

Redcar District Performance April - December 2023/24



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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	2023/24	Direction of Travel 2022/23 - 2023/24	% Change
Total Fires	712	Decreased	-47%
Total Deliberate Fires	561	Decreased	-49%
Deliberate Primary Fires	65	Decreased	-35%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	496	Decreased	-50%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	33	Decreased	-20%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Static	-%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	3	Decreased	-40%

SAFER HOMES

- 65% Coverage across the Brigade area
- Over 3,460 smoke alarms fitted
- 3,539 visits completed
- In excess of 720 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Multi-agency patch walks across the district including PCSO's ASB Officers and Housing Groups were carried out following spikes in arson and fly tipping. In December there was a particular focus on Kirkleatham due to problems around Roseberry fields and the South Lakes Estate. This work reduces the risk of further fires and anti social behaviour in the area.
- Operation Autumnus - a multi agency planning process which examined resources and organisational responsibilities during the bonfire period. The Fire Brigade focused on delivering fire safety messages to schools and arson patrols.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Road Traffic Collisions

The Brigade have been urging young drivers to take care on the roads after the latest figures released by Road Safety GB North East showed the highest number of fatalities in the region since 2017. Between April and December 2023 there were 79 road traffic collisions recorded. During the same time period in 2022 there were 53. Therefore year on year the number of incidents have increased by 49%.

False Alarm Good Intent Dwellings

The number of false alarm good intent dwellings has risen between April and December 2023 when compared to 2022 increasing by 21% from 137 to 166. False alarm good intent dwellings are important to monitor as they are incidents that could well have escalated into fires. The safety of all residents is the Brigades top priority and measures are in place to tackle this issue including targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored education.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April and December 2023 accumulatively accounted for 54% of fires across the district.
- South Bank had the highest level of fire incidents with 110 of which 94 (85%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
South Bank	110
Eston	93
Grangetown	79
Kirkleatham	56
Loftus	43

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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