



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 11/04/2025

2025/390 - Incidents of fox hunting

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

We would like to ask for:

- 1) A figure for the number of incidents of fox hunting recorded in your force area between 01/11/2024 and 31/03/2025.**
- 2) A figure for the number of times police officers attended an incident or report of fox hunting in your force area between 01/11/2024 and 31/03/2025.**
- 3) If possible, the dates of any incidents and attendances along with any location details (e.g. partial postcode).**

To clarify what we mean by the terms we have used in this request:

'Incidents' - reports of fox hunting made by the public, other agencies or recorded by police officers, whether crimed / attended or not.

'Attendances' - occasions where police officers have attended a report of fox hunting whether that be in response to a call from the public or as part of a pre-planned operation / police generated activity.

'Fox hunting' - traditional, organised 'red coat' hunting where horses and / or hounds are used to chase a fox or follow a pre-laid scent trail.

We understand that very few police forces have a recording code or category for fox hunting and that a free text search may be the only way to extract this data from your systems. The following search terms are therefore suggested:

'hunt'

'hunting'

'fox hunting'

'red coat hunting'

'fox hunt'

'hounds'

'trail hunting'

'terrier'

We also understand that data on fox hunting may be held outside of core police systems by Rural Crime Teams or Wildlife Crime Officers and that they may have the requested information already available. We would ask that this request is also passed to them, or any other team within your force who has responsibility for hunting.

If you are able to provide some, but not all, of the data requested, we would be grateful to receive what is available.

Please note:

1. Occurrences are based on either
 - a. HO codes 121/13, 119/01, 097/01B or 097/01A
 - b. OR summary pattern search for "hunt", "Fox", "Red Coat", "hound" or "Trail Hunt"
- Results have been checked to ensure relevance to your request;

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Outcomes	Summary
2024	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	IP reporting he has just been assaulted by unknown male during fox hunt, suspect has grabbed him by his t-shirt and hit him 3 times to the back of his head.
2024	108/25	Inflicting unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal recordable	Check	Occurrence created due to reports of illegal fox hunting

2. CAD events are based on comment pattern search for "Hunt", "Fox", "Red Coat", "hound", "Trail Hunt" or Terrier
Results have been checked to ensure relevance to your request;

Incident Start Date	First Arrive Date Time	Comment
14/01/2025		INFT IS REPORTING THAT AN INCIDENT SHE BELIEVES HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE CEIRIOG VALLEY BUT IS UNABLE TO GIVE EXACT LOCATION. SHE SAYS A VIXEN HAS BEEN KILLED IN AN ILLEGAL FOX HUNT - WHICH INVOLVED
18/01/2025		30+ DOGS ON AN ILLEGAL FOX HUNT
01/02/2025		REPORTING ILLEGAL FOX HUNT
15/02/2025		CONCERNS OF HUNTING WITH THE HOUNDS
01/03/2025		CHESHIRE RCT - REPORT OF ASSAULT VICTIM - REPORT THAT SHE HAS BEEN PUNCHED THEY HAVE LEFT THE AREA MEMBERS OF THE HUNT HAVE FOLLOWED THE HUNT INJ ARE MINOR
01/03/2025		CALLER STATES THAT POLICE HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA TODAY DUE TO HUNT SABOTEURS
03/03/2025		HE IS REPORTING ILLEGAL HARE HUNTING
05/03/2025		CALLER IS REPORTING THERE HAS BEEN ILLIGAL FOX HUNTING ON THEIR LAND
05/03/2025		CALLER REPORTING ILLEGAL FOX HUNTING GOING ON CALLER SAID HE HAS JUST PASSED IT HAPPENING NOW HUGE PACK OF HOUNDS AND HORSES
01/11/2024		INFT REPORTING A FOX CUB IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ON THE DEESIDE BRIDGE IT WAS GOING TOWARDS FLINT
03/11/2024		INFT REPORTING THE HUNT OUT IN THE AREA CAUSING HAVOC HOUNDS ARE CHASING FOX SHEEP RUNNING EVERYWHERE AND LOADS OF FOLLOWERS ON QUAD BIKES BLOCKING THE SINGLE TRACK ROADS
03/11/2024		CALLER IS REPORTING THAT SHE IS CONCERNED THAT SHE'S JUST SEEN A POSS FOX HUNT
05/11/2024	05/11/2024	OP YARDER - WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF INTEL OF A POTENTIAL DEAD FOX IN REAR OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES
01/12/2024		ILLEGAL HUNT ON CALLERS LAND THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE LAND
21/12/2024	21/12/2024	999 CALL ILLEGAL FOXHUNT AT LOCATION ONGOING CHASED FOX INTO FARM
26/12/2024		CALLER REPORTING THERE IS A FOX HUNT ONGOING

31/12/2024

CALLER REPORTING HARRASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH CALLER AND 1 OTHER PERSON WERE WALKING ON THE FOOTPATH WHEN APPROACHED BY 2 MALES IN HIGH VIS WITH WEARING FACE COVERS THEY WERE VERBALLY AGGRESSIVE TOLD THEM TO LEAVE THE AREA THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR A HUNT

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