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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0943

On 16/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Please may you provide me with: the latest information held on crime relating to tool theft in the Gloucestershire area between October 2023 and October 2024 (or the most recent 12-month period you have available).

Information should include,

- 1) Total number of instances of tool theft reported across the year =
- 2) Total value of tools theft reported across the year =
- 3) Average value of tools theft reported within the year timeframe =
- 4) Any additional breakdown of where the tool theft took place (for example, number of thefts from vehicles, number from home, number from a workplace, number from a construction site) =

On 23/10/2024 a clarification was sent asking if you can refer to the Home Office Crime Recording Rules for the specific offences you would like a search for and if you can look at the list of property items labelled as tools for Gloucestershire Constabulary and advised that the property items are only recorded against Crime Records where the item has a unique identifier.

A response was received on 23/10/2024 advising of the specific offences you wish a search to be conducted for and advised that to include the tools.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/10/2023 – 30/09/2024, where the offences are listed as one of the following:

- Robbery of Business Property
- Robbery of Personal Property
- Residential Burglary of a Home
- Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building
- Burglary – Business and Community
- Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- Theft or Unauthorised Taking of Motor Vehicle
- Interfering with a Motor vehicle

Whereby the following property items are recorded as:

- hand tool|not power|
- hand tool|not power|axe
- hand tool|not power|bolt cropper
- hand tool|not power|chisel
- hand tool|not power|crowbar nail bar
- hand tool|not power|drill
- hand tool|not power|file
- hand tool|not power|fork
- hand tool|not power|garden hose
- hand tool|not power|hammer
- hand tool|not power|hoe
- hand tool|not power|ladder
- hand tool|not power|mallet
- hand tool|not power|other
- hand tool|not power|penknife
- hand tool|not power|pickaxe
- hand tool|not power|pincers / pliers
- hand tool|not power|plane
- hand tool|not power|pruning / lopping
- hand tool|not power|rake
- hand tool|not power|saw
- hand tool|not power|scissors
- hand tool|not power|screwdriver
- hand tool|not power|shears
- hand tool|not power|shovel
- hand tool|not power|soldering iron
- hand tool|not power|spade
- hand tool|not power|spanner hand
- hand tool|not power|spanner socket

hand tool|not power|spirit level
 hand tool|not power|tape measure
 hand tool|not power|tool box
 hand tool|not power|trowel
 hand tool|not power|wheelbarrow
 hand tool|not power|workmate
 hand tool|power|
 hand tool|power|breaker
 hand tool|power|chain saw
 hand tool|power|disc cutter angle grinder
 hand tool|power|drill
 hand tool|power|drill bit / attachment
 hand tool|power|extension lead
 hand tool|power|garden vacuum / blower
 hand tool|power|hedge trimmer
 hand tool|power|nail gun
 hand tool|power|other
 hand tool|power|paint stripper
 hand tool|power|planer
 hand tool|power|router
 hand tool|power|sander
 hand tool|power|saw
 hand tool|power|screwdriver
 hand tool|power|steam stripper
 hand tool|power|trimmer / brushcutter
 hand tool||

The results are as follows:

1. 31 Crimes have been reported
2. £65,490
3. £307.47
4. A manual review has been completed of the MO's to determine where the offence occurred.

Location	Total
Building site	17
Business	5
Garage	1
Home	1
Shed	1
Theft from Motor Vehicles	4
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Unconnected building	1
Total	31

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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