

Recently, we received an email from a customer who had unfortunately fallen victim to an arson attack. The customer had purchased a Gala Tent marquee and a marquee from another company, which proved to be a bad decision. The Gala Tent marquee featured fire rated covers whereas the non-Gala Tent didn't, leaving the structure susceptible to damage. As part of Gala Tent's quality and safety assurance, all marquees are fire tested to BS 5438 and BS 7837 British Standard requirements. As you can see by the photo the cheap alternative marquee is a total write-off and the roof has been totally blackened inside and out. This means that the material has actually set on fire. If you look at the Gala Tent, there is no blackening of the material, which means it has not set on fire, this is industry standard for outdoor events.

“Further to my telephone conversations on the 1st April please see photos related to the vandalized fire damage marquees. You are welcome to use these as it shows the benefit of using fire resistant treated covers for your clients. In hindsight we certainly should have purchased two Gala Tent structures & we'll be sure to only purchase marquees from Gala Tent in the future.”

Yours Sincerely,  
Mike Latchem.  
Chairman  
Ramsey Rural Museum



**The non-Gala Tent marquee appears to have suffered extreme fire damage both internally and externally.**



**The damage to the inside of the marquee is evident and has rendered the entire marquee unrepairable.**



**The fire has totally destroyed several sidewalls as the fire was allowed to spread by the highly flammable sidewalls of the competitor's marquee.**



**In a side-by-side comparison it's clear that the Gala Tent marquee has suffered minimal damage. The Gala Tent marquee was fully repaired at a later date for minimal cost and remains in a safe and usable condition.**