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Stockton District Performance April - June 2024/25



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Emergency
Response**
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Stockton lies to the west of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 27 local wards. These wards range from areas of high social deprivation to areas of executive housing. The current population of this area is 199,966 living in 89,848 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A19, A66, A174, Teesside Park, University Hospital of North Tees. Stockton District also supports Durham & Darlington Fire Service at Teesside International Airport.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	270	Decreased	-17%
Total Deliberate Fires	218	Decreased	-17%
Deliberate Primary Fires	58	Increased	23%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	160	Decreased	-26%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	10	Decreased	-57%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Static	%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	0	Decreased	-100%

SAFER HOMES

- 60% coverage across the district area
- 1,030 smoke alarms fitted
- 2,089 visits completed between April and June 2024
- 233 referrals for assistance from other agencies

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Areas targeted for wheelie bin fires were provided with stickers and concerns regarding the number of deliberate fires involving wheelie bins was highlighted to local residents
- Patrol with local PCSO in the District after concerns were raised over buildings in the area. There was also a joint visit to examine properties of concern with Cleveland Police. Reports of properties of concern were forwarded to the local authority.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Primary Fires

The number of deliberate primary fires has risen between April and June 2024 when compared to 2023 increasing by 23% from 47 to 58. When examining the key subtypes for deliberate primary fires 35 (60%) of incidents were made up of vehicles with a further 9 (16%) incidents classified as dwellings. The top location during this time was Norton South with 9 incidents.

Deliberate Vehicle Fires

The number of deliberate vehicle fires continues to cause problems in the district with a 50% increase between April and June 2024 when measured against the same period in 2023 from 24 to 36 incidents. The Brigade continue to monitor these incidents alongside Cleveland Police to identify key offenders and patterns.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The 5 highest wards for all fire incidents between April and June 2024 accumulatively accounted for 49% of fires in the district.
- Billingham Central was the highest ward with 30 incidents of which 29 (97%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Billingham Central	30
Mandale and Victoria	27
Stockton Town Centre	26
Newtown	25
Billingham East	24

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