

Fire crews called to Newport Road blaze

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FIREFIGHTERS were called to a blaze at an Indian restaurant.

The flames caused a small amount of fire and smoke damage to two floors of the Light of Bengal in Newport Road, Middlesbrough, soon after 12.15pm yesterday.

Watch manager at Marine Station, Mark Rawden, said it appeared **the fire was caused by some incense sticks which had set an artificial plant alight.**

He said: "It was not a particularly big fire but I think the smoke alarm went off and alerted the owner.

"We got it under control and then cleared the smoke and made sure it was safe."

The restaurant's owner, Aftab Ali, meanwhile, was thankful to his smoke alarm.

"Maybe without the smoke alarm things could have been worse," he said.

"But it was a very small fire and thanks to the alarm we are still open for business as usual."

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