

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXX – by E mail



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 15th Nov 2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/1006

Reply contact name: Nick Penny

Dear Both,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th November 2024 concerning Shoplifting Offences.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

How many shoplifting offences were recorded by the police force, each month, from January 2017 to December 2023?

Response

The number of Shoplifting offences reported to Wiltshire Police for the time period you require is shown in the table below :-

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	306	346	382	277	168	221	339
Feb	313	367	420	334	168	244	329
Mar	318	346	423	215	221	232	410
Apr	331	377	357	141	224	233	375
May	359	393	444	143	235	296	412
Jun	387	391	338	165	235	242	318
Jul	407	421	465	191	193	298	469
Aug	397	390	419	234	210	299	404
Sep	370	397	379	220	214	256	386
Oct	348	367	415	215	229	318	357
Nov	381	358	423	224	278	356	370
Dec	300	314	284	181	212	268	290
Total	4217	4467	4749	2540	2587	3263	4459

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

Nick Penny

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



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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 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.

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

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