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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016063/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Around December 2001 and January 2002 an adult tricycle with a large boot around one metre cubed and sporting an Irish registration plate on the rear, Probably LDZ???? was left on Bolton Train Station after a Train Conductor refused the tricycle entry. Left on the platform whilst the owner caught the train.

Someone saw the tricycle and the Irish registration and thought bomb. I believe this triggered a bomb alert,

The incident was NOT terror related but stemmed from a peculiar Cleaner who worked at Crook Street Bus Garage who had taken the registration plate off a scrap bus. It just happened to be an Irish one ...

Is there any information which you can provide about this incident or anyone who remembers it whom I could talk to?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by GMP. GMP are not responsible for the policing of the railway network, including Bolton Station. Please contact the British Transport Police for this information.