



Police Headquarters
London Road
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Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 19/08/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/755

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/08/2026 concerning non-professional football matches.

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:

This request concerns incidents investigated by the police occurring during non-professional football matches.

I require the listed information about all incidents investigated by the police between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2025, which meet the below criteria.

Day of occurrence: SUNDAY ONLY

Location type/tag: Parks, Recreation Grounds, Playing Fields, or Sports Venues Keyword in log: "FOOTBALL" OR "REFEREE" OR "PITCH" OR "MATCH" OR "GAME"

Please state:

- 1) The date and time the incident took place.
- 2) The location of the incident. Including the venue and city/town/village.
- 3) The team who the alleged offender was playing for (if applicable).
- 4) What potential crime was being investigated.

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5) What the outcome of the investigation was.

Response:

StartDate	StartTime	Occurrence Location	OffenceDescription	Alleged Offender's Football Team	DetectionStatus	football	referee	pitch	match	game
12/09/2021	11:00:00	SOUTH MARSTON RECREATION FIELD, OLD VICARAGE LANE, SWINDON, SN34TU	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	Inter North Swindon FC	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1	1	0	0	1
16/01/2022	12:10:00	RECREATION GROUND, PEMBROKE GARDENS, SWINDON,	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	Linesman	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	0	0	1	0
13/03/2022	15:41:00	SUTTON VENY, SUTTON VENY, WARMINSTER,	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	N/A	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	0	0	1	1
02/02/2025	11:30:00	FERNDAL YOUTH CENTRE, SOUTH BROOK STREET, SWINDON, SN21HF	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	Cricklade Youth's Under 8's Saxons	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	0	0	1	0
21/09/2025	14:30:00	TRENT FIELD, TRENT ROAD, SWINDON, SN253LT	Common Assault and Battery	Linesman	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1	0	0	0	1
30/11/2025	11:15:00	CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, LACOCK ROAD, CORSHAM, SN139HS	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	Corsham Athletic Football Club	8: Youth restorative disposal	1	0	0	1	0

A wildcard search using the keywords 'football', 'referee', 'pitch', 'match', 'game' were used to retrieve the data. The results were then filtered to only include incidents that took place during a non-football match on a Sunday between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2025.

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 Fol 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

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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/>