

Freedom of Information Request Reference No:

I note you seek access to the following information:

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- 4) Please can you provide a borough breakdown of the total number of mobile phone thefts.
- 5) Also, apologies, but can you provide a comparable figure for the year 2015/16 for the total number of mobile thefts, the number of iPhone thefts and figures for two wheeled enabled thefts

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

How is Met Police working to decrease the rise of Powered Two Wheeler related crime in London?

We are working hard to keep the public safe and make the streets hostile territory for criminals who use mopeds, motorbikes and bicycles to snatch valuables from members of the public.

These offences are being tackled in a coordinated effort under Operation Venice - which tackles theft of mopeds and moped related crime pan-London, including snatches of mobile phones.

- * There is a focus on safety, deterrence and intervention - officers have adopted both overt and covert methods to identify those people responsible, and, through a mix of judicial processes and education, reduce repeat offending whilst encouraging diversion through youth engagement
- * Conduct targeted operations throughout London to prevent and detect moped theft.
- * Mass checks on stationary and moving powered two wheelers

- * Raids on individuals suspected of stealing motorcycles and mopeds or using them to commit crimes
- * High visibility patrols in key areas
- * Automatic Number Plate Reader deployments and provision of free locks to owners at motorcycle parking bays.
- * Advancement of DNA capture to assist with preservation of evidence and the gathering of Forensic evidence.
- * Increased street searches for stolen motorcycles
- * Local policing teams to use local knowledge to attend, locations, events & other forums to reach all communities & provide reassurance messages & the ability for communities to communicate directly with local officers to enhance the intelligence picture.
- * Engagement with industry to further improve upon vehicle security measures. By working with manufacturers to bring about a change in power two wheeler security would benefit the whole of the UK, not just London; and with the 3rd sector to do as much as possible to stop the theft of motorcycle and mopeds at theft hotspot locations and work with local authority to target harden motorcycle bays and ensure the most vulnerable of shops and businesses are reinforced against thieves on mopeds.

How can riders keep their bikes safer from theft?

- * Parking: Choose designated parking with a stand and security loop, or if this is not available try areas with lots of people, good lighting and CCTV
- * Locks: Use more than one lock, focusing on disc locks and chain locks, fitted tight to the bike and through difficult to remove parts
- * Time: When leaving your bike for a long period or overnight, lock it to something secure and use a motorbike cover. At home consider using fitted anchors to secure your bike
- * Attention: Use audible alarms where possible to draw unwanted attention to the thieves
- * Marking: Choose to mark your bike parts with the vehicle identification number (VIN) number, your postcode or registration number using an ultraviolet marker pen or property marking kit
- * Insurance: Some companies will offer discounts on your insurance if you invest in certain security measures, so ask before you make your purchase

Personal Crime prevention advice:

- * Be aware of your surroundings at all times and keep your personal property secure
- * Don't text while you're walking you won't notice potential thieves approaching
- * Use the security features on your phone
- * Try going hands free or stand away from the roadside close to a wall so no one can come up behind you
- * Your phone comes with a range of security features, such as keypad locks and remote data wiping. Make sure they are all activated to stop thieves from accessing your phone and personal data
- * Know how to identify your phone if it's stolen

* Find your IMEI number by dialling *#06# from your phone and keep a written note of it. If the phone is stolen, report it to the police and your mobile provider to stop it being used

* Register your phone on www.immobilise.com <<http://www.immobilise.com/>> to help police return recovered stolen property and combat the sale of stolen goods. Police recover more than 2500 items registered to the website on average every month. Never confront a thief or risk your own safety for the sake of your mobile device

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above, if information is unclear or absent please let me know by contacting me below.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Metropolitan Police Service.

Information Rights Unit



Mobile Phone Thefts in MPS

Protective Marking	Not Protectively Marked
Suitable for Publication Scheme	Yes
Ad-Hoc Reference Number	
FOIA/MOPAC Ref Number	
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Creating Branch / Directorate	MetHQ - Performance & Assurance
Date Created	13/06/2017
Review Date	

This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: CRIS

Date Live data was extracted: 12/06/2017

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Notes

Data extracted from the CRIS system 12/06/2017 utilising the following conditions in a search.

Instrument : GW - Moped or Scooter, and GU - Pedal Cycle

Property Type : ET - Mobile Phone

Property Status:

FB - Obtained by Deception

RA - Recovered Intact

RB - Recovered Damaged

RC - Recovered in Part

RD - Recovered Part Damaged

SA - Stolen / Taken

All data has been arranged as per instruction, and shown in comparison to the previous year period.

If a Borough isnt listed under a particular method of theft, it indicates that this method has not been recorded on that Borough in either of the time periods requested.



IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

Total Mobile Phone Thefts in the MPS

Borough	FY15/16	FY15/16	FY15/16
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	1623	856	2479
Westminster	6296	3214	9510
Camden	3130	1723	4853
Hammersmith & Fulham	1145	765	1910
Hackney	2485	1293	3778
Tower Hamlets	1711	1051	2762
Heathrow	165	105	270
Waltham Forest	719	758	1477
Redbridge	674	631	1305
Havering	447	352	799
Newham	1447	1417	2864
Barking & Dagenham	514	473	987
Lambeth	2426	1565	3991
Southwark	1959	1439	3398
Islington	3399	1438	4837
Lewisham	808	805	1613
Bromley	724	509	1233
Harrow	460	391	851
Brent	920	943	1863
Greenwich	709	584	1293
Bexley	269	196	465
Barnet	1047	763	1810
Richmond	381	251	632
Hounslow	768	653	1421
Kingston	432	255	687
Merton	415	365	780
Wandsworth	1031	703	1734
Ealing	853	873	1726
Hillingdon	601	570	1171
Enfield	790	854	1644
Haringey	1340	1326	2666
Croydon	785	860	1645
Sutton	225	137	362
Total	40698	28118	68816

Borough	FY16/17	FY16/17	FY16/17
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	1343	669	2012
Westminster	6158	2943	9101
Camden	2956	1712	4668
Hammersmith & Fulham	1012	685	1697
Hackney	3069	1836	4905
Tower Hamlets	2029	1242	3271
Heathrow	175	125	300
Waltham Forest	721	809	1530
Redbridge	633	620	1253
Havering	484	328	812
Newham	1494	1520	3014
Barking & Dagenham	449	497	946
Lambeth	2293	1452	3745
Southwark	2102	1535	3637
Islington	3405	1759	5164
Lewisham	889	836	1725
Bromley	597	376	973
Harrow	401	438	839
Brent	869	890	1759
Greenwich	789	669	1458
Bexley	292	247	539
Barnet	957	737	1694
Richmond	346	220	566
Hounslow	666	637	1303
Kingston	382	240	622
Merton	343	295	638
Wandsworth	1014	705	1719
Ealing	792	770	1562
Hillingdon	571	545	1116
Enfield	756	809	1565
Haringey	1625	1522	3147
Croydon	899	1016	1915
Sutton	300	179	479
Total	40811	28863	69674

Total Mobile Phone Thefts in the MPS by means of Moped or Scooter

Borough	FY15/16	FY15/16	FY15/16
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	14	5	19
Westminster	250	61	311
Camden	498	152	650
Hammersmith & Fulham	2	3	5
Hackney	293	119	412
Tower Hamlets	150	56	206
Waltham Forest	2	2	4
Redbridge	0	0	0
Havering	2	2	4
Newham	7	20	27
Barking & Dagenham	1	2	3
Lambeth	34	10	44
Southwark	121	50	171
Islington	845	269	1114
Lewisham	7	4	11
Bromley	2	1	3
Brent	1	2	3
Greenwich	5	2	7
Bexley	0	0	0
Barnet	6	4	10
Richmond	5	3	8
Hounslow	2	3	5

Borough	FY16/17	FY16/17	FY16/17
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	100	26	126
Westminster	601	236	837
Camden	691	308	999
Hammersmith & Fulham	24	26	50
Hackney	805	417	1222
Tower Hamlets	387	192	579
Waltham Forest	11	8	19
Redbridge	1	2	3
Havering	0	1	1
Newham	37	41	78
Barking & Dagenham	0	7	7
Lambeth	70	52	122
Southwark	344	145	489
Islington	1,090	502	1592
Lewisham	23	10	33
Bromley	4	7	11
Brent	7	5	12
Greenwich	27	9	36
Bexley	2	2	4
Barnet	10	9	19
Richmond	12	11	23
Hounslow	8	4	12

Kingston	0	0	0
Merton	2	0	2
Wandsworth	5	3	8
Ealing	0	0	0
Hillingdon	0	0	0
Enfield	1	1	2
Haringey	107	59	166
Croydon	1	4	5
Sutton	0	1	1
Total	2363	838	3201

Kingston	4	1	5
Merton	3	5	8
Wandsworth	25	15	40
Ealing	13	8	21
Hillingdon	4	0	4
Enfield	13	19	32
Haringey	354	221	575
Croydon	33	43	76
Sutton	2	3	5
Total	4705	2335	7040

Total Mobile Phone Thefts in the MPS by means of Pedal Cycles

Borough	FY15/16	FY15/16	FY15/16
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	42	12	54
Westminster	201	74	275
Camden	319	112	431
Hammersmith & Fulham	14	4	18
Hackney	245	70	315
Tower Hamlets	129	58	187
Waltham Forest	1	4	5
Redbridge	7	7	14
Havering	0	0	0
Newham	9	11	20
Barking & Dagenham	5	6	11
Lambeth	4	5	9
Southwark	68	24	92
Islington	1,104	306	1,410
Lewisham	2	5	7
Bromley	0	0	0
Harrow	0	1	1
Brent	3	2	5
Greenwich	0	0	0
Bexley	0	0	0
Barnet	4	5	9
Richmond	3	2	5
Hounslow	4	6	10
Kingston	0	0	0
Merton	1	1	2
Wandsworth	4	1	5
Ealing	2	1	3
Hillingdon	2	2	4
Enfield	2	6	8
Haringey	80	54	134
Croydon	2	6	8
Sutton	1	1	2
Total	2258	786	3044

Borough	FY16/17	FY16/17	FY16/17
	Apple	Other	Total
Kensington & Chelsea	11	11	22
Westminster	446	159	605
Camden	483	215	698
Hammersmith & Fulham	5	4	9
Hackney	467	249	716
Tower Hamlets	143	84	227
Waltham Forest	6	5	11
Redbridge	8	15	23
Havering	2	0	2
Newham	29	45	74
Barking & Dagenham	7	5	12
Lambeth	15	10	25
Southwark	70	45	115
Islington	1,242	449	1691
Lewisham	2	3	5
Bromley	1	1	2
Harrow	0	0	0
Brent	8	3	11
Greenwich	2	0	2
Bexley	1	0	1
Barnet	1	1	2
Richmond	1	1	2
Hounslow	3	2	5
Kingston	0	4	4
Merton	3	2	5
Wandsworth	3	2	5
Ealing	2	0	2
Hillingdon	3	1	4
Enfield	12	9	21
Haringey	107	106	213
Croydon	7	4	11
Sutton	1	0	1
Total	3091	1435	4526

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