residents of a Dundee street were forced to flee their homes after flames burst through the ground.

The fire broke out on Balmoral Terrace shortly before 2pm on Wednesday.

Scottish Hydro has since confirmed that it was the result of a fault in an electric link box underground.

<https://www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk/fp/residents-flee-fire-flames-burst-ground/>

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Underground fire causes hundreds of home to lose power

More than 300 homes will be left without electricity until later this evening following a fire underground.

Homes in the Talke and Butt Lane area have been without power since 1.30pm today and it's unlikely to be restored until 8pm tonight.

The fire was caused by underground cables.

<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/underground-causes-hundreds-home-lose-power/story-29242849-detail/story.html#YYxQCxISHm3Dcct2.99>

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Canal huts razed to ground

The four wooden beach-style huts at Cadder Wharf near Bishopbriggs were razed to the ground. An electrical fault is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

“It would appear to have been an electrical fault relating to an underground cable serving the sheds. The fire does not appear to have been malicious.”

<http://www.kirkintilloch-herald.co.uk/news/canal-huts-razed-to-ground-1-4119529>

Underground fire closes road in Kingswood, Hull

Runnymede Avenue, Kingswood, was closed for two hours this evening because of an underground electrical fire.

Flames were spotted coming up from a manhole cover, the fire service said. Emergency Services were called to the scene at around 5pm, with the road re-opening two hours later.

Hundreds of homes have lost power in the Kingswood Parks area, with engineers predicting the power won't be fully restored until around 11.30pm today.

<http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/live-underground-closes-road-kingswood-hull/story-29219738-detail/story.html#eeVKMutKmcvpSKxV.99>

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Manhole fire in Cobham

An electrical fire in a pavement manhole in Cobham during rush-hour caused gridlock in the area on Thursday morning.

Emergency services, including Police and fire crews, were called to the manhole fire in Between Streets at around 8am.

<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/manhole-fire-cobham-hits-morning-11390206>

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Fire crew called to Exmouth electrical fire

A crew from Exmouth attended the incident at around 3pm after reports of a loud bang in Churchill Road.

On arrival fire fighters confirmed the fire was out and the noise had come from an electrical substation where an explosion had happened involving an underground cable.

http://www.eastdevon24.co.uk/news/fire_crew_called_to_exmouth_electrical_fire_1_4542493

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Castle Place blaze

Castle Place was closed and diversions put in place as twenty-four firefighters attended. Two premises were evacuated.

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) This is a confirmed fire in underground electrical apparatus.

NIFRS have established a 30 metre cordon for public safety which has closed Castle Junction.

Two premises have also been evacuated due to smoke travel.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/castle-place-blaze-belfast-city-centre-fire-in-underground-electrical-apparatus-causes-rush-hour-disruption-34749568.html>

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Section of Lord Street closed after 'explosion'

A section of Lord Street pavement has been cordoned off after an incident involving an electrical junction box.

Two fire engines attended the incident, which involved a fuse fire in a junction box that caused the box to explode and a grid to lift up.

A spokesman for Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service told Viister.co.uk that firefighters are currently in attendance at Lord Street in Southport following a fuse fire in a junction box.

<http://www.southportvisiter.co.uk/news/southport-west-lancs/section-lord-street-closed-after-11236720>

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Sidcup man says people lucky not to be hurt

Peter Ingrams, 55, of The Grove, was woken up by the loud bang, which "sounded like a bomb", at 6.40am this morning.

The manhole is situated on the pavement of the street where pedestrians often walk during the day.

It is believed the explosion was part of an electrical malfunction.

http://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/14399124.Sidcup_man_says_people_lucky_not_to_be_hurt_in_explosion_near_home/

A140 to partially re-open after loud bang and shattered manhole

There were reports of a loud bang and a blast that blew open a manhole cover. Police said the manhole cover “shattered without warning close to the road”.

UK Power Networks engineers continue to work in the Flowerpot Lane area of Long Stratton to carry out emergency repairs on a piece of underground equipment.

http://www.dissmercury.co.uk/news/9pm_update_a140_to_partially_re_open_after_loud_bang_and_shattered_manhole_closes_road_at_long_stratton_1_4483849

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Crews Called To Electrical Fire In Bath

St James Parade, Bath

Firefighters were called to reports of smoke coming from the pavement on a road in the centre of Bath.

Two crews from Bath and Kingswood fire stations attended to investigate the cause of the smoke.

It's believed the fire involved underground electrical cables so Western Power also attended the scene. One fire engine remained in attendance.

<http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/bath-and-north-east-somerset-incidents/1791-crews-called-to-electrical-fire-in-bath>

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Pavement 'explosion' sends flames 15 feet into the air

Police and fire officers are investigating the cause of an 'explosion' in a Norfolk village which sent flames shooting 15 feet into the air.

The blast happened under the pavement close to the Stratton Motors garage in Long Stratton 10 miles to the south of Norwich.

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/update/2016-04-05/road-closed-after-pavement-explosion-sends-flames-15-feet-into-the-air/>

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Doncaster street explosion caught on camera

Residents were left without power for several hours after electrical cables caught fire under a Doncaster street.

Firefighters from Rotherham were called to St Vincent's Avenue in Wheatley at 7.15am on Monday after electrical cable ignited underground

<http://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/video-doncaster-street-explosion-caught-on-camera-1-7821928>

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Fire in city centre near the Triangle

A fire broke out on Queens Road, near Bristol city centre's Triangle in an underground electricity box.

The utility company responsible for the box have isolated the electricity and the fire brigade have been on the scene for more than 90 minutes extinguishing the flames.

There were two crews on the scene, the crews used a CO2 extinguisher, and a high pressure hose reel and foam to put out the fire.

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/city-centre-near-triangle-started-underground/story-28899381-detail/story.html#6RSpKWJOjiuFEMFI.99>

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Huyton care home evacuated

Twenty-four residents were evacuated from a Huyton care home last night after electric cables caught fire underground nearby.

Firefighters from Belle Vale and Huyton community fire stations were at the scene for more than two hours, with a gas monitor showing the smoke was high in toxic hydrocarbons.

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/huyton-orchard-care-home-fire-10901592>

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Schoolchildren video grid explosion

Brooke whipped out her mobile phone and began filming the incident, while Finley called for the fire brigade. “Just before the fire engine arrived it exploded, there was smoke coming out. It was black clouds of smoke.

A spokesperson for Electricity North West, said: “An underground cable fault caused the loss of supply to 151 customers in Beswick, East Manchester at 3.45pm yesterday.

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/watch-moment-schoolchildren-video-grid-10906714>

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Underground fire in Sheffield

Homes and businesses are without power in parts of South Yorkshire today after a electricity cabling fire underground.

Firefighters called out as a precaution remained at the scene until electrical engineers isolated the electricity supply.

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/underground-fire-in-sheffield-leaves-homes-and-businesses-without-electricity-1-7713134>

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200 homes affected by Walsall fire

Around 200 homes were affected after a fire to a junction box in Walsall.

Fire crews had to deal with the blaze at Stapleford Croft, Druids Heath - which knocked power out of at the homes

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2016/04/17/200-homes-affected-by-walsall-fire/#cDACDvklULFOpCgl.99>

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Power blaze sparks panic

More than 150 households were left without power yesterday after an underground electrical fire cut supplies and sparked flames as “high as houses”.

A fire service spokesman said, “We arrived just before 4am and made the area safe. We were there until 5.30am.

<http://www.oldham-chronicle.co.uk/news-features/8/news-headlines/96601/power-blaze-sparks-panic>

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Turbary Park residents evacuated as underground electrical fire spreads to homes

An underground fire resulted in six West Howe homes being evacuated yesterday.

Power was still out in the area last night and roads around the site are expected to be closed for some time while the electricity company 'makes the area safe'.

Fifty homes were without power on Sunday, and expected to stay that way until at least 7pm.

One woman was taken to hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/News/14210369.UPDATED_Homes_evacuated_overnight_as_electrical_fault_causes_several_fires/

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Firefighters tackle manhole fire

A Busy Dorset road was closed this afternoon following an underground fire.

The Avenue following a fire in a high voltage, underground electricity sub-station.

The road has since been re-opened, but a section around the manhole has been cordoned off to allow a Southern Electric crew to carry out work on the damaged electricity cable.

<http://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/14179030.UPDATE> Road closed in West Moors while firefighters tackle manhole fire/

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Underground electrical fire being tackled in the Black Country

Fire crews in Dudley are tackling an underground electrical fire in Lower Gornal.

White and purple watch are in attendance at Wood Road.

http://www.halesowennews.co.uk/news/14209786.Underground_electrical_fire_being_tackled_in_the_Black_Country/

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Residents told to stay indoors after manhole bursts into flames in Coventry

A road was closed and people told to stay indoors after flames burst through a manhole in Coventry.

It was later discovered the fire was caused by a faulty electricity cable.

Because a gas pipe was running nearby, both services were temporarily disconnected.

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/residents-told-stay-indoors-after-10729390>

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Firefighters sent to electricity box fire

A Mid Suffolk post office was evacuated briefly today after a minor fire.

Two fire appliances were sent to the incident.

The fire was located in a small electrical box in an alley way near the post office.

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/firefighters_sent_to_electricity_box_fire_at_needham_market_post_office_1_4381558

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Winchester homes blacked out

Homes across Hampshire were left without power during a blackout caused by an electrical fire in an industrial estate.

Crews from Winchester fire station arrived and sealed off the manhole but the fire eventually died down and they spent nearly an hour monitoring the area to ensure it was safe.

http://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/14227589.Homes_blacked_out_after_underground_electrical_fire/

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