

QUARTER

4



Stockton District Performance April - March 2024/25



**Head of
Emergency
Response**
James Hudson
01429 874014

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	1094	Increased	16%
Total Deliberate Fires	895	Increased	18%
Deliberate Primary Fires	178	Increased	21%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	717	Increased	17%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	45	Decreased	-24%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	2	Decreased	-60%

SAFER HOMES

- 60% coverage across the district area
- 2,087 smoke alarms fitted
- 7,816 visits completed between April and March 2025
- 984 referrals for assistance from other agencies

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Site visits were carried out at local hotspots known for deliberate fire setting and fly-tipping, with the aim of highlighting ongoing issues related to arson and anti-social behaviour. These visits enhanced the Brigade's visibility and provided opportunities to engage with the community, helping to deter further incidents.
- Howard Place in Tilery was identified as a key hotspot for deliberate fires. In response, targeted resources were deployed to the area. The Brigade increased its presence, distributed fire safety leaflets to local properties, and engaged directly with residents to raise awareness and help prevent future incidents.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Primary Fires

Between April 2024 and March 2025, the number of deliberate primary fires in the district increased by 21%, rising from 147 incidents in 2023/24 to 178. The area most affected during this period was Norton South, which recorded 48 incidents.

Total Deliberate Fires

Deliberate fires continue to pose a significant challenge in the district. There was an 18% increase in total deliberate fire incidents, rising from 760 in 2023/24 to 895 in 2024/25. The Brigade remains committed to addressing this issue through targeted prevention efforts and community engagement.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The 5 highest wards for all fire incidents between April 2024 and March 2025 accumulatively accounted for 44% of fires in the district.
- Stockton Town Centre was the highest ward with 147 incidents of which 125 (85%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Stockton Town Centre	147
Hardwick and Salters Lane	91
Billingham Central	85
Mandale and Victoria	82
Newtown	80

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