

QUARTER

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Redcar District Performance April - June 2025/26



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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 | 2025/26 | Direction of Travel 2024/25 - 2025/26 | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Total Fires | 821 | Increased | 161% |
| Total Deliberate Fires | 722 | Increased | 175% |
| Deliberate Primary Fires | 42 | Increased | 62% |
| Deliberate Secondary Fires | 680 | Increased | 188% |
| Accidental Dwelling Fires | 14 | Decreased | -12.5% |
| Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities | 0 | - | - |
| Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries | 2 | Increased | 200% |

SAFER HOMES

- 66% Coverage across the Brigade area
- 180 smoke alarms fitted
- 1125 visits completed
- 178 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In May, members of Cleveland Fire Brigade rolled up their sleeves and took part in the Eston Hills litter pick.

They were joined by Friends of Eston Hills, Cleveland Police, Redcar & Cleveland Council amongst others, and collectively they cleared a huge amount of rubbish from the hills - removing potential fuel for fires and helping to protect this much-loved beauty spot.

Community litter picks such as this make a huge difference in our area, and we're incredibly proud of all who gave their time to be involved.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Secondary Fires

In Q1, Redcar & Cleveland experienced a 188% increase in deliberate secondary fires, rising from 236 incidents in 2024/25 to 680 in 2025/26. This significant rise highlights the ongoing challenge of tackling anti-social behaviour and fire-setting in the area.

Total Deliberate Fires

The number of total deliberate fires has risen in Q1 of 2025/26 when compared to 2024/25 data, increasing by 175% from 262 to 722. The top locations during this time were South Bank and Grangetown, which collectively account for 31% of 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 and June 2025 accumulatively accounted for 57% of fires across the district.
- South Bank had the highest level of fire incidents with 144, of which 137 (95%) were deliberate.

| Ward | Number of Fires |
|-------------|-----------------|
| South Bank | 144 |
| Grangetown | 110 |
| Eston | 98 |
| Dormanstown | 56 |
| Kirkleatham | 56 |

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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