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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 21st August 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025-827

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th August 2025 concerning Wiltshire Police Band..

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 now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

Please provide answers to the following questions concerning the Wiltshire Police Band

1 - Does the Force provide any direct or indirect funding for the band's operations? If so, please provide a breakdown of the types of funding (e.g., equipment, uniforms, rehearsal space, etc.) for the most recent financial year.

The Band does not receive any direct funding from Wiltshire Police. It has provided a small amount of storage space for some Band equipment and music in the last year. Some band members have small items of uniform provided by Wiltshire Police in 2021 – long sleeved polo shirts and fleece jackets both with embossed logos. These are specifically worn for Wiltshire Police events. For formal concerts and summer outdoor events, Band members wear their own evening wear for the former and their own white shirts with black trousers / skirts for the latter.

2 - Are all members of the band officially classed as volunteers by the Force? If not, what is the employment status of those who are not?

There are currently no serving officers in Wiltshire Police Band. All members are musically talented local volunteers. All Band members pay an annual membership fee, currently £60.00.



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3 - Are engagements and performances by the band provided free of charge, or is a fee charged to the event organiser?

It really depends on the type of event:

- **Town council organised – (eg summer bandstand concerts) – tend to be free to the public and the Band receives a nominal fee.**
- **Private events, not organised by the Band – these would not be open to the general public and the Band would receive a fee for any performance.**
- **Self organised concerts –audience members would pay to hear the concert. Wiltshire Police Band concert endeavour to raise funds for local charities. The concert income has to cover the cost of putting on the performance – concert venue hire, marketing, performing rights fees, any professional vocal soloists, music. Any profit goes to the nominated charity along with donations collected during the evening.**
- **Externally organised concerts featuring Wiltshire Police Band – again audience members would usually pay a ticket fee especially if raising funds for charity. These events have to at least cover all of the associated costs.**

The Band is self-funded. It pays for rehearsal and storage space, insurance, music, concert venue hire etc. Concert / event fees are set to cover the running costs of the Band.

4 - Are travel expenses paid for band members for all duties and engagements? If so, please provide the relevant policy on travel expense reimbursement for band members.

Band members travel to rehearsals, concerts and events at their own expense.

5 - Are there any plans for a review or change to the policies outlined in questions 1-4 within the next 12 months?

There are no plans to change any of the above.

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
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.pnn.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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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