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Cleveland Fire Brigade

Performance

April - December

2024/25



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Cleveland Fire Authority provides a fire and rescue service to an area covering approximately 597km² and consists of four unitary authorities (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton). The current population of this area is 579,287 living in 267,396 dwellings.

Cleveland is the 7th most densely populated fire authority area in England and suffers from typical inner city type problems.

Our 83 wards include the 2nd most deprived ward nationally (North Ormesby) with 28 falling within the 10% most deprived wards nationally.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	3824	Increased	19%
Total Deliberate Fires	3239	Increased	21%
Deliberate Primary Fires	397	Increased	15%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	2842	Increased	22%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	131	Decreased	-8%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Decreased	100%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Decreased	-63%

SAFER HOMES

- 64% coverage across the Brigade area
- 5,883 smoke alarms fitted
- Over 16,579 visits completed between April and December 2024
- 2644 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Catcote Futures

On Wednesday 18th December, we had the privilege of welcoming students from Catcote Futures in Hartlepool to our HQ. They spread festive cheer with a heart-warming sing-and-sign session, delighting our staff with Christmas favourites. The students and their dedicated staff had a fantastic time touring our Headquarters, meeting #TeamCFB, and even spending time with crews while exploring one of our Fire Engines.

Black History Month

In celebration of Black History month during October we were thrilled to welcome Kofi and Gina from Transformers HPL to our Headquarters. The local charity is dedicated to promoting diversity and strengthening community togetherness. It was a day of cultural immersion, and fun, as we celebrated diversity and embraced the beauty of different cultures.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Road Safety Campaign

A road safety campaign is aiming to safeguard young people after the latest figures revealed that 58% of serious and fatal road collisions involving 11-17 year olds occurred during the winter months. Local authority campaign group Road Safety GB North East (RSGB NE) has launched the campaign with the help of students from Stockton Riverside College. Keeping people safe is a priority. They are urging all pedestrians and cyclists to pay attention, take out their earbuds and make sure they look both ways before crossing.

Matthew Lidster, Cleveland Fire Brigade's Road & Water Safety Coordinator, said, "During the darker winter months, it's vital to take extra care. Young people, 'be safe, be seen' by wearing reflective clothing and staying alert. Together we can prevent avoidable tragedies and keep everyone safe.

Pedestrians need to be reminded to wear something that makes them visible to road users and don't be distracted when crossing the road, whether that be by friends or mobile phones.

HOTSPOT DATA

- 5 wards were the highest for all fire incidents and accumulatively accounted for 20% of fires across the Brigade area
- 3 of the 5 wards are in Middlesbrough and 2 in Redcar & Cleveland district.

Ward	Number of Fires
Grangetown	187
South Bank	156
Central	144
Longlands and Beechwood	136
Berwick Hills & Pallister	131

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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