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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0852

On 09/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information, where recorded, for each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26, and for 2026/27 to the most recent available date:

1. The number of bottles, containers or separately recorded items of alcoholic drink seized or taken into police possession.

2. Where possible, a breakdown by drinks category

3. The recorded estimated, retail, replacement or evidential value of those alcoholic drinks currently held, if such a valuation exists.

4. The force's policy or standard procedure for alcoholic drinks once they are no longer required as evidence or property.

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

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 relation to your request, please note that a search of our property recording system was undertaken and the scope refined where possible using the keywords of “alcohol” and “alcoholic drink”.

Please see the below table:

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

Alcohol Related Property Seizures/Recoveries (June 2021 – January 2026)

Date	Qty	Category	Value	Description
10/06/2021	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
31/07/2021	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Cool box containing alcohol
21/08/2021	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Coca-Cola bottle containing alcohol
09/11/2021	Unknown	Spirits/Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles incl. Bacardi rum
01/01/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	£364	Alcohol bottles recovered
29/01/2022	Unknown	Spirits	Unknown	Various spirit bottles
05/03/2022	7	Mixed Alcohol	Unknown	Spirits, WKD and Smirnoff products
02/04/2022	8	Alcohol	Unknown	Eight bottles of alcohol
20/04/2022	23	Beer	Unknown	Twenty-three cans of Fosters
22/06/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottles of alcohol
05/07/2022	9	Cider/WKD/Smirnoff Ice	Unknown	Mixed alcoholic beverages
15/09/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottles of alcohol
16/09/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
01/10/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottles of alcohol
12/10/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
15/10/2022	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Plastic bottle containing alcohol
08/11/2022	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles and cans
18/12/2022	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol can
29/12/2022	12	Alcohol	Unknown	Twelve alcohol bottles
04/01/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Thirty-two bags containing alcohol
09/01/2023	7	Alcohol	Unknown	Seven alcohol bottles
16/01/2023	2	Alcohol/Cider	Unknown	Bottle containing alcohol and cider
23/02/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Bags containing alcohol bottles
04/04/2023	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Bag containing alcohol can
10/04/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Miscellaneous alcohol bottles
02/06/2023	6	Cider/Spirits	Unknown	Mixed alcoholic drinks
26/06/2023	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Lucozade bottle containing alcohol
23/07/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Multiple bags of alcohol
28/07/2023	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottle of alcohol
08/08/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Miscellaneous alcohol bottles
15/09/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Empty alcohol cans/bottles
24/09/2023	1	Cider	Unknown	Thatchers Katy bottle
05/10/2023	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Bag of alcohol

05/12/2023	72	Champagne/Spirits	Unknown	Large seizure of Moet, Courvoisier, Hennessey and Remy Martin
23/12/2023	1	Port	Unknown	Bottle of port
20/04/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Two bags containing alcohol
28/05/2024	16	Alcohol	Unknown	Sixteen bottles of alcohol
11/06/2024	1	Beer	Unknown	Warka Strong beer can
13/06/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
21/06/2024	1	Beer	Unknown	Guinness bottle
11/07/2024	Unknown	Spirits/Alcohol	Unknown	Multiple alcohol bottles
12/07/2024	1	Spirit	Unknown	Peach schnapps bottle
24/07/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Container of alcohol
15/08/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Three bags containing alcohol
31/08/2024	1	Wine	Unknown	750ml rosé wine bottle
06/09/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
18/09/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol tins
28/09/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Mixed branded alcohol bottles
05/10/2024	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Broken alcohol bottle
27/10/2024	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottle of alcohol
08/12/2024	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
18/12/2024	1	Spirit	Unknown	1L Smirnoff vodka
05/01/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles
13/01/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles
02/02/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles
13/04/2025	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Bottle of alcohol
19/04/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles
19/05/2025	4	Alcohol	Unknown	Four cans of alcohol
21/06/2025	1	Cocktail	Unknown	Buzz Ball cocktail
10/08/2025	1	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol can
01/10/2025	6	Wine/Alcohol	Unknown	Wine and other alcohol bottles
19/10/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Large quantity of alcohol
23/10/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Empty alcohol bottles
27/10/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol bottles
04/12/2025	4	Beer	Unknown	Four tins of alcohol
07/12/2025	2	Alcohol	Unknown	Two alcohol bottles
12/12/2025	Unknown	Alcohol	Unknown	Alcohol recovered
29/01/2026	5	Cocktails/Alcohol	Unknown	Cocktail cans and alcohol canisters

In relation to Q4, upon consultation with the relevant business areas. Whilst there is no formal policy specifically covering the disposal of alcoholic drinks, The Force can provide the below information as routes of disposal for alcoholic drinks.

1. If it is suitable, The Force arrange the return of the items to the individual or business it was stolen from.

2. The items are destroyed.

3. If there is no known individual or business to return it to and the items are unopened, then we will attempt to send these to auction, however this is dependent on whether the items condition is suitable for action.

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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