

Freedom of Information request reference number: 9187.1

Date of response: 13/11/2024

Request:

Could you please let me know if/how many wildfires we have had in Kingston in the last 2-3 years and what was the approx. area burnt? Am I right thinking there was a wildfire some time ago in Tolworth Court Farm Fields during an extreme heatwave in 2022?

Response:

In response to the above our data team have confirmed that there is only one wildfire recorded for Kingston - Tolworth Court Farm – 26/08/2019 – 6 hectares alight.

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) publish incident data online via the London DataStore. This can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>

This dataset is updated monthly and contains details of:

- The type of incident (i.e. fire, false alarm, special service);
- The date/time the incident occurred;
- The property type where incident took place (such as dwelling, commercial, car);
- The location of the incident (borough, fire station ground, postcode, USRN, latitude/longitude);
- How long it took first and second fire engine (pump) to arrive at incident;
- Where the fire engine(s) were deployed from;
- The number of fire engines that attended the incident;
- The length of time the fire engines stayed at the incident;

Wildfires are not a standalone category but the incident report data can be filtered to Fires/Outdoor/(Property Type) - Grassland, tree scrub, hedges etc.

The London Fire brigade do not follow the NFCC definition of a wildfire. The criteria LFB uses for wildfire is a fire that has an outdoor damage area of at least One hectare (10,000 square metres), is attended by at least four fire and rescue service appliances and require resources to be committed for at least six hours.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>