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Hartlepool District Performance April - March 2024/25



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Hartlepool lies to the north of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 12 local wards. These wards range from areas of high social deprivation to areas of executive housing. The current population of this area is 93,861 living in 45,337 dwellings.

Specific risks within the District include: A19, Hartlepool Power Station, Marina Development, Retail Parks and Light Engineering, Middleton Grange Shopping Centre, Dock Area and University of Hartlepool Hospital.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	940	Increased	7%
Total Deliberate Fires	818	Increased	7%
Deliberate Primary Fires	76	Decreased	-18%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	742	Increased	11%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	32	Increased	19%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	1	Increased	100%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	2	Increased	100%

SAFER HOMES

- 62% Coverage across the Hartlepool area
- 970 smoke alarms fitted
- 3,184 visits completed April to March 2025.
- 555 referrals to external agencies for support

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community skip events were held at various locations across the district, including Kendall Road, Ivy Grove, and Milton Road. These events aimed to clean up the area, reduce the risk of deliberate fires, and strengthen the relationship between the Brigade and the local community.
- Site visits were conducted at local hotspots known for deliberate fire setting and fly-tipping to assess ongoing issues related to arson and associated anti-social behaviour. These visits enhanced the Brigade's visibility and provided opportunities to engage directly with the community. The aim was to deter further incidents, particularly in areas like Summerhill, which are frequently targeted during holiday periods.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Accidental Dwelling Fires

The number of accidental dwelling fires increased by 19% between April and March 2025 compared to the same period in 2023/24, rising from 27 to 32 incidents. Ensuring the safety of all residents remains the Brigade’s top priority. In response, targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored educational initiatives have been implemented to address this issue and help prevent future incidents.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries

The number of accidental dwelling fire injuries in Hartlepool District increased from 1 in 2023/24 (April to March) to 2 in 2024/25. The Brigade remains committed to making residents as safe as possible in their homes. To minimise harm, stringent attendance standards are in place, ensuring that a fire appliance arrives at all house fires within 7 minutes, helping to reduce damage and prevent injuries.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards in Hartlepool for all fire incidents between April 2024 and March 2025 accumulatively accounted for 69% of fires across the district.
- Rossmere was the highest ward with 149 fires of which 143 (96%) were deemed as deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Rossmere	149
De Bruce	148
Burn Valley	121
Headland and Harbour	118
Manor House	114

SERVICE INFORMATION

Safer Homes

We offer Safer Homes Visits face to face, over the phone or virtual via TEAMS/ZOOM. For more details contact 01429 874063.

Advocates

We have a team of advocates and Home Safety Officers with special training to support vulnerable adults in our community. To find out more email advocates@clevelandfire.gov.uk

Fire Education

Our fire education team work with youngsters who are at risk of starting fires to educate them about the dangers and consequences of fires. To find out more email fsi@clevelandfire.gov.uk

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