



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 157

Wildfires And Personnel & Wildfire Resources

Query:

- 1 How many wildfires did your service attend last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?
- 2 In total, how many firefighters were dispatched to these wildfires last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?
- 3 How many active firefighters does your service currently have?
- 4 Do you provide wildfire-specific training to firefighters? And if so, how many firefighters have received this training to date?
- 5 Please list the resources that your fire service owns for fighting wildfires? (For example, equipment/ vehicles like unimogs, water backpacks, backpack blowers)
- 6 Do you own any firefighting aircraft or aerial resources? (For example, helicopter/ plane/ drones)
- 7 How much did your fire service spend on fighting wildfires in 2015? (For example, on training / resources including equipment and vehicles)
- 8 How much did your fire service spend on fighting wildfires last calendar year (2025)? And so far this calendar year January - July? (For example, on training / resources including equipment and vehicles)

Response:

- 1 How many wildfires did your service attend last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?
2025 – 126
2026 – 31
For the 2026 figure we have used the date range 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026 as at the time of our search there were still incomplete records within our Incident Recording System for the month of July.
- 2 In total, how many firefighters were dispatched to these wildfires last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?
2025 – 4676
2026 – 683
- 3 How many active firefighters does your service currently have?
982
- 4 Do you provide wildfire-specific training to firefighters? And if so, how many firefighters have received this training to date?
795 (this includes roles from firefighter to flexi officer) hold in date training on Knowledge of fires in the open- wildfire and Knowledge of incidents involving large fire in the open (Wildfire)
- 5 Please list the resources that your fire service owns for fighting wildfires? (For example, equipment/ vehicles like unimogs, water backpacks, backpack blowers)
105 x water backpacks



8 x Ford Ranger Small Pumping appliance
9 x Land Rover Defender Small Pumping Appliance
1x Unimog Medium pumping Appliance
7x MAN 4WD Medium Pumping Appliances – Equipped with CAFs (Compressed Air Foam) capability
4x Scania 4WD Super Pumping Appliances – Equipped with CAFs capability
1x Land Rover Defender Tactical Wildfire Advisor Vehicle
89 x Super Pumping Appliances with no off-road capability
4x 10,000 Litre Water Carriers (No off-road Capability)
8 x 5,000 litre portable dams (carried on water carriers 2 dams per vehicle)

There is also a wide variety of small tools carried on each vehicle type listed above to assist with building fire breaks.

6 Do you own any firefighting aircraft or aerial resources? (For example, helicopter/ plane/ drones)
No

7 How much did your fire service spend on fighting wildfires in 2015? (For example, on training / resources including equipment and vehicles)
This information is not held. Incident data is retained for 10 years.

8 How much did your fire service spend on fighting wildfires last calendar year (2025)? And so far this calendar year January - July? (For example, on training / resources including equipment and vehicles)

2025	£527,142.16
2026	£53,733.68

These relate to wholetime and on call appliance costs associated with attending wildfires. The 2026 figures are based on the 31 incidents we recorded up until 30/6/2026.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 27, August 2026