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NORTH WALES POLICE

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2026/1012 - Motorcycle Theft

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In September 2026 MAG sent a survey on motorcycle theft to every Police and Crime Commissioner or equivalent. Several offices replied that the evidence questions are for the force to answer. This request asks the force for that information. The questions keep the survey numbering so the answers can be read alongside it. If you are already handling the survey as an FOI request referred by your Commissioner's office or equivalent, please give me that reference; I am happy for the two to be dealt with together, as long as each question below is answered.
Definitions
- **"Motorcycle" means any powered two-wheeled vehicle, including mopeds and scooters. If your records use a different definition, please say what it is.**
- **"Motorcycle theft" means any recorded offence of theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (or the equivalent classification in Scotland or Northern Ireland) where the vehicle was a motorcycle.**
- **"2023" and "2025" mean the calendar years 1 January to 31 December.**

Questions

Q1. Motorcycle theft has no Home Office crime classification of its own and is recorded within the general Theft of a Motor Vehicle category. Does your force use any marker, tag, qualifier, internal code or vehicle-type field that allows motorcycle thefts to be identified separately within that category? If so, please describe it and state whether completing it is mandatory.

Vehicle Type "Motorcycle" can be applied, although completion of this field cannot be guaranteed.

Q2. The number of motorcycles reported stolen in your force area in 2023 and in 2025. If these figures cannot be produced from your crime recording system without a manual review of individual records, please say so, and say what would be needed to make it possible.

Number of motorbikes reported stolen

Calendar Year	Stolen Count
2023	80
2024	74
2025	32

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2026	23

Q3. Details of any operations, dedicated resourcing or cross-force intelligence-sharing arrangements aimed specifically at motorcycle theft between 1 January 2023 and the date of this request, with approximate dates.

No information held.

Q4. The number of motorcycle theft offences in which a suspect was identified, in 2023 and in 2025.

Number of suspects identified in motorbike thefts

Calendar Year	Suspect Count
2023	8
2024	13
2025	2
2026	5

Q5. Of the offences in Q5, the number that resulted in a charge for theft, handling stolen goods or conspiracy, rather than taking without consent alone, in 2023 and in 2025.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request. We have had no charges for occurrences involving stolen motorbikes for anything other than TOMV.

Q6. The number of stolen motorcycles recovered in 2023 and in 2025. If these figures cannot be produced without a manual review of individual records, please say so.

Recovered:

Calendar Year	Count
2023	25
2024	17
2025	5
2026	5

Q7. A copy of any written policy, protocol or guidance on how officers or the control room respond to a live tracker or GPS activation alert on a stolen motorcycle. If there is no motorcycle-specific version, please provide the one that covers stolen vehicles generally.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Q8. The number of times since 29 June 2026 an officer has authorised a search under section 26A of the Theft Act 1968 (inserted by section 171 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026) in relation to a stolen motorcycle, and a copy of any written policy or training material on the use of that power. If this power does not apply in your jurisdiction, please say so.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Q9. Details of any engagement your force has had on secure motorcycle parking provision since 1 January 2023, with a local authority or otherwise, for example advice from Designing Out Crime Officers or involvement in Park Mark/Safer Parking assessments covering motorcycle parking. If no central record is held, please say so.

There is no central record 'of any engagement your force has had on secure motorcycle parking provision'.

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