

26 February 2026

FOI Ref 22576

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

Original Request:

I'm emailing to ask for the following information:

- the number of reported incidents of suspected vandalism, poaching, arson and trespassing on nature reserves (either National Nature Reserve or Local Nature Reserve) within your jurisdiction between January 2021 and January 2026?
- the number of cases brought against individuals or groups for alleged crimes of vandalism, poaching, arson and trespassing committed on nature reserves?

Here is a list of nature reserves under the jurisdiction of Staffordshire police:

Aqualate Mere	TF9 2PH	NNR
Baggeridge Country Park	DY3 4HB	LNR
Biddulph Grange Country Park	ST8 7SD	National Trust
Black Brook	ST10 2NW	SWT
Brown End Quarry	ST13 7EZ	SWT
Caldon Canal	ST2 7HG	SWT
Caverswall Common	ST11 9EQ	SWT
Chasewater Heaths	WS8 7NL	SWT
Churnet Valley	ST10 2DQ	SWT
Cotton Dell	ST10 3DS	SWT
Deep Hayes Country Park	ST13 7AJ	LNR
Doxey Marshes	ST16 1PU	SWT
Downs Banks	ST15 8UU	National Trust
Gentleshaw Common	WS15 4NG	SWT
Hem Heath Woods	ST4 8FR	SWT
Highgate Common	WV5 7EE	SWT
Loynton Moss	ST20 0QA	SWT
Manifold Valley	SK17 0SU	National Trust
Moseley Old Hall	WV10 7HY	National Trust
Park Hall Country Park	ST3 5BH	LNR
Pasturefields Salt Marsh	ST18 0RB	NNR
Radford Meadows	ST17 4PQ	SWT
RSPB Coombes Valley	ST13 7EU	RSPB
RSPB Middleton Lakes	B78 2BB	RSPB
Shugborough Estate	ST17 0UP	National Trust
Staffordshire Moorlands	ST13 8TY	SWT
The Roaches	ST13 8UA	SWT



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Thorswood	DE6 2AT	SWT
Trentham Park Woodlands	ST4 8AX	SWT
Weaver Hills (SWT-managed areas)	ST10 3JT	SWT
Wetley Moor	ST9 0BN	SWT
Whitfield Valley	ST6 6QW	SWT

Refined Request:

Thank you very much for providing this information.

Is it possible to provide the dates for each of the incidents and the postcode?

SP received your request on 23/02/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

- Is it possible to provide the dates for each of the incidents and the postcode? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22576 Refinement of FOI 22525 Nature Reserve Incidents Data.xlsx'.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional incidents 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.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, 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 within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

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 Information Access Team within two months of the SP response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team 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 forty working days.

The independent supervisor 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, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the independent supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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