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Date: June 12, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/535

Reply contact name:

Dear John,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th May 2023 concerning wildlife crime.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote:

1st January 2020 through to 31st December 2020 inclusive
1st January 2021 through to 31st December 2021 inclusive
1st January 2022 through to 31st December 2022 inclusive.

The number of wildlife crimes your force has investigated during these dates?

During the time frames, how many of these crimes relate to the act of poaching:

Deer
Hare

During the time frames, how many crimes involved the illegal killing /persecution of Raptors / birds of prey?

What species of bird of prey have been investigated as being killed?

During these time frames, how many crimes involved other birds, and what species of bird were involved?

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Did the crime result in a conviction, if so, what was the resulting fine or sentence for that conviction?

Response:

Question One

2020

Fish/take fish where fish taking may/may not be authorised or possess unlicensed instrument with intent to take fish without authority x 7

2021

Fish/take fish where fish taking may/may not be authorised or possess unlicensed instrument with intent to take fish without authority x 1

2022

Fish/take fish by other than licensable means in circumstances where fish/taking may or may not be authorised, or possess unlicensed instrument with intent to fish/take fish with or without a S27A authority x 1

Questions Two to Six

No information held

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

Force Disclosure Unit

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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>