

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 21st February 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-147

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th February 2024, concerning bicycle thefts.

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 and our response:

Please note: The data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

We would like to ask for the following information please:

- What percentage of all reported crimes were bicycle thefts in each full year of 2023, 2022, 2021. (If it is easier, we are happy for you to provide the total number of crimes and the total number of bicycle thefts for each year, and we can work out the percentage ourselves).

Wiltshire Police do not hold percentages and there is not a requirement for a Public Authority to create data in order to furnish a request where this data is not already held. However, please see below total crimes for the requested years and the total bicycle thefts reported for each year.

Reported Year	Total of all Crimes
2021	39727
2022	43799
2023	41927
Total	125453

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Reported Year	Total Bicycle Thefts
2021	611
2022	699
2023	632
Total	1942

- What percentage of all bicycle thefts were electric bikes for the year of 2023?

We do not record the type of bicycle affected in bicycle theft crimes.

- A breakdown of bicycle thefts in each city covered by Wiltshire Police for the year of 2023

Town/Offence Description	Take or ride a pedal cycle without consent etc.	Theft of a pedal cycle
AMESBURY		4
ATWORTH		1
BOWERHILL		19
BRADFORD ON AVON		5
BULFORD		1
BURBAGE		1
CALNE		4
CHIPPENHAM		26
CORSHAM		3
CORSLEY		1
CRICKLADE		1
DEVIZES		28
DURRINGTON		1
EDINGTON		1
HILPERTON		2
LARKHILL		3
LAVERSTOCK		1
LITTLE DURNFORD		1
MELKSHAM		21
MERE		1
NULL	1	353
OLD SARUM		2
PEWSEY		8
ROWDE		1
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT		1
SALISBURY		67
STANTON ST BERNARD		1
STRATFORD SUB CASTLE		1
SWINDON	1	367
TIDWORTH		3
TROWBRIDGE		43
WARMINSTER		10
WESTBURY		3
WHITEPARISH		1

WILTON		2
Total	2	988

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.



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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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