

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Our ref: FOI 2025/982

Reply contact name:

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/10/2025 concerning theft of motor vehicle data.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding vehicle theft in your police force area. Please provide the following, broken down by calendar year for the last three full calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024). Please also provide information from and 2025 to-date up until 31/09/2025). If data is not available up until then, please specify when the 2025 data runs until.

- 1 - The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area
- 2 - The total number of arrests made where the principal offence recorded was theft of motor vehicle
- 3 - The top three locations (for example towns, districts, or wards) in your force area with the highest number of recorded motor vehicle thefts each year
- 4 - Of the vehicles reported stolen (theft of motor vehicle), how many were subsequently recovered, broken down by year if available

Response:

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*please note, there can be more than one arrested person per crime

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Reported Year	Reported Occurrences of offence description – Theft of a motor vehicle
2022	303
2023	461
2024	528
2025 as of 30th Sept	335
Total	1627

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Reported Year	No. of Arrested persons
2022	35
2023	70
2024	79
2025 as of 30th Sept	47
Total	231

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Town	2022
SWINDON	102
SALISBURY	43
CHIPPENHAM	9

Town	2023
SWINDON	160
SALISBURY	39
CHIPPENHAM	23

Town	2024
SWINDON	149
SALISBURY	65
MELKSHAM	27

Town	2025 as of 30th Sept
SWINDON	137
SALISBURY	27
CHIPPENHAM	13
TROWBRIDGE	13

4 No information held

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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.



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/>