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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1401/25 Vehicle Thefts

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 16th October 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding vehicle theft in your police force area.

Please provide the following, broken down by calendar year for the last three full calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024).

Please also provide information from and 2025 to-date up until 31/09/2025). If data is not available up until then, please specify when the 2025 data runs until.

- 1 - The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area*
- 2 - The total number of arrests made where the principal offence recorded was theft of motor vehicle*
- 3 - The top three locations (for example towns, districts, or wards) in your force area with the highest number of recorded motor vehicle thefts each year*
- 4 - Of the vehicles reported stolen (theft of motor vehicle), how many were subsequently recovered, broken down by year if available*

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.

Please note: the following information shows data for the number of recorded crimes rather than incidents.

The total number of recorded crimes of theft of a motor vehicle in Cumbria.

Offence	Year				Grand Total
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
048/01 - Theft of Motor vehicle	229	218	221	154	822
Grand Total	229	218	221	154	822



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Question 2.

Please note: Arrests cannot be directly linked to specific crimes when extracting data. The following information shows custody records where the principal offence was theft of a motor vehicle. Some arrests may be at a later date than the crime.

Please also be aware a crime is recorded per victim; a custody record is per offender. One offender may be responsible for multiple thefts, or a number of offenders may be responsible for one theft so arrest data may differ from offence data.

The total number of arrests made where the principal offence recorded was theft of motor vehicle.

	Year				Grand Total
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
048/01 - Theft of Motor vehicle	50	73	90	73	286
Grand Total					

Question 3.

The top three locations in Cumbria with the highest number of recorded motor vehicle thefts each year.

2022	
District	Number of vehicle thefts
Carlisle	75
Allerdale	39
Copeland	34

2023	
District	Number of vehicle thefts
Carlisle	48
Allerdale	56
Barrow-in-Furness	36

2024	
District	Number of vehicle thefts
Carlisle	67
Allerdale	40
Copeland	36

2025	
District	Number of vehicle thefts
Carlisle	41
Allerdale	37
South Lakeland	25

Question 4.

Please note: Whether a vehicle is recorded as being found/recovered relies on a manual update on the crime record and is not a compulsory field, therefore the information provided may not accurately reflect number of vehicles recovered. Please also note this is counting



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crime records, not a count of vehicles to allow comparison against Question 1. (A crime is recorded per victim; multiple vehicles may be stolen during one crime).

Number of recorded crimes with property details showing recovered/ found.

Offence Code	Year				Grand Total
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
048/01	45	64	85	32	226
Grand Total	45	64	85	32	226

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

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.

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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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