

QUARTER

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Middlesbrough District Performance April - March 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 156,161 living in 66,497 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	1600	Increased	19%
Total Deliberate Fires	1321	Increased	17%
Deliberate Primary Fires	135	Decreased	-6%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	1186	Increased	20%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	52	Increased	8%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	2	Decreased	-33%

SAFER HOMES

- 64% Coverage across the Brigade area
- 3322 visits completed

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Two students from Middlesbrough College’s Uniformed Public Services course recently spent time with Cleveland Fire Brigade as part of their work experience placement.

Currently studying a Level 2 qualification, the students were keen to gain insight into how the Brigade operates and the wide range of departments that work together to keep communities safe.

One highlight was visiting Grangetown Fire Station, where they observed ladder training, learned how equipment is managed, and even helped roll hoses before enjoying a ride in the fire engine.

A big thank you to all involved.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Secondary Fires

In Q4, the number of deliberate secondary fires increased by 20% compared to the same period in 2024/25. The Brigade remains committed to addressing this issue through targeted prevention efforts and community engagement.

Total Deliberate Fires

The number of total deliberate fires has risen in Q4 of 2025/26 when compared to 2024/25 data, increasing by 17%. The top locations during this time were Brambles & Thorntree and Berwick Hills & Pallister.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April and March 25/26 accumulatively accounted for 56% of fires across the district.
- Berwick Hills & Pallister had the highest level of fire incidents with 212, of which 177 (83%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Berwick Hills & Pallister	212
Brambles & Thorntree	190
Central	187
Longlands & Beechwood	162
Hemlington	144

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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