



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 18/09/2026

2026/920 - Recovered stolen property outcomes by item category, 2023 to 2025

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the purposes of this request, "recovered" means an item reported to the force as stolen that subsequently came into the possession of the force.

1. For each calendar year 2023, 2024 and 2025, reported separately, and for each of the following item categories, reported separately:

- a) pedal cycles**
- b) power tools and trade equipment**
- c) cameras**
- d) mobile phones**
- e) laptops and tablets**

please provide:

- i) the number of stolen items recovered by the force**
- ii) the number of those recovered items returned to an owner**
- iii) the number of those recovered items not returned to an owner**
- iv) the number of items at (iii) broken down by recorded reason for non return, including any reason equivalent to owner not identified or ownership not established**

2. Where the force records the disposal of unclaimed recovered property, please provide, for each year and each category above, the number of items disposed of, sold, destroyed or donated.

3. Under Section 11 of the Act, I request the response as a spreadsheet or CSV file. A fixed table format is preferred, with the following exact column headings, so that responses can be compared across forces:

Year | Item category | Items recovered | Items returned to owner | Items not returned | Non return reason: owner not identified or ownership not established | Non return reason: other (please specify) | Disposed of | Sold | Destroyed | Donated

4. If the force does not record reasons for non return, please confirm this and instead supply whatever recovered and returned property figures it does hold, together with a brief description of how recovered property outcomes are recorded.

5. If the force holds this data under different category labels, please supply your nearest equivalent categories and state what those categories are.

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6. If you consider that answering this request in full would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12 of the Act, I would be willing to narrow the request. In that event, please answer as much as the limit allows in the following priority order:

- a) questions 1(i) and 1(ii) for pedal cycles and mobile phones, for 2025 only**
- b) question 1 in full for 2025**
- c) the remaining years and categories**

7. I remind the force of its duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, and ask that you contact me if any part of this request needs clarification.

Please note – property is not routinely recorded therefore volumes are not a true reflection.

Search criteria;

Gen Prop Description Searched :

MPA - Mobile Phone

CPW - Computers & Accessories

MOB - Laptops & Tablets

CVI - Cameras

Gen Prop Type Searched :

Tools

Machinery or tools

"Gen Prop" Tab

Gen Prop Type + Gen Prop Description stated

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Gen Prop Classification matches "Recovered" OR

"Stolen" AND "Seized"

HO Code	HO Description	Gen Prop Classification	Gen Prop Type	Gen Prop Description	Gen Prop Remarks
049/10	Theft if not classified elsewhere	;Recovered;	Machinery or tools	Other machinery/tool	guillotine
049/10	Theft if not classified elsewhere	;Recovered;Stolen;	CMD	MPA	i phone
149/00B	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	;Recovered;Evidence;Seized with warrant;	CMD	MPA	MOTOROLA MOBILE PHONE
049/10	Theft if not classified elsewhere	;Recovered;	Machinery or tools	CMQ	2 x scrap air conditioning units
105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	;Stolen;Evidence;Seized with warrant;	CMD	MPA	BLACK SAMSUNG MOBILE PHONE

"Bicycle" Tab

Bicycle Classification matches "Recovered" OR
"Stolen" AND "Seized"

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Bicycle Classification	Summary
2024	028/03B	Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building	;Recovered;Stolen;	IP reporting that an e-bike valued at around £6,000 has been stolen from the location.
2025	044/00	Theft of a pedal cycle.	;Recovered;Stolen;	bike had been stolen from location

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/09/2026