



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000083-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

“Please could you tell me how many reports of fox hunting (under the Hunting Act 2004) you have received in the past 5 years (since January 2012 to present)?

May I have the information broken down by date, location, the nature of the incident and the outcome of the incident (e.g. arrest, charge)?”

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 3 January 2017

Suffolk Constabulary has completed a search of the crime system for all offences recorded under the Hunting Act 2004.

The Constabulary located one offence that related specifically to fox hunting during the 2012 – 2016 calendar years, as follows:

Date: 23.10.2012
Location: Stowmarket
Offence: Hunt a wild Mammal with a dog
Outcome: Individual Charged

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.