

Man arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life after fires in village

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A man has been arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life after a series of fires in a village.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incidents, which took place in Husbands Bosworth, near Market Harborough, between 11pm on Wednesday and the early hours of yesterday.

Investigators say they believe the fires are linked.



(Image: Andrew Carpenter)

Two vehicles and a number of wheelie bins were set alight in Mowsley Road.

The blaze also affected a nearby property. However, Leicestershire Police said nobody was injured.

It was later reported that a van was set alight in Church Street.

The first incident of the spate took place shortly after 11pm on Wednesday, when a waste bin was set alight outside a house of Bell Lane.



A burned-out vehicle at one of the scenes in Husbands Bosworth (Image: Andrew Carpenter)

Detective Constable Chantel Booth, the investigating officer, said: "We believe that these incidents are linked to one another and our inquiries are continuing.

"I'm particularly keen to speak to anyone who was in either Bell Lane, Mowsley Road or Church Street and who saw or heard anyone acting in a suspicious manner.

"Whether you saw something yourself, or you have CCTV or dashcam footage that has picked anything up, I'd like to speak to you."

The arrested man is 35 and from Gloucestershire.



Officers at the scene of one of the fires in Husbands Bosworth (Image: Andrew Carpenter)

He remains in custody.

Anyone with information should call DC Booth on 101.