

19 August 2024

FOI Ref 17016

Request - You asked us the following:

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in regard to Community Protection Warnings issued. I am submitting an information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I wish to seek information on the following; Whether any Community Protection Warnings have been issued to the following;

The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited

The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited

The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited

If so, what date was it issued?

If so, what are the terms and conditions of this warning. Whether any cautions have been issued to the following;

The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited

The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited

The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited

If so, what date was it issued?

Whether any Community Protection Notices have been issued to the following;

The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited

The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited

The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited

If so, what date was it issued?

If so, what are the terms and conditions of this notice?

We received your request on 04/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

Whether any Community Protection Warnings have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- If so, what date was it issued? – **Information held.**



- If so, what are the terms and conditions of this warning. – **Information held.**

Whether any cautions have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- If so, what date was it issued? – **No information held.**

Whether any Community Protection Notices have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Information held.**
- If so, what date was it issued? – **No information held.**
- If so, what are the terms and conditions of this notice? – **No information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

Whether any Community Protection Warnings have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, yes.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- If so, what date was it issued? – **Disclosed, the Albrighton and Woodland Hunt have had two warnings issued, one in February 2019 and another in March 2023.**
- If so, what are the terms and conditions of this warning. – **Disclosed, the Albrighton and Woodland Hunt have the following requirements:**

Your conduct: Your hounds have been entering onto private land on several occasions and have been reported as killing both a muntjac deer and a fox, during the months of September and December 2023. This has caused damage to property and harassment alarm and distress to residents and land owners within the South Staffordshire area. CCTV shows that the hounds were unsupervised and out of control. Therefore, we require the following requirements to be adhered to with immediate effect:



1. Inform us of meet locations, including dates and the routes the trails are to be laid
2. Inform us of details of people in charge at each meet – names and a contact number
3. Scent trail to be laid 20-30 mins before the hunt start off and trail layer to be recorded laying the trail – possibly with a phone or ‘go-pro’ camera, to confirm times trail laid and prove the trail was laid
4. To have the artificial scent ready to show, should officers attend and request this
5. Whipper in and huntsmen to control the hounds to prevent from straying off the scent and onto private land and not to pursue wild mammals
6. Ensure you have land owner’s permission and have all details of those land owners, in case this needs confirming
7. Trails to be laid well away from main roads and also away from woods, coverts and hedges where wildlife would naturally go to rest
8. Please remember nobody has authority to stop traffic, other than the police
9. Avoid areas where badger setts are
10. In the event of any accidental kills of wild mammals, continue to contact police straight away, leaving the animal in situ as evidence.

Whether any cautions have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**

Whether any Community Protection Notices have been issued to the following;

- The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- The North Staffordshire Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**
- The Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Limited – **Disclosed, no.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.



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Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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