

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 15th November 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-1099

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th November 2023, concerning vehicle theft.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I'm trying to establish whether there has been a significant rise in the number of vehicle thefts in the UK.

Would it be possible to get Wiltshire Police force's monthly figures starting from January 2022 up to and including October 2023?

Our response:

Please note, the following offences were used to return this data:

- ❖ Aggravated vehicle taking
- ❖ Aggravated vehicle taking (driving/being in control of a vehicle)
- ❖ Aggravated vehicle taking where only aggravating factor is criminal damage less than £5000
- ❖ Theft of a motor vehicle
- ❖ Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle

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Reported Month Year	Crimes	Non crime incidents
Jan-2022	4	0
Mar-2022	4	0
Apr-2022	2	0
May-2022	26	5
Jun-2022	49	9
Jul-2022	42	4
Aug-2022	44	9
Sep-2022	52	4
Oct-2022	61	1
Nov-2022	41	4
Dec-2022	59	4
Jan-2023	56	5
Feb-2023	59	4
Mar-2023	50	6
Apr-2023	54	2
May-2023	33	3
Jun-2023	52	8
Jul-2023	44	9
Aug-2023	47	4
Sep-2023	44	4
Oct-2023	47	7

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

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Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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