

East Lothian Council

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Under the Freedom of Information Act (2002), I wish to acquire the following information:

- ***How many Potholes have been reported and/or identified by the council each year between 2007-2018?***

2007/08	*
2008/09	3,552
2009/10	4,167
2011/12	3,837
2012/13	2,692
2013/14	3,709
2014/15	2,390
2015/16	2,276
2017/18	5,436

Please note that pothole information is recorded in financial years (April to March).

- ***How much the council has spent each year on repairing potholes each year from 2007-2018?***

2007/08	*
2008/09	*
2009/10	*
2010/11	*
2011/12	*
2012/13	£287,738
2013/14	£246,726
2014/15	£181,858
2015/16	£296,065
2016/17	£321,442
2017/18	£376,116

- ***What the council estimates its cost would be to repair all current potholes in its jurisdiction?***

£29,210 as at 15 August 2018

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- ***How many claims have been filed to seek compensation against pothole damage each year from 2007-2018?***

2007/08	72
2008/09	128
2009/10	109
2010/11	117
2011/12	53
2012/13	67
2013/14	58
2014/15	48
2015/16	56
2016/17	38
2017/18	63

These figures include claims from all road users - motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooter users.

- ***What the value of claims paid in response to those seeking compensation for pothole damage has been each year, from 2007-2018?***

2007/08	£15,746
2008/09	£43,993
2009/10	£50,700
2010/11	£12,144
2011/12	£62,293
2012/13	£14,782
2013/14	£4,275
2014/15	£55,855
2015/16	£7,649
2016/17	£9,932
2017/18	£3,160

These figures include all claims costs – compensation, legal costs and fees. Please also note:

- Not all claims received have been settled.
- Claims are not always paid in the year they are received
- The information provided in each financial year relates to the year of incident regardless of the date the claim was received.

*This information is not held. In view of this, under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, I must formally advise you that East Lothian Council has been unable to comply with those parts of your request marked * as the information you require is not held.