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Huge Fire Destroys London

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The fire has been burning out of control for four days.

London has been in chaos since Sunday night as a huge fire continues to rip through the city.

The fire broke out on Sunday morning and it is still burning in some parts of the city today. King Charles has ordered that hundreds of houses in the path of the fire should be pulled down in an attempt to try to stop the flames from spreading.

However, the hot, dry weather and the strong winds are causing the fire to spread. At the moment, nothing seems to be slowing it down. The fire has burnt down over 13,000 homes.

Investigations have begun to find out the cause of the fire. Many people believe that the fire started accidentally in a small bakery on Pudding Lane. It is suspected that the bakery's fire was not fully put out and that embers from it fell onto nearby straw, setting it alight.

Other people have claimed that the fire was started deliberately near Pudding Lane after a disagreement between two men at a local public house. A candle was used to set fire to the house of one of the men. It is reported that the culprit had not been paid any wages for a number of weeks.

At this point, it is not clear whether these stories are accurate and King Charles has asked for a full enquiry.

If you have any information about the fire, please contact the Lord Mayor.