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Please ask for: ###
Reference: 61241766
Email:
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Date: 28 November 2025

Dear ###,

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 relating to **Flags data**. Please see the response provided below:

I'm writing under the Freedom of Information act - I would be grateful if you are able to provide me with the following information:

I am looking into writing a story about the increase in national flags being displayed across the UK, both in terms of physical flags being flown and flags being painted or drawn on surfaces, with a focus on how much they have cost each council.

Would you be able to send me the following:

- 1. The amount, in pounds (£) that your council have had to spend on putting up national flags since summer 2025.***
- 2. The amount, in pounds (£) that your council have had to spend on taking down national flags since summer 2025.***
- 3. The amount, in pounds (£) that your council have had to spend on damages caused by or related to national flags since summer 2025.***

For clarity. national flags can mean the British national Union flag or the English national St. George's flag.

I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested in a spreadsheet readable format (e.g. an attached xlsx or csv file), rather than a pdf file. For an example of the format of the response I am looking for please see the table attached (I've put in dummy data):

<i>The amount, in pounds (£)</i>	<i>Jun 2025</i>	<i>Jul 2025</i>	<i>Aug 2025</i>	<i>Sep 2025</i>	<i>Oct 2025</i>	<i>Nov 2025</i>
<i>Putting up national flags since summer 2025</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Taking down national flags since summer 2025</i>	x	x	£43.07	£176.21	£379.00	x
<i>Damages caused by or related to national flags since summer 2025</i>	x	x	£189.82	£3442.68	£491.45	£9.83

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I will now close your request as of this date.

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