



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 29/10/2025

2025/1083 - Fireworks-related incidents

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request information regarding fireworks-related incidents involving animals or pets.

Specifically, I am seeking data for each of the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and any available partial data for 2025.

Please provide:

The number of fireworks-related incidents involving animals or pets recorded between 1 October and 31 December for each year.

If possible, please provide a daily or weekly breakdown of these incidents during this period, to show any dates with notable peaks or spikes in activity (e.g. around Bonfire Night, Diwali, or New Year's Eve).

The total number of fireworks-related incidents overall (including those not involving animals) during the same October-December period, for context.

The number of public complaints or reports made to North Wales Police relating to fireworks and their impact on animals or pets, for the same period.

Any internal reports, summaries, or analyses that identify seasonal peaks in fireworks-related incidents or complaints, particularly those involving animals.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by animal type (e.g. dog, cat, horse, livestock, wildlife, other) for the fireworks-related incidents involving animals described above.

For clarity, by "fireworks incidents involving animals," I mean any reported incident, complaint, or call for service where fireworks caused distress, injury, or harm to animals - including domestic pets (such as dogs and cats), livestock, horses, or wildlife - or where such animals were mentioned in the incident record or call notes.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. There is no event type for fireworks on our system. We would have to rely on a keyword search of the event comment. This resulted in approximately 1450 incidents. These would have to be manually read to ascertain relevance to your request. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to

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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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/10/2025