

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Sent via email: XXX



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 22/06/26

Our ref: FOI 2026/494

Reply contact name: XXX

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/05/26 concerning incidents involving electric bikes / e-bikes.

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:

Please provide the total number of reports your police force has received/recorded about incidents involving electric bikes, also known as e-bikes? Please provide the total number for last year (2025), for 2024 and 2023.

Please provide the total number of reports received/recorded about incidents involving e-bikes and please provide a breakdown of the total number of reports for each category of incident in each year. So, how many incidents reported involved a road collision with other vehicles or pedestrians, how many involved an e-bike being stolen, how many involved anti-social behaviour and crimes being committed by riders on e-bikes etc. until the full number of different types of reports received involving e-bikes is reflected. Please include as much narrative as possible about what each report you received/recorded was in terms of the allegations - a theft, RTC etc.

Please provide the numbers for each of the above years. If possible, please provide the total number of, and the details of, incidents which led to formal action being taken such as arrests or charges. So how many arrests, charges or other types of formal action such as

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cautions have there been in relation to reports of incidents involving e-bikes and what were they for?

Please ensure that within the information requested above, it is clear how many alleged crimes/incidents involving an e-bike have been recorded by your force for each of the years above, and please provide a breakdown of all the different types of crimes/incidents that were recorded in each year. If it requires free-searching terms in your database with the words 'e-bike' or 'electric bicycle' or any other configuration please do so. Please do not include e-scooters in the data for the above questions, just e-bikes.

Response:

Caveats:

Please note: The response has been gathered using a wildcard search on 'e-bike' and 'electric bicycle'. These types of searches are considered **unreliable** as they only search the MO field of an occurrence report. Therefore, if the term 'e-bike' or 'electric bicycle' is contained within the main body of the occurrence report, this will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt or a variation of the term has been used, this will not be returned within the results.

The response includes crimes and niche (non-crime) incidents.

2023 Crimes:

Distinct Count of OccNo	1: Charged	1: Summoned/postal requisition	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	Grand Total
Arson And Criminal Damage								
Criminal Damage						1		1
Burglary								
Burglary Business And Community						1		1
Burglary Residential						1		1
Residential Burglary Of Unconnected Building						3		3
Drug Offences								

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Trafficking Of Drugs							1	1
Public Order Offences								
Public Order Offences							1	1
Theft Offences								
All Other Theft Offences				1			2	3
Bicycle Theft	1	1	1	4	1		10	18
Theft From The Person							1	1
Vehicle Offences								
Vehicle Offences							2	2
Grand Total	1	1	1	5	1		22	32

2024 Crimes:

Distinct Count of OccNo	1: Charged	10: Police - formal action not in public interest	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1A: Alternate offence charged	New - Under Investigation	Grand Total
Arson And Criminal Damage							
Criminal Damage				2			2
Burglary							
Residential Burglary Of Unconnected Building			1	5	1		7
Drug Offences							
Possession Of Drugs		1					1
Theft Offences							
All Other Theft Offences				3			3
Bicycle Theft	1			6			7
Vehicle Offences							
Vehicle Offences				1		2	3
Violence Against The Person							
Violence With Injury				1			1
Grand Total	1	1	1	18	1	2	24

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2025 Crimes:

Distinct Count of OccNo	1: Charged	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines/withdraws	18: Investigation complete no suspect	1A: Alternate offence charged	8: Community resolution	8: Youth restorative disposal	New - Under Investigation	Grand Total
Arson And Criminal Damage										
Criminal Damage					1					1
Burglary										
Burglary Business And Community					1					1
Residential Burglary Of Unconnected Building					5					5
Drug Offences										
Possession Of Drugs								3		3
Trafficking Of Drugs									1	1
Possession Of Weapons										
Possession Of Weapons					2					2
Public Order Offences										
Public Order Offences			2		3		1	1		7
Robbery										
Robbery	1	1			3					5
Theft Offences										
All Other Theft Offences			1		2					3
Bicycle Theft					13					13
Theft From The Person					1					1
Vehicle Offences										

Vehicle Offences					1					1
Violence Against The Person										
Stalking And Harassment				1	1					2
Violence With Injury					1	1				2
Violence Without Injury			1							1
Grand Total	1	1	4	1	34	1	1	4	1	48

2023 Incidents:

Distinct Count of OccNo	New - Under Investigation	Other incident non crime	Grand Total
Admin			
Duplicate		1	1
ASB			
ASB - Personal		1	1
Theft Offences			
Theft Offences	1		1
Transport			
Road Related Offences		5	5
RTC - Damage only		1	1
RTC - Death/Injury		3	3
Grand Total	1	11	12

2024 Incidents:

Distinct Count of OccNo	Crime related	Other incident non crime	Grand Total
Arson And Criminal Damage			
Arson and Criminal Damage	1		1
PSW - Suspicious circumstances/ Insecure Premises/ Vehicles			

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PSW - Suspicious circumstances/ Insecure Premises/ Vehicles		4	4
Transport			
Road Related Offences		5	5
RTC - Damage only		4	4
RTC - Death/Injury		1	1
Grand Total	1	14	15

2025 Incidents:

Distinct Count of OccNo	Crime related	Other incident non crime	Grand Total
Admin			
Contact Record		1	1
Admin - Lost /found property / found person			
Admin - Lost /found property / found person		1	1
Admin - Police Generated Resource Activity			
Admin - Police Generated Resource Activity		3	3
Admin - Problem Solving 4P			
Admin - Problem Solving 4P		1	1
ASB			
ASB - Nuisance		4	4
ASB - Personal		2	2
Niche Incident			
Niche Incident		1	1
PSW - Suspicious circumstances/ Insecure Premises/ Vehicles			
PSW - Suspicious circumstances/ Insecure Premises/ Vehicles		4	4
Public Order Offences			
Public Order Offences	1		1
Robbery			

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Robbery	1		1
Theft Offences			
Theft Offences	1		1
Transport			
Road Related Offences		15	15
RTC - Damage only		1	1
RTC - Death/Injury		7	7
Vehicle Offences			
Vehicle Offences		1	1
Grand Total	3	41	44

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed on 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/>