



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000481-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 1 February 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The numbers of crimes committed in your police force area during each of 2015, 2016, and 2017 that meet any of the following criteria:

Nighthawking / night hawking / looting / illicit metal detecting / illegal metal detecting / going equipped with a metal detector / theft from archaeological site / theft from heritage asset / theft from ground

Regarding each case identified above:

- *Were any items were reported stolen?*
- *What was the date of the offence? (Or the month, if precise date cannot be shared)*
- *What was the location? (I understand there may be issues around identifiability, so an approximate area if necessary)*
- *What was the outcome of each case, where available (e.g. whether offender identified, prosecuted)?*
- *Were there multiple offences at a single site (repeat victimisation)?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13 February 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences that contain the words 'Nighthawking', 'night hawking', 'looting', 'metal detecting', 'archaeological' or 'heritage' within the investigations summary. Each offence was then reviewed to establish relevancy to the request.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences extracted using the above search parameters. The information includes the month, year, location (town), Outcome, number of suspects and property stolen, where applicable.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Month	Year	Location	Finalisation type	Suspects	Property Stolen
April	2015	Orford	Undetected	0	None
December	2015	Weasenham All Saints	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	0	None
February	2015	Otley	Undetected	0	None
January	2015	Icklingham	Undetected	0	None
July	2015	East Harling	01. Charged/Summons	2	NONE
June	2015	Risby	Charged	2	None
March	2015	Otley	Cautioned	1	None
March	2015	Thetford	NFA	1	None
March	2015	Thetford	NFA	0	Flint arrowheads
May	2015	Brandon	Undetected	0	None
September	2015	Brandon	NFA - CR	2	None
September	2015	Diss	NFA	0	Heritage bricks and coping stones
May	2016	Thetford	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1	None
October	2016	Nayland	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	0	Tools
April	2017	Hunstanton	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	3	None
February	2017	Brandon	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	None
February	2017	Santon Downham	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	2	None
January	2017	Easton, Norwich	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1	None
November	2017	Earl Stonham	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	0	None
October	2017	Bawdsey	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	0	Unknown quantity of 12th - 14th Century pottery

Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700