

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 12th September 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-800

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th August 2025, concerning vehicle offences and accident causes. Please accept my apologies for the slight delay in responding to your request.

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 and Justice Traffic departments at Wiltshire Police. Your request for information has now been considered and I am **not** obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I am requesting the following information held by your constabulary for the periods:

- **1 January to 31 December 2024**
- **1 January to 31 July 2025** (or 31 August 2025, if available at the time of response)

Please provide a **breakdown of the data for each council area or policing district within your constabulary's jurisdiction**, where applicable.

For each council area/district, please provide:

- 1. Speeding offences** – The total number of speeding tickets or fines issued during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.
- 2. Drink driving offences** – The total number of recorded drink driving offences during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.
- 3. Car theft incidents** – The total number of reported car theft incidents during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of incidents.
- 4. Causes of car accidents** – The leading cause of car accidents during each period, along with the month in each period in which this leading cause resulted in the highest number of accidents.

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5. Seatbelt-related fatalities – The total number of fatalities caused by not wearing a seatbelt during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of such fatalities.

6. Dropped kerb offences – The total number of enforcement actions (tickets, fines or penalty charge notices) issued for vehicles obstructing or parking on a dropped kerb during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of such offences.

Our response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The information you are requesting - namely in relation to question 6 (drop kerb offences) - is not stored in a way which permits for easy retrieval. Wiltshire Police do not record this offence on our systems. To establish the number of offences, we would have to manually interrogate each record for this period to see if the offence description was written on the ticket issued. For this period, there were approximately 4000 records. If one minute were spent per record, this would take in excess of 60 hours to complete.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore the whole of the request should fall under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems, therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Although excess cost removes the Forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I can provide you with is documented below:

1. Speeding offences – The total number of speeding tickets or fines issued during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.

Please note: The 2025 data is provided up to the end of July. The months in 2024 and 2025 with the highest number of tickets / fines issued have been marked in bold / italics.

Month / Year	No. of speeding tickets / fines
Jan-24	759
Feb-24	913
Mar-24	1094
Apr-24	1434
May-24	1606
Jun-24	1169
Jul-24	835
Aug-24	1160
Sep-24	854
Oct-24	1562
Nov-24	1188
Dec-24	1020
Jan-25	722
Feb-25	1393
Mar-25	2388
Apr-25	2103
May-25	1902
Jun-25	1712
Jul-25	914
Grand Total	24728

2. Drink driving offences – The total number of recorded drink driving offences during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.

Please note: The August 2025 figures have been included as these were available at the time of pulling the data across. The months in 2024 and 2025 with the highest number of tickets / fines issued has been marked in bold.

Month / Year	Drink Driving Offences
Jan-24	45
Feb-24	51
Mar-24	40
Apr-24	26
May-24	42
Jun-24	51
Jul-24	44
Aug-24	37
Sep-24	45
Oct-24	38

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Nov-24	46
Dec-24	45
Jan-25	43
Feb-25	42
Mar-25	42
Apr-25	35
May-25	40
Jun-25	63
Jul-25	43
Aug-25	55
Grand Total	873

3. Car theft incidents – The total number of reported car theft incidents during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of incidents.

Please note: The 2025 data is provided up to the end of July.

Beat Area	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25
Abbey Meads	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adcroft & Paxcroft	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Aldbury & Laverstock	4	2	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	1	2	1	-	2	1
Amesbury Rural	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Amesbury Town	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ashton Keynes & Minety	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bemerton Heath	-	5	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Blunsdon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Bradford On Avon Rural	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bradford On Avon Town	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
Broad Street Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Calne Rural	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Calne Town	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Castle Road & Bishopdown	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chippenham Rural	-	-	-	2	2	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-
Chippenham Town Centre	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chippenham Town North East	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Chippenham Town South	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chippenham Town West	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	3	-
Chiseldon & Badbury	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
City Centre	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Colebrook	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	3	-
Corsham Rural	3	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
Corsham Town	1	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Cricklade & Purton	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Devizes Rural North	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Devizes Rural South	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Devizes Town	-	-	-	3	3	2	2	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
Downton	-	4	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Drynham & Grove	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	1
Eastcott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

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Eldene	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Freshbrook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Friary & Southampton Rd	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Gorse Hill	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	-	1	1	1	-
Grange Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Greenmeadow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Harnham	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Haydon Wick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Highworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Kingsdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Kingshill & Rushey Platt	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Lambrok	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lawn	1	1	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liden	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Stratton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ludgershall & Rural	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malmesbury Rural	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malmesbury Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marlborough Rural East	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marlborough Rural West	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Marlborough Town	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Melksham Rural North	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melksham Rural South	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Melksham Town	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	1	3	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	1
Mere	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
Moredon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nythe	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Old Town	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Park North	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1
Park South	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Penhill	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
Pewsey East	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pewsey West	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Pinehurst	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Queensfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ramlease & Nine Elms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ridgeway Villages	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Rodbourne	4	4	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	4	2	3
Rodbourne Cheney	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Shaw & Eastleaze	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shrivenham Road Area	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sparcells & Peatmoor	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrews Ridge	-	1	1	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
St Pauls & Churchfields	-	2	4	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
Stratton Village	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Thames Vale Villages	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Tidworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
Tisbury	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Toothill	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	1
Town Centre	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	1
Trowbridge Central	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Trowbridge Park	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
Trowbridge Rural	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Upper Stratton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria Road	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walcot East	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	1
Walcot West	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warminster Rural	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Warminster Town	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Westbury Rural	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westbury Town	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	-
Westcott	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Westlea	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whitworth Road	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Wilton	1	2	2	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilton Rural	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-

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Woodhall Park & Taw Hill	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Wootton Bassett Rural	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Wootton Bassett Town	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Wroughton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-
York Road	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Grand Total	49	44	51	56	46	45	45	48	31	38	41	34	44	36	33	24	42	47	37

4. Causes of car accidents – The leading cause of car accidents during each period, along with the month in each period in which this leading cause resulted in the highest number of accidents.

Wiltshire Police cannot answer this question as we do not record a 'leading cause' of a road traffic accident (RTC). Up to 6 contributing factors may be recorded for an RTC, however these are not ranked in terms of a 'leading cause'.

5. Seatbelt-related fatalities – The total number of fatalities caused by not wearing a seatbelt during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of such fatalities.

Wiltshire Police cannot answer this question as we do not record a 'leading cause' of death. Casualties are given an injury severity rating, however specific injuries are not noted.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information.

Yours sincerely,

FDU 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 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/>