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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:31/01/2024

2024/129 - Illegal vehicle use data for the River Dee section of Wales Coastal Path

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please advise, for each of the last 5 years, (either calendar or financial, whichever is easier), the following information with respect to that part of the Wales Coastal Path which is on the northern side of the River Dee:-

- 1) The number of formally recorded incidents involving the illegal use of motorbikes or other prohibited vehicles on the path. If possible, please provide location in three separate sections:- a) Harwarden Bridge to the Jubilee Bridge b) Jubilee Bridge to Saltney Ferry Bridge and c) Saltney Ferry Bridge to the boundary with Cheshire West & Chester.**
- 2) The number of prosecutions that arose from such incidents and the value of any fines issued.**
- 3) The number of vehicle confiscations that resulted from the above**
- 4) The number and approximate value of vehicles destroyed as a result of such confiscations**
- 5) The number of complaints received from individuals who were prevented from using the path for legitimate purposes by the current barriers. If possible, please advise category of complainant by the vehicle they were trying to use (eg Tandem, Bike with trailer, recumbent bike, mobility scooter, mobility trike etc)**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/01/2024