



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:15/01/2025

2024/1191 - Crimes and Thefts at Churches

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving theft from/at churches or from/at church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?**
 - a) If possible please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?**
- 2. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving assault (physical/violent) at churches or on church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?**
- 3. How many crimes have been recorded of vandalism by your force on churches or on church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?**

Note: Some forces do not log 'church' as a building type specifically and may instead log location as religious building. For the avoidance of doubt, I would like data related to religious buildings in this instance. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Assault, Criminal Damage and Burglary/Theft Offences 2022 to 2024 with location subtype "church/religious building" or "churchyard"	
Offence Category Description	Offence Count
Arson Not Endangering Life	11
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	1
Assault Without Injury	8
Burglary – Business and community	40
Criminal Damage To A Building Other Than A Dwelling	53
Criminal Damage To A Vehicle	3
Other Criminal Damage	32
Other Theft	31
Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage	1
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Harassment	1
Theft From The Person	2
Theft Or Unauthorised Taking Of A Pedal Cycle	1

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/01/2025