



Redcar and Cleveland lies to the east of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 24 local wards. These wards range from large built up areas to small rural villages backing onto heavy industry. The current population of this area is 136,616 living in 66,223 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A66, A174, A171, Wilton International Site, Boulby Potash and PD Ports Teesport.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	1406	Increased	56%
Total Deliberate Fires	1207	Increased	70%
Deliberate Primary Fires	124	Increased	44%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	1083	Increased	74%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	43	Decreased	-14%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Decreased	-67%

SAFER HOMES

- 66% Coverage across the Brigade area
- 2,154 smoke alarms fitted
- 5,509 visits completed
- In excess of 959 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Brigade recently attended an event at Teesville Academy aimed at promoting safer practices during school pick-up and drop-off times. The focus was on encouraging students and parents to be mindful of pavement space, ensuring accessibility for wheelchair users and those with pushchairs.
- In addition, Community Liaison Officer Barry has actively participated in numerous community skip days across the District. These events targeted hotspot areas and successfully removed large amounts of potential fuel for nuisance fires, contributing to a safer and cleaner environment.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Secondary Fires

Between April 2024 and March 2025, Redcar & Cleveland experienced a 74% increase in deliberate secondary fires, rising from 624 incidents in 2023/24 to 1,083. This significant rise highlights the ongoing challenge of tackling anti-social behaviour and fire-setting in the area.

Deliberate Primary Fires

The number of deliberate primary fires has risen between April 24 and March 2025 when compared to 2023/24 increasing by 44% from 86 to 124. When examining the key subtypes for deliberate primary fires 56 (45%) of incidents were made up of vehicles with a further 14 (11%) incidents classified as dwellings. The top locations during this time were Eston with 28 (23%) and Grangetown with 18 (15%) incidents. The Brigade continues to work closely with local partners to address these issues through prevention, education, and enforcement strategies.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April 2024 and March 2025 accumulatively accounted for 58% of fires across the district.
- Grangetown had the highest level of fire incidents with 222 of which 213 (96%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Grangetown	222
South Bank	192
Dormanstown	147
Kirkleatham	140
Eston	121

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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