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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 87/25 Thefts from Churches

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 21st of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

How many thefts from churches, religious buildings and church halls were recorded in 2020?
How many thefts from churches, religious buildings and church halls were recorded in 2021?
How many thefts from churches, religious buildings and church halls were recorded in 2022?
How many thefts from churches, religious buildings and church halls were recorded in 2023?
How many thefts from churches, religious buildings and church halls were recorded in 2024?

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. A key word search has been used with the following terms, Church, Temple, Mosque, Islamic Centre, Synagogue, Gurdwara, Kingdom Hall, Quaker Meeting House, Salvation Army.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words used were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe them, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Answer-

Year	Count of Theft Offences at religious buildings
2020	7
2021	8
2022	10
2023	11
2024	11
Grand Total	47



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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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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