

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 2nd January 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 006

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd January 2026 concerning Thefts from Porches.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote

Theft of parcels

For the most recent 12-month period for which data is available, please provide the total number of recorded crimes involving the theft of delivered parcels from:

- Residential doorsteps
- Designated "safe places" (e.g. porches, sheds, bins, garages).

Please include:

- A monthly breakdown
- The crime classification or offence code used to record these incidents.

Additional Information

If the term "porch piracy" is not used by your force, please interpret this request using the closest equivalent offence categories (for example, theft from outside a dwelling).



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Our Response

During 2025 there have been 79 instances of Thefts of Parcels / Mail recorded by Wiltshire Police.

By month, these have been as follows :-

January	11
February	3
March	2
April	4
May	2
June	9
July	13
August	10
September	4
October	8
November	5
December	8

Crimes of this nature are reported on our systems under the following Home Office crime recording codes :-

042/00	Theft of a mailbag or postal packet
044/00	Theft or unlawful taking of mail

Please Note

- The data is provided for the Offence Descriptions Theft of a mailbag or postal package and Theft or unlawfully taking of mail.
- There may be similar thefts recorded on our systems under other HO Crime Codes (eg Theft from a Person). To review all other Theft Offences will almost certainly push this response to a Section 12 exemption (time/cost) due to the number of other records which would also have to be searched.
- These offence descriptions include offences of taking letters as well as parcels.

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:

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