



Response Date:27/02/2026

2026/179 - Nature reserves

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **the number of reported incidents of suspected vandalism, poaching, arson and trespassing on nature reserves (either National Nature Reserve or Local Nature Reserve) within your jurisdiction between January 2021 and January 2026?**
- **the number of cases brought against individuals or groups for alleged crimes of vandalism, poaching, arson and trespassing committed on nature reserves?**

Occurrences reported Jan-21 to Dec-25 with nature reserve location type or nature reserve in occurrence address. Drugs, Violence Against the Person (VAP), Misper/Suicide, Public Order occurrence types have been filtered out.

Reported Date	Disp. Type	Occ. Type	HO Code	HO Description	Outcome	Location Subtype	Summary
Apr-21	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified		INF REPORTING GROUP OF 8 YOUTHS AGED AROUND 16 YEARS OLD SETTING THE GRASS ALIGHT... LAKE ON THE FIELD AROUND IT. INF WORRIED THAT FIRE WILL SPREAD.

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Apr-21	ARSON	Arson	0000A	non crime occurrence	Non Crime	Woods	IP reporting that she had heard third hand of a fire being started. Fire crew attended location and could find no evidence of fire having been caused.
Jun-21	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	LEAD	nuisance dog initiative	Non Crime	Nature reserve	Caller reporting a dog has attacked his three dogs at the location.
Aug-21	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Woods	Person reporting that she has found her cat decapitated in the bushes at the ... pond
Aug-21	R/N_ENV/LITTER	Fly Tipping	091/15	Depositing, causing the deposition or permitting the deposition treating, keeping or disposing of controlled (but not special) waste in or on land without a licence	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	Nature reserve	suspects not seen or known by caller have attended the location with large bags of wood and kindling, on attending the IP business has found a deliver name and address within the bags

Sep-21	W/LIFE_ANIMAL	Wildlife Bird	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime	Woods	Birds have been located at the location deceased, believed to been poisoned and enquiries are ongoing with RSPB and partner agencies.
Jan-22	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	IP reporting her dog having been attacked by another dog which was off the lead and out of control and slight injury caused to IP
Jan-22	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	111/18	Owner person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control no injury recordable	Non Crime	Nature reserve	IP reporting her dog having been attacked by another dog which was off the lead and out of control
Feb-22	OVERNIGHT_ARREST	Overnight Arrest	0000A	non crime occurrence	Not an Incident	Nature reserve	Sus crics event, a report of an abandoned trailer on forestry land potentially stolen .

Mar-22	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	LEAD	nuisance dog initiative	Non Crime	Nature reserve	Victim reporting four aggressive dogs at the location. he walked past the farm and four spaniel dogs ran out and surrounded him, barking and growling. (He was not injured)
Apr-22	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Woods	Reports have been made that youths have started a small fire at the location address
Apr-22	ASB_NUISANCE	ASB Nuisance	ASBN	ASB NUISANCE	Non Crime		Group of around 50 youths gathered at the location with loud music, suspect refused to turn off the music continuing, stated the speakers did not belong to him, therefore seized.
Apr-22	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	INFORMANT REPORTING A LOCK BROKEN AT THE LOCATION.
May-22	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	INFORMANT WHO IS A VOLUNTEER WITH DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES REPORTING YOUTHS DAMAGING TIMBERWORK ON AN OUTLOOK FOR NATURE RESERVE.

May-22	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00B	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	Nature reserve	Youths have been at the location and throwing stones at the CCTV cameras causing them to smash
Jul-22	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	KNOWN OFFENDER DOG HAS JUMPED UP AT THE IP AND BITTEN THEM TO THE RIGHT ARM CAUSING 2 SMALL PUNCTURE WOUNDS
Jul-22	ASB_PERSONAL	ASB Nuisance	ASBN	ASB NUISANCE	Non Crime	Nature reserve	Informant reporting persons on the land whom have been chopping down tree branches and making fires.
Aug-22	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Unknown suspect/s have caused damage to a bench seat at the Nature area.

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Aug-22	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Car park (open air)	Victim reports that he was bitten by a dog not under control
Sep-22	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	DELIBERATE IGNITION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AT THE LOCATION.
Sep-22	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Park/garden	Deliberant damage to tress at the location address

Jan-23	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	IP reporting a dog has attacked his dog and attacked him, causing injuries.
Jan-23	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	LEAD	nuisance dog initiative	Non Crime	Nature reserve	IP reporting a dog running loose at the location which has gone for his dog and also another.
Jan-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Caller reporting that damage has been caused to the nature reserve. 50-60 small Trees have been pulled up.
Feb-23	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	INFORMANT REPORTED TWO MALE YOUTHS SETTING FIRES TO THE COASTAL PATHS.

Jun-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00C	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified		IP REPORTING THAT THE SUSPECT HAS ALIGHTED FROM A VEHICLE AND SMASHED A CAN ON THE IP'S WING MIRROR, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE MIRROR.
Jul-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Unknown group of youths causing damage at the location. Damage caused to bat house near the lake.
Sep-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00C	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Car park (open air)	UNKNOWN PERSON HAS SMASHED THE REAR WINDOW OF THE IPS WINDOW
Sep-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Informant reporting damage caused by unknown person to the gates of the nature reserve.
Oct-23	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Footpath/bridleway	Quantity of wood set alight on pathway near the nature reserve

Nov-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00B	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Inft reporting on behalf of Gwynedd Council a gate and window damage at a Nature reserve ...
Nov-23	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	damage caused to trees
Dec-23	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	Non Crime		Inft reporting she has been made aware that her dog had ahold of a sheep. She has tried to look for the animal to see if it has any injuries.
Feb-24	DANG_DOG	Dangerous Dog	LEAD	nuisance dog initiative	Non Crime	Nature reserve	IP REPORTING THAT WHILST WALKING HER DOGS SHE HAS BEEN APPROACHED 3 UNCONTROLLABLE DOGS. THIS HAS HAPPENED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.
May-24	ASB_PERSONAL	ASB Personal	ASBP	ASB PERSONAL	Non Crime		Informant reporting asb from a group of unknown youths

Jun-24	ASB_PERSONAL	ASB Personal	ASBP	ASB PERSONAL	Non Crime		The I.P challenged a male about his driving , the male basically gave caller a load of abuse, telling him that he didn't give a f***, and told caller that he'd set his dog on him.
Jun-24	ASB_PERSONAL	ASB Personal	ASBN	ASB NUISANCE	Non Crime		
Jun-24	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Park/garden	SHELTER IN WOODLAND AREA DAMAGED. BROKEN GLASS FOUND AND LITTER.
Jul-24		Dog Related Incident	LEAD	nuisance dog initiative	Non Crime	Nature reserve	unknown offenders dog has chased and killed a yearling ewe.
Jul-24	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00B	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Beauty spot	Inft reporting damage to panelling in the forestry by unknown offenders
Aug-24	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00B	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified		Report received of youths causing damage to shelter on nature reserve, littering and setting fires and harming wildlife.

Aug-24	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Beach	Fire service reporting a deliberate ignition to area in sand dunes. MOP seen two young adults near the area and confronted them but they ran away.
Sep-24	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00C	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Unknown suspect(s) have caused damage to a vehicle whilst parked at the location.
Oct-24		Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy		Suspect and three other unknown persons have used off road motorbikes on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which is part of a sand dune system causing damage to protected features
Apr-25	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Inft. Reporting that the wooden feature bridge over the pond has been smashed up.

May-25	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Other open space	Limited details, damage to a bridge.
Jul-25	CRIM_DAM	Criminal Damage	149/00D	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Nature reserve	Inft reporting padlock has been damaged
Jul-25	DISORD_PUB_PLACE	Public Order	0000A	non crime occurrence	Non Crime		Caller reporting that he has seen a social media post showing persons camping near to location address, apparently in possession of machetes.
Sep-25	ARSON	Arson	056/02	Arson not endangering life	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Lake	INFT HAS REPORTED A FIRE AT THE LOCATION THAT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WAS SET DELIBERATELY.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/02/2026