

Monks Eleigh: Ten fire engines spend three hours tackling thatched roof fire in The Street

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A total of 10 fire engines attended the thatched roof fire

Firefighters from across two counties spent almost three hours attempting to control a thatched roof fire in a Suffolk village last night.

A total of 10 fire engines and an aerial appliance were called to the property in Monks Eleigh, after reports of a fire at a property in The Street, Monks Eleigh at around 9.15pm.

Appliances from Hadleigh, Long Melford, Sudbury, Halstead in Essex, Bury St Edmunds and Ixworth, along with the Multistar from Bury St Edmunds and the Command Unit from Ixworth, were the first to arrive and discovered the entire 10m x 4m roof was ablaze. Two more crews from Princes Street, Ipswich, were then mobilised, followed by one each from Stowmarket and Needham Market.

The fire was under control shortly after midnight, although a single appliance remained on the scene this morning.

Suffolk Constabulary said a fire investigation would be carried out later today.