| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1872  Responded to: 13 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002, I request statistics on reported crimes/complaints within Greyfriars Kirkyard between 1 January 2020 and 17 June 2025. I am seeking to understand the level of reported antisocial behaviour within the Kirkyard.

Figures are provided in the tables below.

**Table 1 – Incidents recorded at Greyfriars Kirkyard for the period 01/01/2020-17/06/2025 per calendar year**

| **Initial Incident type** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| THEFT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ASSIST MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAMAGE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| DISTURBANCE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DRONE/UAS/UAV INCIDENT | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EXTERNAL AGENCY REQUEST | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COMMUNICATIONS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CONCERN FOR PERSON | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PUBLIC NUISANCE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NOISE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| HATE CRIME | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LOST/ FOUND PROPERTY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 21/07/2025.

The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by using Disposal codes to determine disposal description.

Data was extracted based on the incident's raised date and a selection of 'Greyfriars Kirk' in the location the incident description was then read to determine those occurring in the graveyard or connected with a tomb.

Error and transferred incidents have been removed.

**Table 2 – Crimes recorded at Greyfriars Kirkyard for the period 01/01/2020-17/06/2025 per calendar year**

| **Offence classification** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VANDALISM | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| COMMON ASSAULT (WITHOUT INJURY) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| THEFT NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED - EXCL MOTOR VEHICLE | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| MINOR ASSAULT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ACCIDENT OFFENCES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| KEEPING DOGS UNDER PROP CTRL, CONTRAV OF AN ORDER | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| THREATENING OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RAPE – F (16+) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by using Disposal codes to determine disposal description.

Data was extracted based on the crime raised date and a selection of 'Greyfriars Kirk' in the building name. Caution should be used with the crime data with inconsistent recoding of the building name on the crime system.

Error and transferred incidents have been removed.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.