



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

Date: 8th February 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/053

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th January 2024 concerning collisions on a section of the B3109.

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.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted our Justice Traffic department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I'm keen to find out exactly how many vehicle crashes there have been on a section of the B3109 just south of South Wraxall. There's a sharp corner - which I'm sure you're aware of - just by a fishing lake that's a short distance south of South Wraxall. Coming south from the B3109 from South Wraxall the road makes a sharp right, crosses a small river, and then makes an immediate sharp left. That's the area of road I'm interested in. You frequently see vehicles crashed through the fencing there.

I'm keen to establish the following (going back to January 2020):

1. Number of vehicle crashes on that corner of road
2. Dates of each crash
3. Photos of each crash where possible
4. Police incident logs of each crash - hoping this may give vehicle type and possible cause of accident.

Our response:

1. With regards to road traffic collisions (RTCs) that have taken place between 01/01/2020 – 30/06/2023 (June 2023 is the last month input due to a backlog) that have resulted in injury in the specific area you require – there have been 7 RTCs.

In relation to RTCs that have occurred that have resulted in damage only to the vehicles and no injury to the person(s) involved, there have been 12 RTCs. However, please note, that it is not clear where the specific area the RTC took place along the B3109 is, so please bear in mind that these RTCs may not have taken place in the specific area you require.

2. The dates of the RTCs that resulted in injury are as follows:

30/12/2022
18/12/2021
26/10/2020
03/09/2021
31/05/2022
07/02/2022
27/01/2023

The dates of the RTCs that resulted in damage only are as follows:

08/10/2021
24/10/2021
08/01/2022
17/01/2022
19/01/2022
28/02/2022
27/05/2022
03/11/2022
30/01/2023
22/03/2023
21/09/2023
11/10/2023

Again, as per my comment above, please note that the data provided for the damage only RTCs may not have been RTCs that have taken place along that specific bend on the B3109, but will have taken place somewhere along this road.

3 & 4. Due to the level of detail you require, in particular the full incident logs, photos of the RTCs as well as the full summary of each collision, your request is exempt; as to provide you with these details would provide you with information, which in itself may identify individuals, or do so when put together with other information, which you may be able to obtain. This would then be a disclosure of that person's personal information in breach of the Data Protection Principles and therefore, exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, to assist you as best I can, but maintain the rights and entitlements of those individuals; I am prepared to disclose the following information:

Summary of Collisions (injury only)
V1(CAR) TRAV N. V2(CAR) TRAV S. V1 HAS LOST CONTROL ON BEND AND CROSSED CENTRAL LINE INTO PATH OF V2. V1 HAS COLLIDED FRONT WITH V2 FRONT O/S.
V1(VAN) TRAV N. V1 HAS LOST CONTROL ON 'S' BEND AND COLLIDED FRONT WITH FENCE N/S.
V1(CAR) TRAV N. V1 HAS FAILED TO NEGOTIATE S-BEND AND COLLIDED FRONT WITH TREE.

V1(CAR) TRAV S. V1 HAS APPROACHED S-BEND AT SPEED AND LOST CONTROL. V1 HAS LEFT THE RD N/S AND COLLIDED FRONT WITH FENCE.
V1 (VAN) TRAV S. V1 HAS FAILED TO NEGOTIATE A LEFT HAND BEND, SLIPPED ON SLIPPERY ROAD AND ENTERED DITCH TO THE N/S OF THE V.
V1(CAR) TRAV N. V1 HAS LOST CONTROL, MOUNTED KERB, COLLIDING FRONT WITH ROAD SIGN AND OVERTURNING O/S. V1 DRIVER INTOX.
V1(CAR) TRAV SW. V1 HAS FAILED TO NEGOTIATE RIGHT HAND BEND, LEFT C/WAY TO N/S AND COLLIDED FRONT WITH

Summary of Collisions (damage only)
RTC damage only to chevrons and fencing
Justice Traffic- Single vehicle RTC Injury Vehicle 001 Vrn [REDACTED] has left the carriageway and ended sideways in a ditch in a field. The driver was not injured.
Justice Traffic- Whilst travelling on a main road V002 had been struck by large farm vehicle V001 (No details) - causing moderate damage to V002. The road was busy and by the time driver of V002 had stopped V001 was not in the vicinity.
Online form submission: [REDACTED] RP was driving close to parked cars and knocked wing mirror of a vehicle on the road. Due to traffic and needing the toilet RP did not stop but is reporting now.
[REDACTED]: Where the road narrowed and the dividing white lines stopped an oncoming vehicle coming towards RP in veh001 has clipped veh001 wing mirror with there wing mirror. RP has turned veh001 around and went back to see if the other vehicle was still but it was not. RP called the Police, who informed RP to fill in this form. RP then went back again to check for the other vehicle but still not located.
[REDACTED] RP's wing mirror has been hit and damaged by another car travelling in the opposite direction. No details of other vehicle.
JUSTICE TRAFFIC - Vehicle has driven over a metal bollard and caused damage. The elderly female driver has failed to stop and continued on driving.
JUSTICE TRAFFIC - VEHICLE ONE AND TWO HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING BEHIND A VAN. VEHICLE 2 HAS BEEN SECOND BEHIND THE VAN AND HAS MOVED OUT TO OVERTAKE BOTH VEHICLES. VEHICLE ONE AT THE SAME TIME HAS MOVED OUT TO OVERTAKE VEHICLE 2 HAS COLLIDED WITH VEHICLE ONE MAKING IMPACT AT THE REAR DRIVERS SIDE. THIS HAS CAUSED VEHICLE ONE TO SPIN AND LAND ON ITS ROOF. VEHICLE TWO HAS COME OFF THE ROAD AND LANDED ON ITS WHEELS IN THE DITCH OF THE GRASS VERGE.
JUSTICE TRAFFIC - V001 has stopped at a junction and then pulled out directly into the path of V002, causing a collision
Online form submission: [REDACTED] Unknown V001 believed to be a White Renault has hit V002 causing damage but failed to stop and leave details.
JUSTICE TRAFFIC - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION NON INJ
JUSTICE TRAFFIC OIC LED INVESTIGATION. Unknown driver drove straight into IP vehicle then drove away. No injuries caused - damage to vehicles.

Vehicle Types Involved (injury only)
CARS X 2
VAN OR GOODS <= 3.5 TONNES X 1

CAR X 1
CAR X 1
CAR X 1
VAN OR GOODS <= 3.5 TONNES X 1
CAR X 1

Vehicle Types Involved (damage only)
VAN X 1
CAR X 1
CAR X 1
CAR X 1
AMBULANCE X 1
CAR X 1
CAR X 1
CARS X 2
CARS X 2
CAR X 1
CARS X 2
CAR X 1
VAN X 1

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there are no requirements for any consideration of potential harm, or public interest in its application.

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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

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 FOI 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.

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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
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