



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:03/08/2026

2026/728 - Incidents involving deer and vehicles on the road

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the attached and below.

This request concerns incidents involving deer and vehicles recorded on your force's command-and-control / incident-logging system (for example STORM or equivalent). It does *not* concern STATS19 personal-injury collision records, which are published nationally.

We want to know how many incidents there are annually involving deer and vehicles, either colliding with or swerving to avoid deer.

I am happy for the figures to be based on a keyword search for "deer" (and related terms such as stag, doe or fawn), and for the counts to be approximate.

Requested information

- 1. For each of the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, how many incidents recorded on your command-and-control / incident system referred to a deer on or near a road? Please provide a separate figure for each year, and break it down by monthly data if available.**
- 2. Of those incidents, how many involved a vehicle either colliding with, or swerving to avoid, a deer? A combined figure is acceptable.**
- 3. If possible, in addition to the above, for the same calendar years, can you list all recorded incidents with cows (cattle), horses, sheep, pigs and boar.**
- 4. If readily available, please provide the road type (motorway, A-road, B-road or other) where the incidents above occurred.**

The number of ICAD events under Animal/Wildlife mentioning deer (and synonyms requested) are shown below:

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January	11	19	12	6	5	53
February	9	16	13	21	11	70
March	21	16	3	12	20	72
April	14	22	5	13	12	66
May	24	16	22	10	14	86
June	25	21	19	9	16	90
July	27	29	14	15	11	96
August	20	22	10	16	20	88
September	11	21	17	14	20	83
October	17	12	12	9	12	62
November	12	15	12	6	22	67
December	12	10	11	13	12	58
Total	203	219	150	144	175	891

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We cannot provide the number of events where a vehicle collided with or swerved to avoid a deer as this would require a manual search of all 891 records and would exceed the time limit. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

The number of ICAD events mentioning other animals are shown below:

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January	18	18	22	9	16	83
February	16	18	17	17	13	81
March	27	18	9	10	18	82
April	19	18	12	8	13	70
May	35	17	13	17	16	98
June	21	23	7	14	22	87
July	26	27	19	12	11	95
August	24	28	12	15	22	101
September	21	23	17	18	17	96
October	17	14	10	13	15	69
November	13	19	4	9	13	58
December	21	13	11	14	11	70
Total	258	236	153	156	187	990

The road type per incident is not readily available.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/07/2026