



**HEDDLU  
GOGLEDD CYMRU  
NORTH WALES  
POLICE**

Response Date:15/09/2026

**2026/933 - Drinks seized**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding alcoholic drinks seized, retained or otherwise held by your force.**

**Please provide the following information, where recorded, for each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26, and for 2026/27 to the most recent available date:**

**1. The number of bottles, containers or separately recorded items of alcoholic drink seized or taken into police possession.**

| Time Frame            | Quantity of Beer Exhibits | Quantity of Cider Exhibits | Quantity of Spirits Exhibits | Quantity of Wine Exhibits | Quantity of 'Other' Exhibits | Total Quantity of Alcohol Exhibits |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 09/09/2021-08/09/2022 | 94                        | 32                         | 41                           | 49                        | 184                          | 400                                |
| 09/09/2022-08/09/2023 | 101                       | 40                         | 183                          | 53                        | 59                           | 436                                |
| 09/09/2023-08/09/2024 | 88                        | 30                         | 167                          | 63                        | 76                           | 424                                |
| 09/09/2024-08/09/2025 | 77                        | 29                         | 145                          | 75                        | 57                           | 383                                |
| 09/09/2025-08/09/2026 | 82                        | 36                         | 177                          | 78                        | 73                           | 446                                |

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**2. Where possible, a breakdown by drinks category**

As above

**3. The recorded estimated, retail, replacement or evidential value of those alcoholic drinks currently held, if such a valuation exists.**

No valuation available

**4. The force's policy or standard procedure for alcoholic drinks once they are no longer required as evidence or property.**

Alcohol that cannot be returned to owner is disposed of by Seized Property. If the alcohol is sealed and deemed of value, it is disposed of via auction. Proceeds from such auction go towards Police and Community Trust Charity. If the alcohol is unsealed or deemed of low value, it is destroyed via a waste management service.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 09/09/2026