



Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/1051 - E-bike seizures

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the number of electric bicycles/e-bikes seized by North Wales Police in each of the above years.

Where possible, please distinguish between:

the number of individual e-bikes seized; and the number of incidents in which an e-bike was seized.

If the force records the reason or offence associated with the seizure, please also provide a breakdown by category where this information is readily available.

I would like the information broken down by calendar year for:

Please present the information in a simple annual breakdown:

Year

E-bikes seized

2022= 9

2023= 15

2024 = 33

2025= 130

2026 (from 1 January 2026 to 06/10/26) = 123

Reports involving people wearing balaclavas/face coverings

If possible, please also indicate how many of the balaclava-related reports resulted in an offence being recorded, compared with reports where no offence was identified/no further action was taken.

2. Reports/incidents involving people wearing balaclavas

Please provide the number of reports, calls or recorded incidents received by North Wales Police in which a member of the public reported seeing, or otherwise reported the presence of, a person wearing a balaclava or similar face covering in each of the above years.

This should include reports where:

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

a member of the public simply reported seeing someone wearing a balaclava; the person wearing the balaclava was considered suspicious by the caller; police attended but no offence was subsequently identified; no further action was taken; the person was not identified or located; and the report subsequently resulted in an offence being recorded, where applicable.

In other words, I am interested in all recorded reports/calls relating to someone being seen wearing a balaclava or similar face covering, rather than only incidents where an offence was ultimately established.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown of the associated incident/offence type, including whether the report resulted in an offence being recorded or no further action being taken.

For clarity, I am interested in records where the police system specifically refers to a balaclava, ski mask, or similar face-covering garment. If these terms are not recorded as a specific category, please provide the closest available data and explain the search terms/categories used.

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 06/10/2026