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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1433/25 Van Thefts

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24th October 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information:

Total number of reports of vans being broken into in the past 5 years, with a yearly and monthly breakdown if possible

Please can you also share the value of items stolen from vans over the past 5 years with a yearly and monthly breakdown, if you have this information.

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.

Please note: The information provided has been extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. Theft from a motor vehicle offence where their status was 'theft from' have been provided, a manual review of all the vehicles was carried out to ensure only vans are included.

Question 1.

The number of thefts from vans, split down by year and month.													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
2020											4	7	11
2021	6	7	4	6	2	6	7	8	6	5	13	3	73
2022	3	10	4	10	2	7	4	3	6	4	3	4	60
2023	7	3	2	5	2	4	6	2	2	4	3	7	47
2024	6	4	5	4	1	2	5	1	3	2	5	4	42
2025	4	2	3										9



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Question 2.

Please note: Property values is not a mandatory field when completing reports. This means that property values are not filled out reliably and may be inaccurate. This is also why some fields have £0 for the value as no value has been entered.

The sum of the items stolen in each month from van thefts.													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
2020											438	4130	4568
2021	125	2300	2600	480	1400	2160	1890	5300	260	980	2610	1100	21205
2022	95	5320	12460	4995	375	5380	4550	6020	1224	142	6717	60	47338
2023	2525	280	2200	5950	600	1880	95	500	900	250	1000	2360	18540
2024	1600	800	1585	140	0	2000	5440	100	1205	0	20900	1460	35230
2025	1240	320	1000										2560

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.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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