



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:03/10/2025

2025/1007 - Swans

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In the financial years 2020/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, 24/25, how many arrests were made in relation to criminal offences against or involving swans?

Fiscal Year	Nationality	HO Code	Reason Description	Circumstances of arrest
2021	;UK;	104/33	Obstruct / resist a constable in execution of duty (recordable)	DP HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF 1. S4 ANIMAL WELFARE ACT - ANIMAL SUFFERING, S1 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT - INTENTIONALLY KILLING A WILD BIRD, CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO TWO FURTHER BIRDS AND TO A FENCE, DP ALSO ARRESTED FOR RESISTING ARREST. INCIDENT HAS BEEN RECORDED ON CCTV WHERE THE DP AND ANOTHER MALE HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON CAMERA THROWING ITEMS AT SWANS IN RHYL KILLING THEM CAUSING SUFFERING TO THEM AND ALSO HAVING DAMAGED A FENCE.
		108/29	Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal (recordable)	
		149/00	Criminal damage to property valued under £5000 (recordable)	
		190/01	Injure a non-Schedule 1 wild bird (recordable)	

Of those arrests, how many involved the killing or intention of killing swans for human consumption?

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Of those arrests, how many were non-UK citizens?

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Of those arrested, how many were convicted?

North Wales Police do not hold conviction data. This part of your request would need to be re-directed to the Crown Prosecution Service.

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