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Hartlepool District Performance April - December 2023/24



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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 92,571 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	2023/24	Direction of Travel 2022/23 - 2023/24	% Change
Total Fires	716	Decreased	-23%
Total Deliberate Fires	621	Decreased	-24%
Deliberate Primary Fires	70	Decreased	-16%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	551	Decreased	-25%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	20	Decreased	-23%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Static	-%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Static	-%

SAFER HOMES

- 61% Coverage across the Hartlepool area
- Over 1970 smoke alarms fitted
- 2122 visits completed April to December 2023
- 382 referrals to external agencies for support

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Brigade attended the Police Crime Commission community conversations event in December to offer fire safety advice and signpost people the relevant services. This event was part of the community engagement programme to listen to communities about safety concerns.
- Site visits with the Brigade and Crime Prevention Officers at derelict factories being used for deliberate fire setting and related anti social behaviour. Advice and recommendations were given to landlords on how to secure premises and minimise risks.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Dwelling Fires

Between April and December 2023 there were 17 deliberate dwelling fires in Hartlepool district. During the same time period in 2022 there were 10 recorded. Therefore, year on year there has been an increase of 70%.

False Alarm Good Intent Dwellings

The number of false alarm good intent dwellings has risen significantly (58%) between April and December 2023 when compared to 2022 increasing from 95 to 150. False alarm good intent dwellings are important to monitor as they are incidents that could well have escalated into fires. The safety of all residents is the Brigades top priority and measures are in place to tackle this issue including targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored education.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards in Hartlepool for all fire incidents between April and December 2023 accumulatively accounted for 62% of fires across the district.
- Manor House was the highest ward with 113 fires of which 107 (95%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Manor House	113
Rossmere	109
Headland and Harbour	101
De Bruce	63
Burn Valley	61

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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