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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 707/25 EV Charge Point Offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8th July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we kindly request the following information from your service:

1. *How many incidents involving vandalism or criminal damage targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:*
 - a. 2022
 - b. 2023
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2025 (to date)
2. *How many incidents involving theft targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:*
 - a. 2022
 - b. 2023
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2025 (to date)
3. *For the incidents identified in questions 1 and 2, how many led to:*
 - a. Investigations being opened
 - b. Arrests being made
 - c. Charges or prosecutions
4. *What was the total amount of fines issued in relation to these offences – please break down for the years:*
 - a. 2022
 - b. 2023
 - c. 2024
 - d. 2025 (to date)

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.



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The information provided was extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A keywords search was conducted using the terms "electric vehicle", "electric car" and "charging" which produced the below results.

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

The crimes involving vandalism/criminal damage targeting public EV charge points recorded in each year.

Year	Crimes	Investigations	Arrests	Charges
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	2	2	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0

The crimes involving theft targeting public EV charge points recorded in each year.

Year	Crimes	Investigations	Arrests	Charges
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0

Question 4.

To receive a fine or sentence for an offence, a person must be charged with the offence. As there were no individuals charged with offences related to EV charging points the answer to this question is no information held.

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 this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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

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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.

