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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1010

On 12/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Monthly totals January 2020 to December 2023:
 - a. Van thefts
 - b. Tool thefts from vehicles
2. Postcodes of all the above thefts
3. Total value of tools stolen
4. Number of tools recovered and returned

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.

In order to extract the requested information, 2 separate searches were required. All searches are based on the date range of 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2023.

A search of the crime recording system has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes where the offence of Theft of a Motor Vehicle has been recorded, and where the property item has been identified as a Van. Please see the tables below for the requested breakdowns. Please note that due to the low numbers recorded, the lowest level of location provided is the Local Policing Area. This is to avoid the risk of the identification of an individual.

Month/ Year	Local Policing Area							Total
	Cheltenham	Cotswolds	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Unclassified	
2020								
Jan		1				1		2
Feb		1	1	1	1			4
Mar								0
Apr				1			1	2
May			1	1	1			3
Jun					1			1
Jul					1	1		2
Aug								0
Sept								0
Oct			1			1		2
Nov	1					1		2
Dec		1						1
2021								
Jan				1				1
Feb	2							2
Mar				1	1	2		4
Apr								0
May						1		1
Jun		1						1
Jul								0
Aug								0
Sept								0
Oct	1							1
Nov		1				1		2
Dec				1		1		2
2022								
Jan	1			1	1			3

Feb			2					2
Mar								0
Apr						2		2
May			2					2
Jun		1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Jul								0
Aug		1			1		3	5
Sep				1	1		1	3
Oct				1	1	1		3
Nov					1		2	3
Dec		1						1
2023								
Jan				1	2	1		4
Feb	1			1				2
Mar				1	1			2
Apr						1		1
May		1						1
Jun		1		2				3
Jul				2		1		3
Aug								0
Sep			1		1			2
Oct								0
Nov	1	1						2
Dec								0
Total	7	11	9	17	15	16	8	83

A search of the crime recording system has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes where the offence of Theft from a Motor Vehicle has been recorded, where the property item has been identified and recorded under the category of "Tool", the value recorded and the status i.e. stolen/recovered. Please note that the recording of the property value is not mandatory.

Please see the tables below for the relevant breakdowns. Uncorrelated tables have been provided to reduce the risk of the identification of an individual.

Crimes Recorded:

Month/ Year	Local Policing Area							Total
	Cheltenham	Cotswolds	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Unclassified	
2020								
Jan	3	3	8	6	9			29
Feb	3	11	1	17	5		1	38
Mar	1	2		9	3	2		17
Apr			2	4			1	7
May		6		2				8
Jun	8	13		4	1		2	28
Jul	2		1	7				10
Aug			1	1				2
Sep	11	1		4		8		24
Oct	4		7	1				12
Nov	13	3						16
Dec						2		2
2021								
Jan	5							5
Feb							3	3
Mar					1	1		2
Apr	1							1
May	6	3		1				10
Jun	6							6
Jul	3	6				2		11
Aug			7	7				14
Sep		1						1
Oct	10	1	1	5	6	7	3	33
Nov	6	3			1	4		14
Dec					1			1
2022								
Jan				2		4		6
Feb								0
Mar	6							6
Apr	1							1

May								0
Jun				1			1	2
Jul								0
Aug	1							1
Sep		5						5
Oct								0
Nov			1	1				2
Dec								0
2023								
Jan								0
Feb	2							2
Mar	1	9						10
Apr								0
May								0
Jun						3		3
Jul	2					1		3
Aug	5					1		6
Sep	2							2
Oct						4		4
Nov								0
Dec			6			3		9
Total	102	67	35	72	27	42	11	356

Property items:

Property Item	Year				Total	Total Value (£)
	2020	2021	2022	2023		
hand tool	11	2	3		16	12495.02
hand tool not power	2	5			7	695.12
hand tool not power drill		6			6	999.02
hand tool not power ladder	1		1		2	600
hand tool not power other	11	4		4	19	10500.06
hand tool not power penknife	1				1	0
hand tool not power saw	3	1			4	1120.01
hand tool not power screwdriver	1	1			2	100
hand tool not power soldering iron	1				1	150

hand tool not power spanner socket	2				2	650
hand tool not power spirit level	1				1	200
hand tool not power tool box	9	4		1	14	12700.02
hand tool power	15	4		1	20	9998.21
hand tool power breaker	1	1			2	0.02
hand tool power chain saw	6	2		1	9	2854
hand tool power disc cutter angle grinder	13	10	2	3	28	7590.02
hand tool power drill	47	18	5	13	83	20758.34
hand tool power drill bit / attachment	5	1			6	1297.11
hand tool power extension lead		1			1	0.01
hand tool power garden vacuum / blower	2	1		1	4	800.01
hand tool power hedge trimmer	5			2	7	2500
hand tool power nail gun	5	4	2	1	12	7989.01
hand tool power other	22	23	5	6	56	44524.6
hand tool power planer	1	1		1	3	238
hand tool power sander				1	1	850
hand tool power saw	18	12	4	2	36	6231.05
hand tool power screwdriver	5		1		6	1750.02
hand tool power trimmer / brushcutter	5			2	7	2920.20
Total	193	101	23	39	356	150509.85

Property Status:

Status	Total
Recovered	4
Stolen	352
Total	356

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

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Yours sincerely,

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