



Response Date:04/11/2024

2024/981 - Wildlife crime

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am only requesting data from 1 August 2023 until receipt date of FOI request.

1, Currently how many recognised wildlife trained full time Police officers do you have in your force? Date of FOI request receipt.

North Wales Police currently have 9 officers and 1 Sgt who have either undertaken the wildlife training or are undergoing the training.

2, How many of these officers have undertaken College of Policing recognised training? Date of FOI request receipt.

College of policing don't provide any.

3, Who was the service provider.

The training is provided by the National Wildlife Crime Unit.

4, How many of these officers are full time Wildlife crime officers. Date of FOI request receipt.

All members of the Rural Crime Team are full time except one which is 50% seconded to NRW.

For the following question please provide from 1 August 2023 until receipt date of FOI request.

5, How many wildlife incidents that have been reported to your force would fit the recording status below if they had notifiable status under Home Office counting rules?

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Wildlife Legislation

Code	Offence	01. Crime	02. Non-Crime/ Incident	03. No Outcome Assigned
097/01A	Responsible person fail to prevent the causing of unnecessary suffering to an animal Contrary to sections 4(2) and 32(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.	5	0	1
097/01B	Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal Contrary to sections 4(1) and 32(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.	9	0	1
108/22	Digging for badgers recordable	0	0	2
108/22	Interfering with badger setts recordable	0	1	0
108/22	Wilfully kill a badger recordable	1	0	0
108/23	Damage destroy Schedule 5 wild animal shelter recordable	0	1	0
108/25	Inflicting unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal recordable	0	0	1
116/11	Unlawfully take / destroy / attempt to take / destroy fish	0	1	0
121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	0	1	1
190/01	Injure a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	0	1	0
190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	0	1	0

	Total	15	6	6
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6, How many wildlife incidents below have been recorded as below?

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7, How many wildlife incident/crime reports have your force received that have been recorded as “generic/other” (Not to include Livestock Attacks)

Other Wildlife Occurrences

Occ Type	HO Description	01. Charged / Summonsed / Postal Requisition	03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	Non Crime	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Total
Wildlife	non crime occurrence	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Wildlife Animal	non crime occurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Wildlife Bird	Wildlife Crime Triable Either Way Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wildlife Endangered Species	Damage destroy a breeding site resting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

	place of a wild animal of a european protected species recordable										
Wildlife Plants	non crime occurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

8, How many Livestock Attacks has your force received in the time range.

Livestock Occurrences

HO Code	HO Description	Livestock Count
111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	110
111/05	Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock	16
	Total	126

9, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in No Further Action by police.

10, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a Local resolution.

11, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a Conditional Caution.

12. How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a charge.

See above.

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