

# QUARTER

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## Middlesbrough District Performance April - June 2025/26



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Middlesbrough lies in the centre of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 20 local wards. It is the most densely populated and urbanised authority in Cleveland. Middlesbrough is bound by the River Tees, North Yorkshire Moors National Park and two other local authorities. The current population of this area is 148,285 living in 65,988 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A19, A66, A174, Teesside Park, James Cook University Hospital, Riverside Stadium, Teesside University and Middlesbrough town centre.

Indicator	2025/26	Direction of Travel 2024/25 - 2025/26	% Change
Total Fires	615	Increased	108%
Total Deliberate Fires	520	Increased	107%
Deliberate Primary Fires	49	Increased	58%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	471	Increased	114%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	18	Increased	80%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Increased	100%

### SAFER HOMES

- 70% Coverage across the Brigade area
- 283 smoke alarms fitted
- 1006 visits completed
- 138 referrals made to external agencies for assistance

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In June, Cleveland Fire Brigade offered people aged 19+ a free opportunity to participate in a two day course at Middlesbrough Fire Station.

Participants would gain a certificate in Emergency Aid and Fire Awareness, as well as having the opportunity to participate in practical activities undertaken by Fire Fighters.

This type of community engagement helps build essential life skills, fosters stronger community relationships, and offers participants a valuable insight into the vital work of the Brigade.

# CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

## Deliberate Secondary Fires

In Q1, the number of deliberate secondary fires increased by 114% compared to the same period in 2024/25, rising from 220 to 471 incidents. The Brigade remains committed to addressing this issue through targeted prevention efforts and community engagement.

## Accidental Dwelling Fires

The number of accidental dwelling fires increased by 80% between April and June 2025 compared to the same period in 2024/25, rising from 10 to 18 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.

# HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April and March 2025 accumulatively accounted for 56% of fires across the district.
- Berwick Hills & Pallister had the highest level of fire incidents with 85, of which 74 (87%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Berwick Hills & Pallister	85
Longlands & Beechwood	73
Central	72
Brambles & Thorntree	63
Hemlington	51

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:fsi@clevelandfire.gov.uk)