| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2335Responded to: 07 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many fines have been issued for littering on the roadside? If data is held in such a way to distinguish between 'general' roadside littering versus littering on motorways (Transport Scotland road network), then please present information in this manner - if not, then that is fine, and general figures can be provided.

There have been no fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued for littering by Police Scotland, as this is not an offence dealt with by offer of Anti-Social Behaviour FPN.

The information sought is therefore not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

To be of assistance, I can advise you that there were 47 Recorded Police Warnings (RPWs) issued for littering between 1 April 2020 and 31 August 2025 inclusive:

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| **Crime / Offence** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **2024/25** | **2025/26** |
| Litter Offences | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 19 | 14 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as at 10/09/2025
Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised and SGJD code 607301- Littering, and Disposal 28 - Recorded Police Warning.

Our systems do not expressly distinguish between whether the littering took place on the roads network/ at the roadside or elsewhere. However, having reviewed the circumstances of each of the reports, only 2 appear relevant to your request.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.