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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:13/03/2025

2025/272 - Illegal fox killings - Environmental Information Regulations request

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please state how many instances of illegal killing of foxes (or lethal injuries that led to the fox having to be euthanised by veterinarians) have been reported to North Wales Police during the years of 2022, 2023, and 2024.

For each incident, please provide (1) a description as to what happened, (2) when the incident was reported, and (3) what the outcome was (e.g. did it result in any prosecutions or criminal convictions).

For each incident, could you also specify which illegal method was used (e.g. snares, air weapons that did not kill the fox immediately, spring traps, and others as stated here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foxes-moles-and-mink-how-to-protect-your-property-from-damage#illegal-pest-control-methods>).

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel sheet, broken down by year and month.

We have searched our system for reports under HO Codes - 121/13; 119/01; 097/01B; 097/01A + Occurrence Summary matches "fox".

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Stats Classification misc .Weapon used	Outcomes	Summary
Jan-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Report of illegal fox hunting by the Flint and Denbigh Hunt in the area

Jan-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	January 2022 the Wynnstay hunt . At approximately midday their hounds were seen and recorded chasing a fox in fields. Footage was recorded by a member of the public and sent to NWP Rural Crime Team directly. This is in contravention of section 1 of the Hunting Act 2004. Further members of the public were present at the time and further video footage may be available.
Jan-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004		Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	Caller reporting an illegal fox hunt taking place at the location 50-60 persons, children and hounds and locals have tried to stop them. They have been trespassing on the land.
Feb-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	Outcome15: Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	Report of pack of dogs seen chasing a fox.
Nov-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004		18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Report of illegal fox hunting by the Flint and Denbigh.
Nov-2022	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	Outcome 18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Informant who is a member of the North Wales hunt sabs has alleged that Police officers have captured upon their BWV evidence of a fox being pursued with intent at the Hunt.
Jan-2023	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Report of fox hunting
Dec-2023	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;No weapon used;	non crime occurrence.	INF REPORTING WITNESSING HUNTSMEN / PACK OF DOGS HUNTING A FOX.
Mar-2024	121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	;Unknown;	Outcome 18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Report of people actively hunting a fox

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/03/2025