

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: March 14, 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/112

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28th January 2025 concerning arson.

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:

The number of arson offences reported to the service in the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). Please note that I require data related to arson (damage or destruction of property with fire) only, and not criminal damage generally.

Month and year of the report (e.g. January 2022, February 2022, etc.)

Location (As specific as is reasonably possible)

If the investigation led to an arrest (yes/no/ongoing)

If a suspect was formally charged with the crime (yes/no/ongoing)

If the crime caused injuries to a victim or victims (yes/no)

The age and gender (if known) of the offender

How many suspects were repeat offenders? By 'repeat offender', I refer to having been arrested or suspected of arson within the last five years.

Response:**Question One**

2022 = 145

2023 = 113

2024 = 123

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Question Two

January 2022 = 7
February 2022 = 1
March 2022 = 5
April 2022 = 3
May 2022 = 7
June 2022 = 7
July 2022 = 8
August 2022 = 4
September 2022 = 4
October 2022 = 3
November 2022 = 4
December 2022 = 8
January 2023 = 1
February 2023 = 5
March 2023 = 4
April 2023 = 6
May 2023 = 7
June 2023 = 18
July 2023 = 6
August 2023 = 4
September 2023 = 6
October 2023 = 16
November 2023 = 2
December 2023 = 1
January 2024 = 12
February 2024 = 7
March 2024 = 3
April 2024 = 11
May 2024 = 3
June 2024 = 12
July 2024 = 7
August 2024 = 4
September 2024 = 6
October 2024 = 8
November 2024 = 12
December 2024 = 2

Adcroft and Paxcroft = 3
Amesbury Town = 2
Ashton Keynes and Minety = 1
Bemerton Heath = 2
Bradford on Avon Town = 1
Broad Street Area = 1
Calne Rural = 2
Calne Town = 2
Castle Road and Bishopdown = 1
Chippenham Rural = 2
Chippenham Town Centre = 6
Chippenham Town North East = 3
Chippenham Town South = 2
Chippenham Town West = 2
City Centre = 5

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Corsham Rural = 6
Corsham Town = 5
Cricklade and Purton = 1
Devizes Town = 8
Downton = 5
Durrington, Larkhill and Bulford = 1
Eldene = 2
Friary and Southampton Road = 1
Gorse Hill = 2
Grange Park = 2
Highworth = 1
Kingsdown = 4
Lambrook = 4
Ludgershall and Rural = 3
Malmesbury Town = 7
Marlborough Town = 8
Melksham Rural South = 2
Melksham Town = 14
Mere = 3
Moredon = 2
Nythe = 1
Penhill = 6
Pinehurst = 5
Ridgeway Villages = 1
Rodbourne = 7
Shrivenham Road Area = 1
St Pauls and Churchfields = 2
Tidworth = 5
Tisbury = 1
Town Centre = 7
Trowbridge Central = 11
Trowbridge Park = 3
Trowbridge Rural = 3
Upper Stratton = 5
Walcott East = 3
Warminster Rural = 2
Warminster Town = 20
Westbury Town = 9
Westcott = 4
Westlea = 2
Wilton Rural = 1
Woodhall Park and Taw Hill = 1
Wootton Bassett Rural = 4
Wootton Bassett Town = 1
York Road = 3

Arrested = 102

Charged = 40
No Further Action = 120
Ongoing = 12
Out of Court Resolutions = 15

Slight Injury = 5
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11 = 6
12 = 19
13 = 26
14 = 26
15 = 32
16 = 13
17 = 5
18 = 2
19 = 2
20 = 1
21 = 1
22 = 4
24 = 3
25 = 3
27 = 2
28 = 2
29 = 4
30 = 3
31 = 1
32 = 2
33 = 2
34 = 2
35 = 6
36 = 1
37 = 6
38 = 2
39 = 7
40 = 4
41 = 2
42 = 1
43 = 2
44 = 2
45 = 2
46 = 4
47 = 4
48 = 1
49 = 4
50 = 1
51 = 1
52 = 1
54 = 2
55 = 1
56 = 1
57 = 1
58 = 1
62 = 1
63 = 1
66 = 1
68 = 1
71 = 1
NULL = 1

Female = 49

Male = 175

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30 repeat offenders

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,

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.

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:

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