

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 16/04/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/332

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/03/2026 concerning electoral offences.

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 FOI Act please can you provide me with a list of reported incidents of electoral offences in the last five years (1 January 2021-current date).

Please include the following offences:

- Undue influence
- Family voting
- Treating
- Bribery
- Personation
- False statements about a person's character or conduct
- Racial hatred
- Breaches of the secrecy of the ballot
- Campaign publicity material

For each complaint, please provide a summary of the incident (including political party where relevant), the date of the incident, the location of the incident, what the person/people were charged with and the outcome e.g. No further action, prosecuted etc.

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Response:

Please note - The response is based on all relevant crimes under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, Representation of the People Act 1983 Sec 65 (3) and Representation of the People Act 1983-2000.

Occ Type	HO_Code	Act	Offence Description	Occ Summary	Political Party	Location	Detection Status
Crime	99/99	Representation of the People Act 1983 Sec 65 (3)	TEW offences: Representation of the People Act 1983-2000 (not in 099/05 or 099/06)	A Facebook page is being used to promote a candidate for the local elections in Salisbury, without a correct imprint of the promotor. This would be contrary to S.110 of the Representation of the People's Act 1983.	Conservative	SALISBURY	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
Crime	99/99	Representation of the People Act 1983 Sec 65 (3)	TEW offences: Representation of the People Act 1983-2000 (not in 099/05 or 099/06)	Known male suspect who was standing as a candidate in the Great Somerford Parish Council election, failed to include a digital imprint on their Facebook page, in breach of S.110 Representation of the People's Act 1983.	N/A	GREAT SOMERFORD	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified

Crime	99/61	Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000	TEW offences: Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000	Electoral Fraud – The sitting members of the Great Somerford Parish Council have distributed campaign material which failed to include an imprint as per S.143 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act (PPERA) 2000	N/A	GREAT SOMERFORD	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
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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



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

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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 you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>