



Freedom of Information Request FOI 25 56

Statistics of fires in the Bournemouth area

Query and Response:

- 1. How many fires have happened in the Bournemouth area over the last year (since May 2024) ?**

DWFRS has had 435 fires in the Bournemouth Council area between 01st May 2024 until the 30th April 2025.

- 2. Where are the most common places for these fires to happen? e.g. house fires, beach fires etc**

The top four property types for fires in the Bournemouth Council area were:

- 1. Building/Dwelling (61 incidents)**
- 2. Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Wheelie Bin (34 incidents)**
- 3. Outdoor/Grassland, woodland and crops/Heathland or moorland (25 incidents)**
- 4. Road Vehicle/Car (21 incidents)**

- 3. What are the most common causes of fires in Bournemouth?**

The top five causes of fires in the Bournemouth Council area were:

- 1. Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately (52 incidents)**
- 2. Cooking – other coking (30 incidents)**
- 3. Fault in equipment or appliance (29 incidents)**
- 4. Other (25 incidents)**
- 5. Combustible articles too close to a heat source or fire (22 incidents)**

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