



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/969 - Garden centre shoplifting incidents

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Please provide the total number of reported garden centre shoplifting incidents within your jurisdiction for each of the following years: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.

2. If recorded, please provide information on the types of items reported stolen during garden centre theft incidents. For example, provide the count of stolen tools, Lego, Jellycats, candles

3. If you have records of the estimated value of the stolen items, please provide this information in aggregated form for each year.

4. Time of Year (Seasonality) of Incidents If the data is accessible, please provide details of the months or seasons in which garden theft incidents were most frequently reported.

Shoplifting Offences + Occurrence MO Location Subtype "Garden Centre":

Offence Category Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Shoplifting	2	5	3	4	4
Total	2	5	3	4	4

Calendar Month Long	Count
February	2
March	1
April	4
May	3
June	2
July	1
August	2
October	1
November	1
December	1

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Calendar Year	Location Subtype	Summary
2022	Garden centre	UNKNOWN OFFENDER HAS PULLED UP IN VAN AND EXITED VEHICLE. THEY HAVE THEN BEEN SEEN ON CCTV TO PULL A CAMPING FOLDING CHAIR OVER THE FENCE WHICH THEY HAVE PLACED IN BACK OF VAN AND LEFT
2022	Garden centre	Inft reporting theft of fence panels from site from garden centre area of WICKES STORE overnight
2023	Garden centre	Person reporting - female has been detained for shoplifting
2023	Garden centre	female has stolen goods from the store on numerous occasions, not previously reported.
2023	Garden centre	Customer took 2 x bags of compost without paying for them
2023	Garden centre	Report that offender has taken items from display and has hidden them in the pram they had with them. No attempt made to pay for the items. Offender detained by store staff.
2023	Garden centre	Inft reporting that a family have taken approx. £1,000 worth of cats toys from location.
2024	Garden centre	THEFT OF WASHING BEADS.
2024	Garden centre	Offender stole cleaning products from store.
2024	Garden centre	Staff at the garden centre reporting that a female has been seen to leave the location without paying for two plants.
2025	Garden centre	Person reporting male has taken items from store and when stopped became aggressive
2025	Garden centre	MALE HAS ATTENDED AT LOCATION AND SELECTED GOODS FROM OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE STORE AND LEFT MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO PAY
2025	Garden centre	Female has entered store and selected goods to the value of approx. £140 .. She has then attempted to leave but has been stopped by staff. She has been banned from the store and items recovered.
2025	Garden centre	Known offender has stolen four electric toothbrushes from the store.
2026	Garden centre	SHOPLIFTING CREATED FROM OFFICER
2026	Garden centre	Caller reporting unknown offender has taken items to the value of £575 from the location and left without making any attempt to pay.
2026	Garden centre	Unknown suspect has driven a vehicle to the delivery area of the location, and stolen goods off a pallet.
2026	Garden centre	Unknown offender enters the store, selects items and leaves without making any attempt to pay.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/09/2026