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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 199/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 11 February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

We would like to request the following...

- 1. Total number of garage break-ins in your area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024***
- 2. Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2023***
- 3. Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2024***
- 4. Top locations or postcodes for break-ins in 2024 (and number reported here)***

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.

Question 1

Total number of garage break-ins in your area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan	9	8	6	5	8	36
Feb	38	5	6	8	16	73
Mar	13	4	10	10	13	50
Apr	7	9	10	6	9	41
May	9	3	7	7	8	34
Jun	5	4	7	14	9	39
Jul	13	6	8	6	11	44
Aug	6	13	14	5	8	46
Sep	11	12	10	12	11	56
Oct	16	6	15	9	16	62
Nov	7	11	14	13	3	48
Dec	22	17	2	11	13	65
Grand Total	156	98	109	106	125	594



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Question 2

Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2023:

June with 14 cases.

Question 3

Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2024:

February with 16 cases.

Question 4

Top locations or postcodes for break-ins in 2024 (and number reported here)

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
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CA1	3		3		1				1	1		2	11
CA10		1					1						2
CA11				1	2	1		1	1			1	7
CA12		1		1	1								3
CA13			1	1									2
CA14	1	1		1			1	1	1	5			11
CA15		1	1				1						3
CA17			1				1						2
CA2		1	3			1	1	1		1			8
CA22	1							2	1				4
CA23									1				1
CA24												1	1
CA25				1			1			1			3
CA26												1	1
CA28			1	1	1								3
CA3						1							1
CA4				1									1
CA5												1	1
CA6		1					1			1			3
CA7					2	2	1						5
CA8		1					1						2
CA9									1				1
LA10						1							1
LA11		1		2								5	8
LA12						1		1					2
LA13		2					1			1	1		5
LA14	3	1					1	1	2	1			9
LA23		2											2
LA6						1			1			1	3
LA8					1					2			3



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LA9		3	2			1			1	3	2	1	13
Grand Total	8	16	13	9	8	9	11	8	11	16	3	13	125

To retrieve information relevant to your request, data was extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system for the offence. Only the first half of the postcode has been provided to prevent identification. A keyword search in all categories of burglary for garages was performed alongside the 'unconnected building' type that did not contain the word 'shed'. The data includes both domestic and commercial garages to prevent relevant information for the request being missed.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe garage, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

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

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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