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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004079/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 9th November 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

I would like the number of thefts of charity boxes in Norfolk since January 2014, up to and including October 2016.

Could you please list the date the theft took place, the charity that was stolen from (if known), how much was stolen and where the theft took place as well as whether any charges were pressed against the perpetrator. Could you please also list any details about the nature of the incident?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research of recorded crimes of theft using the keywords of 'charity' and 'donation'. The results have been manually reviewed to retrieve those relevant to your request. Please see results below:-

PLEASE NOTE:- a new crime system was introduced in October 2015, therefore the information has been provided in two tables.

Date	Details	Outcome
18/03/2015	Theft from a shop. Between above times u/k persons have taken a charity box from a hardware store containing u/k amount.	TIC (Previously Recorded)
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18/03/2015	Theft from a shop. Between above times u/k persons have taken a charity box containing u/k amount. Cancer Research UK.	TIC (Previously Recorded)
18/03/2015	Theft from a shop. Unknown person/s have taken the charity box from the shop counter.	TIC (Previously Recorded)
20/03/2015	Theft from a shop. Unknown person/s have taken the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity box from the shop counter inside the shop along with the money contained inside.	Undetected
20/03/2015	Theft from a shop. During the times stated unknown person/s have taken the Barnardo's Charity box and it's money contents from the counter in the shop.	TIC (Previously Recorded)

	Believed to hold approximately £40.00.	Recorded)
12/01/2014	Theft from a shop. Theft of charity box from the counter inside the furniture shop. Charity box was collecting funds for the 'Walcott , Bacton and Happisburgh Communities Flood Support and Help Group'. Approx £3.00	Undetected
10/04/2015	Theft from a shop. Involved in theft of a charity box.	Youth Caution
19/05/2014	Theft from a shop. Stole charity box from takeaway.	A1. Charge
15/06/2015	Theft from a shop. Charity box stolen from charity shop. Cancer Research UK	TIC (Previously Recorded)
28/06/2015	Theft from a shop. Charity box stolen from Salvation charity shop. Had been emptied so contained less than £1.	Undetected
14/08/2014	Theft from a shop. A Big C Charity box which was attached to the outside bench on the front of the butchers shop has been stolen. Contained approx. £30 - £40.	Undetected
12/02/2015	Theft from a shop. Break charity box stolen from Break charity shop. Contained approx. £20	Undetected
17/02/2015	Theft from a shop. It was discovered that a lifeboat charity box had been taken which about half full of coins.	Undetected
08/03/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Suspect removes and conceals charity box from public bar of Hotel. £30.00	A1. Charge
14/03/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Whilst staff member distracted, female has moved Air Ambulance charity box from the cash desk of shop.	A1. Charge
23/03/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. IP has had a charity money box secured within the foyer of the superstore, upon staff attending to empty the money box they have discovered that the security padlock and money box is missing. Venture Farm Animal Trust. £40	Undetected
10/01/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Theft of RSPCA charity box, containing approx £40-£45. Box was left on the counter within the shop.	Undetected
05/04/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. The offender has removed the upper part of an NSPCC "Elephant" Charity collection box and removed cash before making off from the premises. £10.00 from a surgery.	A1. Charge
30/03/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Staff at the residential home have placed a charity box for the British Legion in the reception area. This has subsequently been stolen with approx £50 inside.	TIC (Previously Recorded)
14/04/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Person(s) unknown have forced open a donation box within the car park and removed the money. Approx £4 to £10.	Undetected
25/05/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Suspect has left a church following a wedding and stolen the donations tray containing cash to the estimated value of £25-40.	Extended Professional Judgement
13/05/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Unknown person(s) have removed a secure money box from a wooden table used to sell plants for a local charity. Approx £10.	Undetected
26/01/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. A charity collection box for Barnardo's childrens homes was found in a hedge, by a member of the public. Subsequent enquiries reveal the box was taken from a business premises. Estimated £20.00	Undetected
12/08/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. A male has entered the shop and stolen a jar of money collecting for a local charity. The charity is "Peoples Picnic" which is a local charity for the homeless. £20.00	A1. Charge
22/08/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Male has stolen charity pot from the store. Charity pot for Mother and Toddlers Group – amount unknown.	Undetected
13/10/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Person or persons unknown have removed charity box from the bar by pulling it off security chain and taking it away.	2 offenders x A1. Charge
18/11/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. PERSON UNKNOWN HAS WALKED INTO THE TOWN HALL FOYER, DURING MARKET DAY AND REMOVED A "SALVATION ARMY" CHARITY BOX. £20.00	Undetected

21/12/2014	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Person(s) unknown have taken a BLUE Norfolk Hospice charity box from the charity shop counter. £10.00.	Undetected
01/01/2015	Other theft or unauthorised takings. Two males removed charity tin from counter of takeaway. £50.00	Undetected
30/04/2015	Handling stolen goods. Outside store, male is given the charity box and handles it for mother.	Youth Caution
15/12/2014	Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. SMASHED A GLASS JAR CONTAINING FOREIGN CURRENCY AND DETACHED A CHARITY BOX FROM THE COUNTER OF CHARITY SHOP.	Undetected
29/06/2014	Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Entry gained into pharmacy and charity boxes stolen. Charities – PACT, McMillan and Alzheimers. £40.00	Undetected
19/06/2015	Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Unknown person/s have entered the coffee kiosk and once inside have taken drinks and chocolates and a charity box for Cats Protection containing u/k amount of money.	Undetected
06/09/2015	Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. They have gained entry to butchers via window and once inside stole 4 x charity boxes with unknown amount of change inside. Charities – Coastguard, Lifeboat, Scope & Marie Currie. £100.00	Undetected
05/11/2014	Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Six charity boxes along with a number of boxes of prescription dog tablets have been taken from animal feeds store. Charities include PDSA, Redwings & RSPB.	Undetected

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03/10/2015	Two unknown males have entered store and removed British Legion charity box. One male distracted while the other took the box.	Type 1
24/10/2015	Between the above crime times unknown persons stole a British Legion charity money box from the above premises which is a residential care home for the elderly.	Type 18
26/10/2015	THEFT - OTHER RESIDENT AT CARE HOME HAS REPORTED MONEY BEING TAKEN FROM A CHARITY COLLECTION POT AT SOME POINT OVER THE WEEKEND. THE POT WAS 3/4 FULL ON FRIDAY AND WAS FOUND TO BE LESS THAN HALF FULL THIS MORNING. A VALUE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN.	Type 18
28/10/2015	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX Reporting the theft of a Royal British Legion charity box which was just inside the door of the church.	Type 15
30/10/2015	Person/s unknown have entered the premises by smashing the lower pane of glass in door and crawling through. Nothing appeared stolen initially, further investigation shows sweet charity box stolen. Location – Business - Hair Specialist	Type 18
05/11/2015	THEFT Theft of a charity Box in aid of Parkinsons. Cafe / Restaurant	Type 18
04/11/2015	THEFT Poppy Appeal charity box stolen from within the post office.	Type 1
10/11/2015	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX Persons unknown have stolen a charity collection box from the pet shop.	Type 4
12/11/2015	BURGLARY Persons unknown have broken into the shop via the back door. They have walked the full length of the shop to the counter. They have then removed 5 charity boxes which were chained to the counter. One box was a RNLI box, one was a Poppy RBL box and the other 3 unknown. Amounts of cash is unknown.	Type 18
07/11/2015	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX BETWEEN CRIME TIMES PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE FOYER OF RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AND REMOVED THE POPPY COLLECTION BOX FROM THE TABLE NEAR THE DOOR	Type 18
04/02/2016	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX Unknown person has stolen charity box from counter at Royal Mail office	Type 18

14/11/2015	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX Charity box is located on the counter and money is paid in exchange for sweets. Between Friday-Saturday the box was noticed missing. Business will pay the stolen money to charity to ensure no loss to Great Ormond St Hospital.	Type 18
04/02/2016	BOTD - Between above stated times, unknown person(s) has broken into Library by smashing a large glass panel in the rear door. At present, it appears the only thing stolen was a Poppy Charity Box.	Type 15
21/11/2015	BOTD Between stated dates/times unknown person(s) have used force to enter business premises. Till at premises smashed and small change taken. Whilst at premises two charity boxes also taken.	Type 18
11/02/2016	THEFT SHOPS Has entered takeaway and stolen red charity box from counter while staff were not looking.	Type 4
15/02/2016	THEFT - Theft of Help For Heroes Charity collection tin from the counter of Chinese remedy store. Caller does not know how much money was in the box - 'enough to make it rattle'.	Type 18
15/02/2016	Whilst one man distracted the owner, the second male entered rug store and stole the charity box which was sitting on the front shop desk. IP doesn't believe that there was much money in the charity box, possibly roughly £10.	Type 4
28/02/2016	Person(s) have gone in to a storage cupboard and taken possessions. A charity box containing approx. £250. Public House / Bar / Night Club	Type 15
05/12/2015	THEFT An unknown male has entered the fish and chip shop whilst it was open and has taken a charity box which was on top of the counter. Neither charity box was attached to anything however it is believed that the sooty box was taken because this one was full. It would hold approx. £40-£50	Type 18
05/03/2016	An unknown white male has entered the shop and has picked up a charity collection tin and left the shop with it. The collection tin can hold up to about £60. Shop / Store / Supermarket	Type 4
20/12/2015	Person/s unknown have stolen a charity collection bucket. Residents put it out on the roundabout to collect for Nelsons journey. approx. £20 stolen.	Type 18
12/03/2016	BURGLARY OTHER Wine and spirits shop. IP noticed that the front door bottom glass panel had been smashed. A full charity box for 'EACH EAST ANGLIAN CHILDRENS' HOSPICE' has been taken. Unknown exact amount.	Type 18
14/03/2016	THEFT: AN UNKNOWN MALE HAS WALKED INTO THE HOTEL AND TAKEN THE GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY BOX FROM THE COUNTER.	Type 18
17/03/2016	BOTD During the stated crime times, individuals have entered through the rear door without permission. Once inside a container containing £30, £100 in a charity tin, £100 from the till and £100 from a change money box have been stolen. Cafe / Restaurant	Type 18
19/03/2016	THEFT OF CHARITY BOX Marie Curie charity box has been taken from the window sill of the hair salon. The box was cardboard and contained approx. £50.	Type 18
04/04/2016	The plastic cable-tie had been cut and the Marie Curie collection box had been lifted out of the Marie Curie display box, £30-£40 inside. Chemist	Type 18
18/04/2016	BOTD - COMMERCIAL COMPOUND IP has had the contents of a cash box and two charity boxes taken from the office of his work compound.	Type 4
25/04/2016	BOTD Between the crime times above two unknown persons have removed a blue CATS PROTECTION charity box. Then left the building via the rear fire door.	Type 1
09/05/2016	Theft of Charity Box During the above mentioned times persons unknown have removed a collection box in aid of Air Ambulance from outside the address.	Type 18

25/05/2016	THEFT - OTHER Suspect has entered Pharmacy. Whilst waiting to be served at the cash desk he has taken a red charity box from the counter and hidden it in his trousers.	No Outcome
03/06/2016	Theft of charity box: Male places a charity box down the front of his jeans before heading off without the cashier seeing this. Cinema complex. Victim - "MIND" is a mental health charity organization. VALUE of container unknown and contents unknown but staff believe around £20.00.	Type 10
24/06/2016	Burglary other than dwelling. Unknown male forced entry to greengrocers. On the way out he took a charity collection box.	Type 18
26/06/2016	THEFT Charity 'FLOWER FESTIVAL' event. Between crime times, u/k person(s) have stolen the charity collection box from a room in the Methodist Church. It is unknown how much was contained within the collection box, but it had been in situ for 3 days and was refreshment money (money from teas & coffees being served) so it is approximately £80 - but exact amount is unknown. The collection box is described as green, with 'St Nicholas Hospital' sticker.	Type 18
27/06/2016	*THEFT OTHER* Male has entered the store and taken a charity collection box belonging to the victim. It is not known how much money was in the collection box. Pet store	Type 18
02/07/2016	Theft During the stated time an unknown male has entered the fish and chip shop to place an order. As staff have turned round to get an order for a customer the male has grabbed a charity box from the counter and ran out of the shop with it.	Type 1
02/07/2016	THEFT On date stated unknown persons have attended the garden centre and removed 4 charity boxes that were situated near the main till area.	Type 18
17/07/2016	BOTD. Shop. Taken a charity box that was located under the counter containing unknown amount of money but believed to have been full and containing notes.	Type 18
18/07/2016	THEFT FROM SHOPS Charity Shop - 'EACH' charity collection jar has been stolen by person/s unknown during above times from within the shop.	Type 18
28/07/2016	THEFT Charity box from the front desk at restaurant has been stolen.	No Outcome
04/08/2016	Theft - UNDERTAKERS Male has come into the reception area of Funeral Home and stolen charity box. Charity box is purple and collection was for EACH, contained approximately £10.	Type 18
04/08/2016	THEFT IF NOT CLASSIFIED ELSE WHERE - POST OFFICE Has a Break charity cash box in the post office. At this time an unknown male went into the post office and went straight to the post office counter. The male placed what is thought to be a jacket over the charity box. He then ran out of the post office taking the charity box with him. It is not known how much cash was in the charity box.	No Outcome
05/08/2016	THEFT-SHOPLIFTING EACH charity shop keeps a small purple collection pot chained to the till in their shop, for people to put loose change in. A someone has cut the chain and removed the pot and chain. The pot usually contains about £30 in small change, but had been emptied Monday 01/08, so will not have contained as much as that.	Type 18
03/08/2016	COMMERCIAL BURGLARY An unknown male has gone behind the cashier till (staff only) and removed a charity box secured by a chain containing approximately £100.00. Big C Appeal	Type 18
13/09/2016	THEFT FROM SHOPS IP HAS CALLED POLICE TO REPORT THAT A MALE ENTERED THE NEWSAGENTS AND REMOVED A HELP FOR HEROES CHARITY BOX	No Outcome

	FROM THE COUNTER. IP BELIEVES THE BOX CONTAINED APPROX £20 / £30. Newsagents.	
14/09/2016	THEFT of an AGE UK charity box: Male and female enter the chemist. The female suspect distracts the staff. Cuts tether securing charity box to the counter beside a till. Female returns to the counter and places charity box into the shopping bag and leaves the shop.	No Outcome
26/09/2016	THEFT OF CHARITY JAR - Shop Male enters shop: Polish food shop. The male is seen on CCTV to pick up the Charity jar filled with £300 cash inside from the shop counter and leaves the shop.	No Outcome
12/10/2016	BOTD – Catering Services Persons(s) have forced entry to side door of shop by kicking door panel in. Premises searched and charity boxes stolen along with cash float.	No Outcome
11/10/2016	BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING The owner of diner has reported that trailer has been broken into and a charity box containing a large amount of loose change has been stolen.	No Outcome
14/10/2016	THEFT- OTHER VICTIM REPORTS CHARITY BOX HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM OUTSIDE OF ESTATE AGENTS.	Type 18
22/10/2016	BOTD - Big C Between the crime times stated unknown person(s) have smashed a pane of glass in the front door, gained entry and taken a charity donations box and a charity merchandise box.	Type 18
09/11/2016	BOTD Between the above times, unknown person(s) have smashed a window to the rear of restaurant and gained entry to the bar taking the money from the poppy appeal box and a separate charity tin. Total value stolen believed to be no more than £20.	Type 18
11/11/2016	THEF OF POPPY COLLECTION MONEY TUB Unknown persons have entered Church via the main entrance and have stolen a plastic charity tub of poppy collection money.	Type 18
31/07/2016	THEFT- Someone attended marina stating from Broads Authority and whilst there noticed the charity box for the Inshore Lifeboat was full and offered to return it to their offices. The Charity have never received the charity box. They believe it contained about £200. The Male also took a charity box belonging to the RNLI.	Type 18
28/11/2016	THEFT: Offender enters the shop and asks for cigarettes. Offender snatches a charity box from the front of the till counter and runs out of the shop. The charity box contained approximately £85.00 in cash.	No Outcome
07/09/2015	THEFT Male arranged to collect money for Help for Heroes during an event. Following the event, passed to charity considerably less than had been collected. £465 in total had been collected.	Type 16
01/11/2015	Theft Unknown person has taken a poppy appeal donation box from within the church at the back on the refreshment counter	Type 18
25/07/2016	THEFT of plastic donation box and contents from Hospital. Person/s unknown have stolen a donation box and contents. Amount of cash unknown - possibly between £50 - £70	Type 18
18/08/2016	Attempt Theft Hospital patient has taken a donation box, concealed in her bag, has gone to leave and staff have asked to see in her bag and retrieved the box containing £26.	Type 8
13/10/2016	BOTD Unknown person/s have entered the Church via breaking the window. They have then entered the Church via this window and then used unknown implement/s to remove the donation box that was located in the wall at the front of the Church.	Type 18
22/10/2016	Attempted Theft from a Church Between the dates and times above person/persons have entered the church. The Offender has then prized open a small metal door which exposes a donation safe where visitors' drop their money into via a slit in the door. The safe was empty so the perpetrator's were not able to steal anything and left empty handed.	Type 18

04/11/2016	THEFT Donation box has been stolen off the till front. Charity Shop.	Type 18
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- Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition
- Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration
- Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)
- Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)
- Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
- Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
- Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available