

QUARTER

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Stockton District Performance April - March 2025/26



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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	2025/26	Direction of Travel 2024/25 - 2025/26	% Change
Total Fires	1541	Increased	41%
Total Deliberate Fires	1277	Increased	43%
Deliberate Primary Fires	199	Increased	12%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	1078	Increased	50%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	66	Increased	38%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	3	Increased	50%

SAFER HOMES

- 64% coverage across the district area
- 5400 visits completed between April and March 2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Earlier this year, Yarm School Combined Cadet Force visited Thornaby Fire Station to learn about what we do and how we help the community.

Crews talked them through the equipment we use, including the fire engines, breathing apparatus, road traffic collision tools, and rescue vehicles.

A huge thank you to all involved. We love having these opportunities to bring our community together and hope visits like this can inspire the next generation.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Deliberate Secondary Fires

During Q4, the number of deliberate secondary fires in the district increased by 50% year on year, rising from 2024/25 to 2025/26. The ward most affected during this period was Billingham Central, which recorded 53 incidents of this type.

Total Deliberate Fires

Deliberate fires continue to pose a significant challenge in the district. There was an 43% increase in total deliberate fire incidents, rising from 2024/25 to 2025/26. 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 to March 2026 accumulatively accounted for 39% of fires in the district.
- Stockton Town Centre was the highest ward with 153 incidents of which 128 (84%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Stockton Town Centre	153
Hardwick & Salters Lane	140
Norton South	116
Newtown	106
Billingham East	92

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