

## Alarm at big rise in arson blazes

GROWING concern has been raised about the number of deliberate fires set in Balby, which firefighters said were putting lives at risk.

The fire service said they had received a "huge increase" in deliberate fire reports recently.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue said such incidents were "tying crews down, destroying the local landscape and placing people at risk".

Information about arson attacks can be given anonymously on 0800 169 5558.

# Get ready to run – but it's all for fun and funding



Manvers Lake Fun Run 2019

A FUN run in memory of a popular teacher will return next month.

On December 3, runners will be once again taking part in a Santa Dash at Manvers Lake in memory of Hana Szczepkowski, who died of cancer aged only 31.

The event, which also includes a fun run, aims to keep Hana's memory alive and raise funds for the cancer charity Team Verrico, who gave her hope and support throughout her illness.

The run will take place on Saturday, December 3, with a fun run from 10am and the Santa Dash at 10.30am.

Mark Benton, chair of Manvers Waterfront Boat Club, said: "This charity dash and fun run has been held at Manvers for a number of years and we are delighted that it is going ahead once again.

"Not only is it great fun but money is being raised

for a great cause.

This isn't a race but prizes will be awarded for best fancy dress and fastest time in the distance covered.

"After the run come and join the team and have a cake and a drink in the



Hana Szczepkowski

boathouse.

"There will be stalls and a raffle and you will have a chance to meet Team Verrico themselves."

The fun run is one lap of the lake — 2km — and can be walked, jogged or run, while the Santa Dash

can be one, two or three laps.

Fancy dress is encouraged.

Book your spot at [www.mwbc.org.uk/events](http://www.mwbc.org.uk/events).

Entry is £10 for adults and £5 for children and finishers will receive a festive commemorative medal.

Once you sign up you will have the opportunity to download a sponsor form to print off at home.