



Our Ref: 002827/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 27 August 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/08/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many incidents have been reported to your force of thefts being carried out in Churches or on church property from July 2019-to as close to present as possible?*
 - a. *If possible please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?*
2. *How many incidents have been reported to your force of vandalism being carried out on Churches/church property from July 2019 to as close to present as possible?*
3. *How many incidents have been reported to your force of physical/ violent assaults being carried out in Churches or on church property from July 2019 -to as close to present as possible?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

Leicestershire Police have recorded the below offences relating to your request for the period 1st July 2019-23rd August 2020, where the location of the offence was recorded as a church/religious building or churchyard:

1. **64** Theft/Burglary offences were recorded. Of these, **10** involved lead.
2. **39** Arson/Criminal Damage offences were recorded.
3. **27** Violence Against a Person offences.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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