

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN
disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk

Date: 2nd February 2026

Our ref: FOI 2026-106

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th January regarding phone thefts.

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 Unit at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding mobile phone thefts at festivals within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to obtain the following data:

1. The number of reported mobile phone thefts at each festival in your area for the years:
2025
2024
2023
2. The number of total thefts, not limited to mobile devices, at each festival in your area for the years:
2025
2024
2023
3. If available, please also provide:
 - The number of stolen phones that were later recovered or found for each year from each Festivals
 - A breakdown of the models of stolen phones (if this information is recorded) for each year from each festival.

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

*Please note, Festival in this context refers to any music, food or drink festivals, harvest festivals, flower festivals, horse racing festivals, festivals of transport, etc organised within the area throughout the year.

*Data based on a keyword search 'FESTIVAL' in the Log Entry text, mentioned in the incident, or description or Crime MO where the Crime Group is 'THEFT' is appropriate for this request

Our response:

1.

	Distinct Count of OccNo
2023	0
2024	1
2025	1
Grand Total	2

2.

	Distinct Count of OccNo
2023	1
2024	4
2025	3
Grand Total	8

3.

Reported Month Year	Mobile Phone?	Recovered?	Make / Model
Jun-2024	Yes	Not Recorded	Samsung Galaxy A34
Jun-2025	Yes	Not Recorded	Apple iPhone 12 Pro Max

Please note:

- This data was obtained by completing a summary search for the term “festival” within the Theft crime group as requested. The results of these types of searches may be unreliable and inaccurate as only the summary field of the report is searched. If these terms are contained elsewhere (i.e. within the call log, crime report, statements etc.) these will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt within the summary field, this will not be returned. To provide

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

accurate results would require a manual search of each crime within the specified timeframe to deem if they were relevant to your request.

- The inclusion of the word 'festival' doesn't necessarily mean the theft took place at a festival
- The response for Q2 includes the occurrences in the response for Q1

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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