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Response Date: 18/05/2026

2026/480 - Policing of Wrexham A.F.C. Home Fixtures, 2025-2026 Season

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Relating to Wrexham A.F.C. home fixtures played at the Racecourse Ground during the football season running from 12 August 2025 to 2 May 2026.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request relates to all Wrexham A.F.C. home matches during this period, including league, cup, and any friendly fixtures played at the Racecourse Ground.

1. For each home fixture:

1. The total policing cost incurred, including (where recorded) officer hours, overtime, mutual aid, and any other associated costs.

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DATE	OPPONENT	FULL ECONOMIC COST
12/08/2025	Hull City	£13,946.48
16/08/2025	West Brom	£38,755.60
23/08/2025	Sheff Wed	£39,128.72
13/09/2025	QPR	£13,365.84
23/09/2025	Reading	£12,435.84
27/09/2025	Derby	£13,908.16
03/10/2025	Birmingham	£74,456.88
22/10/2025	Oxford	£14,102.00
28/10/2025	Cardiff	£81,114.16
31/10/2025	Coventry	£17,440.88
08/11/2025	Charlton	£29,938.96
26/11/2025	Bristol City	£19,255.12
29/11/2025	Blackburn	£13,908.16
13/12/2025	Watford	£13,365.84
26/12/2025	Sheff United	£54,543.84
29/12/2025	Preston	£12,629.68
09/01/2026	Notts Forest	£46,349.52
17/01/2026	Norwich	£13,365.84
20/01/2026	Leicesterh	£14,682.64
07/02/2026	Millwall	£130,828.00
13/02/2026	Ipswich	£13,790.96
21/02/2026	Ipswich	£14,838.16
24/02/2026	Portsmouth	£13,172.00
07/03/2026	Chelsea	£70,379.12
10/03/2026	Hull City	£13,908.16
14/03/2026	Swansea	£97,704.72
06/04/2026	Southampton	£17,320.72
18/04/2026	Stoke	£97,268.40
02/05/2026	Middlesborough	£76,831.04

*The full economic cost has been used in the calculations which contribute to force overheads.

**The above calculations are based on an 8 hour shift due to assumed clock in's. The length of shift incorporates the briefing and deployment.

***No mutual aid was required at any of the above fixtures.

2. Details of whether any policing costs were recharged or recovered from any third party (for example, Wrexham A.F.C.), and the amounts recovered per fixture.

DATE	OPPONENT	RECOVERED COSTS
03/10/2025	Birmingham	£3,839.22
28/10/2025	Cardiff	£3,839.22
26/12/2025	Sheff United	£14,707.20
07/02/2026	Millwall	£6,218.70
07/03/2026	Chelsea	£6,218.70
02/05/2026	Middlesborough	£4,010.22
		£38,833.26

*Cost recovery from Wrexham AFC for Stadium Teams

2. The total number of police officers deployed per home fixture, recorded at an aggregate level only (e.g. total number of officers per match), excluding any tactical or operationally sensitive detail.

Please see the answer to question 5

3. The number of arrests made in connection with each home fixture, broken down by offence type where recorded.

4. The number of recorded incidents, public order incidents, and/or calls for service associated with each home fixture, where held.

DATE	OPPONENT	ARRESTS / RECORDED INCIDENTS
12/08/2025	Hull City	1 PO incident reported post-match
16/08/2025	West Brom	None
23/08/2025	Sheff Wed	1 arrest drugs, 1 safeguarding incident
13/09/2025	QPR	1 VAWG incident reported post-match
23/09/2025	Reading	None
27/09/2025	Derby	2 arrests for PO
03/10/2025	Birmingham	None
22/10/2025	Oxford	None
28/10/2025	Cardiff	8 arrests -7 for POP and 1 for drugs
31/10/2025	Coventry	1 arrest for PO
08/11/2025	Charlton	1 reported incident missiles thrown in stadium
26/11/2025	Bristol City	None
29/11/2025	Blackburn	1 safeguarding issue, 1 online hate crime reported post-match
13/12/2025	Watford	2 PO incidents reported
26/12/2025	Sheff United	None
29/12/2025	Preston	1 arrest for PO. 3 other PO incidents
09/01/2026	Notts Forest	1 PO incident reported
17/01/2026	Norwich	None
20/01/2026	Leicesterh	1 PO incident reported post-match
07/02/2026	Millwall	4 arrests for assault/PO
13/02/2026	Ipswich	None
21/02/2026	Ipswich	1 PO incident
24/02/2026	Portsmouth	None
07/03/2026	Chelsea	5 arrests for PO/Drugs
10/03/2026	Hull City	None
14/03/2026	Swansea	1 arrest for PO
06/04/2026	Southampton	None
18/04/2026	Stoke	2 arrests, 1 for PO and 1 for sexual assault
02/05/2026	Middlesborough	None

** PO indicates public order incident

5. Copies of, or extracts from, high-level planning and review documentation relating to the policing of Wrexham A.F.C. home fixtures during this period, including:

- 1. Match risk assessments**
- 2. Strategic or summary policing plans**
- 3. Any post-event reviews or debrief summaries**

Concerns have been raised in relation to disclosing the number of police officers deployed and the documents requested.

Therefore, a public Interest Test has been carried out to weigh up the reasons for and against disclosure; to ensure the release is in the interest of the public as a whole and not just the applicant.

Section 31 (1) Law Enforcement

Section 38 (1) Health and Safety

These exemptions is a prejudice based qualified exemption, therefore there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or not that the information is held as well as carrying out a public interest test.

Overall Harm

North Wales Police are charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve.

While we appreciate you will have no ill meaning behind your request, disclosure could be used by those with criminal intent against the North Wales Police or the UK as intelligence against North Wales Police resources, knowledge at a given point in time and law enforcement tactics to undermine policing efforts. It is not in the public interest to disclose information that could be used to assist in the planning of criminal activity, due to an adverse FOIA disclosure.

Section 38 provides an exemption from disclosing information if it would endanger any individual (including the applicant, the supplier of the information or anyone else).

The exemption does not necessarily deal with what are commonly thought of as health and safety matters such as establishing the cause of an accident.

Section 38 focuses on two particular areas where disclosure of information would or would be likely to endanger:

- i. the physical or mental health of any individual, or
- ii. the safety of any individual.

Disclosure of capability, operational tactics/risk assessments/summaries not in the public domain is likely to cause issues for the Force to police future events.

Public Interest Test – S31(1) Law Enforcement:

Considerations favouring disclosure

The use of police resources and tactics is a matter that the force should hold up to public scrutiny as the police are accountable for public funds and public safety; therefore there is a public interest in justification of the spending of these funds and how the public are kept safe.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

Disclosure would lead to a loss of confidence in the North Wales Police and ability to protect the safety of the community (for example, following an adverse FOIA disclosure regarding resources, tactics or local intelligence).

The risks to individuals and the community is likely to be significant if the information is used by those with the necessary criminal intent to undermine the very purpose information is held (crime prevention and detection at a national scale).

Extra security measures and policing resources may need to be put into place with the disclosure of this information. This is because of the risk disclosure brings in that it could be used as intelligence by those with the necessary criminal intent to undermine policing in different parts of the UK based on the content of the full minutes.

Public Interest Test - Section 38(1) Health & Safety

Considerations favouring disclosure

The public can have informed discussions on the matter.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

It would be unfair to place into the public domain information, which is likely to cause harm to individuals in our community/individuals. By disclosing the requested information into the public domain, if used by those intent on criminal activity, protecting our communities and the safety of any individual would be made more difficult.

Balancing Test

The issues of accountability and transparency are noted. We have provided a lot of information as requested, however, to disclose further information that would compromise law enforcement role of the force or put individuals at risk is not appropriate.

It is recognised that transparency is the fundamental objective of the Freedom of information Act and this leads itself to a presumption of disclosure. However, this must be balanced against the harm that would be caused to law enforcement and individuals.

In this case the decision is for non-disclosure.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) 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 11/05/2026