



Response Date:15/07/2025

2025/723 - Vandalism and theft of EV charge points

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

We are conducting research on behalf of a leading electric vehicle (EV) charge point operator to better understand the scale of vandalism affecting EV chargers, trends over time and the level of enforcement action being taken.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we kindly request the following information from your service:

- 1. How many incidents involving vandalism or criminal damage targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:**
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025 (to date)
- 2. How many incidents involving theft targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:**
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025 (to date)
- 3. For the incidents identified in questions 1 and 2, how many led to:**
 - Investigations being opened
 - Arrests being made

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- **Charges or prosecutions**

Search criteria

2022-2025 Criminal Damage / Theft Offences with Key Word search of occurrence summary for EV/ELEC and Charge/Charging.

Of those results a further search of the words 'electric vehicle', 'electric car' and 'EV' was then carried out:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Offence Category Code	Offence Category Description	Offence HO Group2	Arrest	Outcome	EV KW	Charge KW	Summary
2022	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	58D	Other Criminal Damage	18. Criminal Damage	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Caller reporting that in December last year the EV charge points at the location address were damaged. They have since been removed to make safe.
2022	058/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Over £5000.00 damage)	58D	Other Criminal Damage	18. Criminal Damage	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	During December 2021 the Electric Vehicle charger has been damaged
2022	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	58D	Other Criminal Damage	18. Criminal Damage	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	IP reporting on behalf of council - reporting that an EV charging point has been damaged in car park at the location. Unknown exactly when this has taken place
2023	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	58D	Other Criminal Damage	18. Criminal Damage	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Person reporting unknown person has caused damage to electric car chargers at the car park at location

4. What was the total amount of fines issued in relation to these offences – please break down for the years:

- **2022**
- **2023**
- **2024**
- **2025 (to date)**

No information held.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/07/2025