Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4229.
We received your request on the 27/05/2026.

Request

You asked us:

- I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information held by you.
Can you please tell me:
1)How many e-bikes, e-scooters, e-mopeds have been seized by your force in the last three financial years.
2025/26
2024/25
2023/24

2)Can you list those seized:

• Under Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. (IE for not being appropriately registered as motor vehicles)

• For breaches of Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle Regulations 1983.

For any other reason, please detail where possible.

3) Can you say how many people have been charged with offences relating to possession of e-bikes, e-scooters, e-mopeds.

4)How many of the seized e-bikes are:

•Sold/Auctioned
•Destroyed.
•held by police

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Question 1

British Transport Police as the specialist police force for the railway(s) in England, Scotland and Wales is not routinely involved in roads policing, except at level crossings. British Transport Police's crime recording system Niche does not contain a specific flag to search for "e-bikes" "e-moped" or "e-scooter".

A manual search of the force crime recording system Niche was conducted for the number of ‘seized’ properties from 01/04/2023 to 31/02/2026 (correct as of 29/05/2026), where the Prp Description Remarks (a freetext field) contains %scooter%, %moped%, %bike% or %cycle% (% being a wildcard).

Please note that, as this is a free-text field, there is no guarantee that items have been accurately recorded as ‘e-bikes’ rather than standard push bikes.

Policing Year by Recorded Date	ebike	escooter	emoped
2023/2024	8	6	0
2024/2025	3	3	0
2025/2026	13	7	0

Question 2 and 3

This information is not held in a centrally recorded format. To identify the legislative powers used and determine how many individuals have been charged with offences relating to the possession of e-bikes, it would be necessary to conduct a search of relevant records to identify those containing free-text entries that fall within the scope of the request. Each record would then need to be manually reviewed to establish whether it contains the requested information.

Question 4

Outcome	Count
Sold/Auctioned	0
Destroyed	3
Held by police	1