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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 975/24 Garden Theft

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 30th of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Number of Garden Theft Incidents*
Please provide the total number of reported garden theft incidents (including thefts from garden sheds, patios, or any garden areas) within your jurisdiction for each of the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
2. *Details of Items Stolen*
If recorded, please provide information on the types of items reported stolen during garden theft incidents. For example, the count of stolen tools, bicycles, furniture, plants, ornaments, etc.
3. *Time of Year (Seasonality) of Incidents* *If the data is accessible, please provide details of the months or seasons in which garden theft incidents were most frequently reported.*
4. *Value of Items Stolen (if available)*
If there is any record of the estimated value of the stolen items, please provide this information in aggregated form for each year.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime Recording System. Please note that a key word search using the term 'garden' has been used when searching theft offences. It should be noted that a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the word 'garden' was recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe this, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

The results from the search have been manually reviewed to ensure appropriateness/relevance for grouping/ category. Therefore, how the data has been presented/categorised is at the analyst's discretion.



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Question 1- Please provide the total number of reported garden theft incidents (including thefts from garden sheds, patios, or any garden areas) within your jurisdiction for each of the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Please note that communal gardens, public gardens and allotments have been included within the data, garden centres, graveyards and woodlands have been excluded from the data.

Please see the below table which includes the count of reports broken down by year.

Year	Count
2020	121
2021	89
2022	77
2023	81
Grand Total	368

Please see the below table which includes the count of items stolen.

Year	Count
2020	127
2021	106
2022	84
2023	86
Grand Total	403

Question 2- If recorded, please provide information on the types of items reported stolen during garden theft incidents. For example, the count of stolen tools, bicycles, furniture, plants, ornaments, etc.

Grouped Items	Count
Bins/Disposal/Recycling	27
Fencing/Gate/Paving Stones	47
Furniture	78
Logs	8
Miscellaneous	5
Plants/Flowers/Trees	87
Structure/Ornament/Statue	93
Tools	58
Grand Total	403

Question 3- Time of Year (Seasonality) of Incidents If the data is accessible, please provide details of the months or seasons in which garden theft incidents were most frequently reported.

Month	Count
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Jan	21
Feb	26
Mar	31
Apr	32
May	40
Jun	44
Jul	44
Aug	35
Sep	30
Oct	23
Nov	22
Dec	20
Grand Total	368

Question 4- *Value of Items Stolen (if available) If there is any record of the estimated value of the stolen items, please provide this information in aggregated form for each year.*

Value groups	Count of Items
2020	
£1-£50	57
£1000-£5000	4
£101-£200	14
£201-£300	3
£301-£400	3
£401-£500	2
£501-£1000	2
£51-£100	20
Not Specified	22
2021	
£1-£50	44
£101-£200	9
£201-£300	5
£301-£400	1
£501-£1000	2
£51-£100	13
Not Specified	32
2022	
£1-£50	27
£10000+	1
£101-£200	4
£201-£300	3
£301-£400	2
£401-£500	1
£501-£1000	4
£51-£100	10



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Not Specified	32
2023	
£1-£50	20
£1000-£5000	2
£101-£200	6
£201-£300	4
£301-£400	3
£401-£500	2
£501-£1000	3
£51-£100	13
Not Specified	33
Grand Total	403

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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