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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 16th November 2026 Your ref: FOI Our ref: FOI 2026 / 1074

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10th November 2026 concerning Weather related incidents.

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 intelligence Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We would like to request any records held by Wiltshire Police relating to fallen trees or fallen branches that occurred on 18 February 2022 within an approximate 10-mile radius of Monkton Farleigh Estate, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2QE.

We are representing Monkton Farleigh Estate Partnership in civil proceedings brought by Mr Ben Leighton Thomas following a road traffic accident when a tree branch fell onto his moving car during a named storm 'Eunice'.

As part of our investigation, we are keen to know whether Wiltshire Police hold records of any other accidents involving fallen trees on the same date (road traffic, property damage or other). We should also be grateful to receive any reports relating to the adverse weather conditions on this date.

The categories of information listed above are intended to assist in identifying relevant records and are not exhaustive. Please include any other information held that falls within the scope of this request. For any incident that is identified, please provide the location in as much detail as permitted.

Our response:

Crimes and Incidents

We have reviewed our crime recording database for any crimes or incidents reported on that day for the 6 postcode areas you requested using the list of wildcard words/expressions you provided.

This returned no crimes or incidents reported.

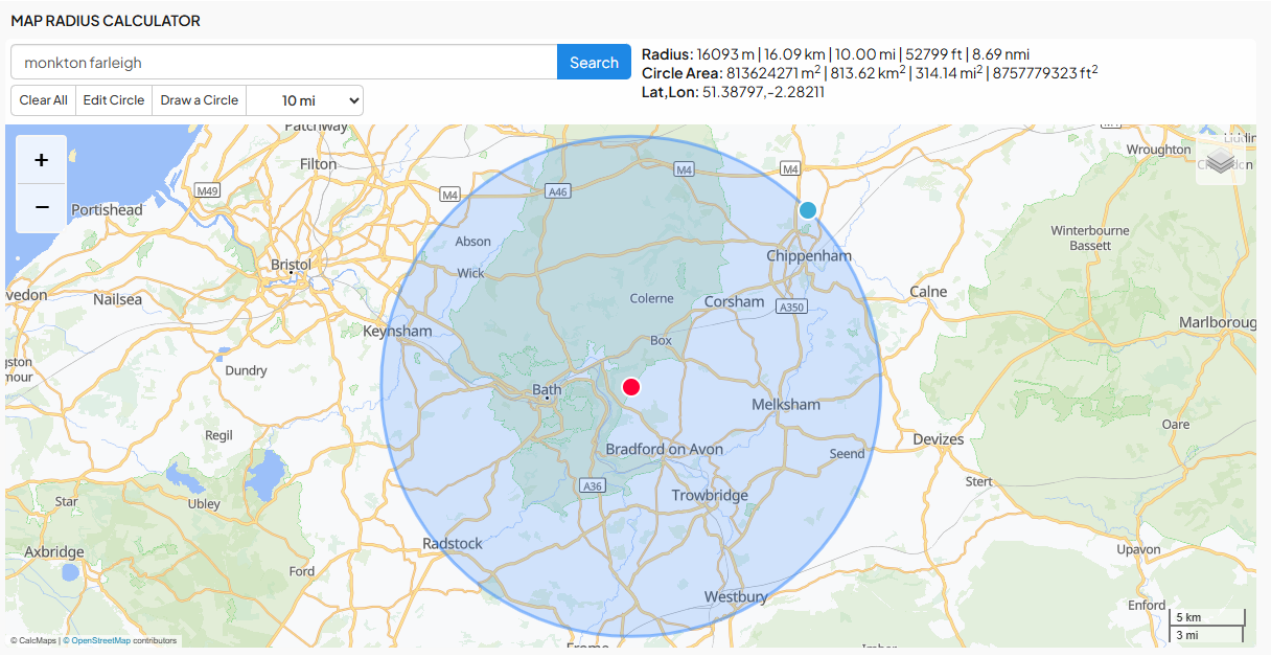
Please be aware that we are only able to search the abbreviated summary description of an offence (c250 characters) and not the whole occurrence log of a reported crime or any of the saved supporting documents.

Crimes generally involve another individual (eg suspect), so it should be expected that the crime figure is zero given we are talking about natural weather phenomenon.

Calls for Service

We have reviewed our STORM logs for any calls for service on that day.

We are not able to search STORM by postcode, so have searched a 10m radius of BA15 2QE as indicated on the map below :-



This returned 21 calls made to us on the day in question that were marked in our systems with a service code of “Weather Problems” the following results for the day in question :-

Number	Call Description	Location
1	Tree blocking road	Lacock
2	Tree blocking road	Biddestone
3	Tree blocking road	Westbury
4	Tree blocking road	Lacock

5	Tree blocking road	Bradford on Avon
6	Tree blocking road	Bradford on Avon
7	Tree blocking road	Box
8	Tree blocking road	Melksham
9	Tree hit vehicle	Bradford on Avon
10	Tree blocking road	Melksham
11	Tree hit power lines	Trowbridge
12	Tree blocking road	Chippenham
13	Tree blocking road	Chippenham
14	Tree blocking road	Trowbridge
15	Tree blocking road	Melksham
16	Tree blocking road	Chippenham
17	Tree blocking road	Trowbridge
18	Tree blocking road	Seend
19	Tree on power line	Box
20	Tree blocking road	Westbury
21	Tree blocking road	Westbury

Note

Monkton Farleigh is on the border of Avon & Somerset so – under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant – for a full picture of incidents within a 10m radius we would recommend that you also approach A&S Police with a similar FOI request.

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,
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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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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