

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00993

Date of request: 17th August

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information:

1. How many grassfires/wildfires have there been in 2026? (Please can you breakdown the information by date and location).
2. How many of those were started by people (either accidentally or intentionally)?

If possible, can this be presented in PDF format please?

Response:

I refer to your request for information, that we received on 17 August 2026, and has been processed as a Freedom of Information request.

Please see the below tables answering the FOIA regarding wildfire data.

To constitute as a wildfire, a fire must meet one or more of the following criteria's;

- Outdoor damage area of least one hectare (10,000 square metres)
- Attended by at least four fire and rescue service appliances
- Resources to be committed for at least six hours

1.(A) Month

Month (2026)	Count of Incident Number
Jan	6
Feb	2
Mar	6
Apr	9
May	18
Jun	7
Jul	84
Aug*	61
Grand Total	193

* 01 Aug – 25 Aug

1.(B) Boroughs

Borough Names	Count of Incident Number
BARKING AND DAGENHAM	8
BARNET	3
BEXLEY	14
BRENT	3
BROMLEY	12
CAMDEN	2
CROYDON	4
EALING	8
ENFIELD	16
GREENWICH	6
HACKNEY	2
HARINGEY	3
HARROW	5
HAVERING	53
HILLINGDON	10
HOUNSLOW	14
ISLINGTON	1
LEWISHAM	1
MERTON	8
NEWHAM	1
REDBRIDGE	3
RICHMOND UPON THAMES	1
SOUTHWARK	5

SUTTON	1
TOWER HAMLETS	1
WALTHAM FOREST	1
WANDSWORTH	3
WESTMINSTER	4
Grand Total	193

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Count of Incident Numbers	Persons	Not known	NULL	Other	Grand Total
Accidental	21	30	44	3	98
Deliberate - others property	7	0	4	0	11
Deliberate - own property	1	0	3	0	4
Deliberate - unknown owner	8	1	1	0	10
Not known	3	35	31	0	69
NULL	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	40	66	84	3	193

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about making information requests, please visit our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>