



Response Date:21/05/2026

2026/483 - Theft of Metal

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request the following information from North Wales Police:

The total number of crimes involving the theft of metal (including scrap metal) for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

Calendar Year	Occurrence Count
2023	26
2024	7
2025	16

The total value of stolen metal for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

The total number of crimes involving the theft of each of the following types of metal (steel, iron, copper, brass, aluminium) for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

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	Local Qualifier	Summary	Gen Prop Classification	Gen Prop Description	Gen Prop Type	Gen Prop Value (Current)	Gen Prop Value (Orig)
2023	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE STOLEN BUILDING MATERIALS VALUED AT APPROX. £4,500, INCLUDING TIMBER POSTS, RAILS AND MESH, ETC. BY UNKNOWN MEANS. OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN RETURNING TO BUILDING SITE AND STEALING MORE EVERY NIGHT FOR A WEEK.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP reporting theft of metal from outside her address.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown person(s) have attended location and forced a door to gain entry, whilst inside they have stolen sheet metal					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	OFFICER REPORTING LOCATION AS BEEN BROKEN INTO . COPPER CABLE HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM LOCATION.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Caller reporting a 13 foot metal gate stolen from her field					
2023	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Unknown person(s) have attended the location which is an unoccupied farm and removed a substantial amount of metal and tool equipment					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Two persons in a van have pulled up outside and have stolen a boiler, radiators and copper piping located in the garden. This was there as they had just been removed and new ones					

		installed.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown persons have entered the location and removed copper and other items					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	The IP erected a gate and gatepost to prevent vehicles using what he believes is his right of way, the next morning the gate and gatepost have gone.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Report that offenders have gained entry to IP's yard and have cut and removed a quantity of copper wire to the value of £5000.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP REPORTING THE THEFT OF COPPER FROM OUTSIDE HIS ADDRESS AND HIS FATHERS.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	UNKNOWN SUSPECT HAVE FORCED ENTRY INTO A CONTAINER AND REMOVED HIGH VALUE PROPERTY FROM WITHIN	;Seized with warrant;	MGT	Other article		
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Caller reporting the theft of 10-15 metal fencing poles.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Caller reporting that the catalytic convertor on her vehicle has been stolen sometime overnight. The vehicle was parked on the driveway at the time.					
2023	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;Business crime;	Inft reporting that wire is reported to have been stolen from the location.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP REPORTING THEFT OF APPROX £150 WORTH OF SCRAP METAL FROM HIS FARM .					

2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unidentified offenders scaled hedge to access compound and stole quantity of copper cable.	;Seized with warrant;	HTO	Machinery or tools		
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Report of metal barrier poles around the football pitch being stolen from the location.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP REPORTING THEFT OF METAL - UNKNOWN PERSON(S) HAVE CUT OUT METAL FROM A KITCHEN WORKTOP WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED IN A SKIP AT THE LOCATION ADDRESS					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Offender unknown has removed items from the skip on the IP's driveway.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	unit has been broken into and copper stolen from the warehouse					
2023	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Unknown suspect(s) have forced entry into the property, ripping out a copper hot water cylinder from upstairs and leaving taps running causing the downstairs to flood.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Offender has taken a 36Ltr tub of various metals associated with plumbing such as brass taps, copper pipe, etc at the side of IP house.					
2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP REPORTING THE THEFT OF COPPER PIPING FROM THE LOCATION ADDRESS.					
2023	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Unknown suspects have attended the location and removed lead flashing from the roof, damaging tiles and roof felt also.					

2023	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	AT 23.05 HRS 28.11.23 CCTV CAPTURED A WAGON AT THE LOCATION, A MALE ALIGHTED FROM THE VEHICLE AND WAS SEEN TO PUT ALL THE METAL PLANT TROLLEYS WHICH WERE OUTSIDE THE STORE ONTO THE WAGON..					
2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Informant reports a pair of metal gates stolen from the field entrance.					
2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Theft of a gate by unknown offender					
2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Washing machine and other scrap metal has been taken from the garden at the location whilst the property was being renovated.					
2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown suspect has entered a derelict factory and has stolen copper wire and brass.	;Seized with warrant;	BHL	OAC		
2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown offender(s) have stolen a copper reel from the site and made off in a vehicle.					
2024	;ASB - Youth;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	suspects not known to the caller have been caught on cctv going onto what appears to be a building plot and attempted to take a length of copper cable, however the suspect has found the cable was connected at one end and as such was unable to remove the cable, caller has attended the site and on seeing the caller the suspect/s have been reported to have run off/cycled off					

2024	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Inft reporting two suspects one has been in possession of bolt cutters used to cause criminal damage to the lock. Suspects have entered the site, unconfirmed if they were able to force entry into the building itself.					
2025	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	MALE HAS ATTENDED THE LOCATION AND STOLEN SCRAP METAL	;Seized with warrant;	INR	DOC		
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	INFT STATES HE PUT PIPES IN HIS BACK GARDEN TO SCRAP - WORTH £200-300 AND SOMEONE HAS STOLEN THEM INFT BELIEVE ENTRY HAS BEEN GAINED VIA THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AS THE GATE/FENCE HAS BEEN DAMAGED TO GET INTO THE BACK GARDEN.					
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Victim has contacted police reporting two offenders have attended at this property and taken lead off the roof. Victim states that the suspects have previously taken a boiler.					
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;Business crime;	Theft of copper wire from compound area. Offender/s have cut the lock on the gate to gain access.	;Seized with warrant;	CFW	OAC		
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;Business crime;	Theft of scrap metal					
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown suspect(s) have stolen a metal gate from the location.					
2025	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Theft of lead from the roof of one of the outbuildings.					

2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	IP reporting witnessing a male in their farm who was going in and out of the out buildings and removing items from within.	;Seized with warrant;	HTO	Machinery or tools		
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Victim reporting that 2 males in a flat bed van had taken some scrap metal off the victims drive without permission.					
2025	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Two unknown males seen on the roof at the location stealing copper piping. Premises is unoccupied.	;Seized with warrant;	CPR	MET		
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown male has attended the address and gone onto the driveway, removing items including two car batteries and an exhaust before making off.					
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	The IP has disturbed a male trying to steal parts from his van. The male had removed the CAT Lag which was on the ground. The male has ran off leaving his bike and tools behind. Soon after he was found and arrested by officers	;Seized with warrant;	CFW	OAC		
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown suspect has attended the location in a vehicle and removed scrap metal from the driveway.					
2025	;Metal theft - infrastructure related;	Caller reporting on behalf of IP, Caller has been made aware that his neighbours house has been burgled. Caller states unknown offender has smashed a window to enter the property and that copper piping downstairs has been removed from the location.					

2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;	Unknown suspects have attended the location and stolen a cast iron postbox from outside also causing damage.					
2025	;Metal theft - non-infrastructure;Business crime;	Person reporting unknown persons have entered flat at location and stripped the copper pipes	;Seized with warrant;	CBB	Household articles		

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