

3) How many Police Wildlife Crime Officers does your Police Force appoint?

**West Midlands Police has 20 officers who are identified as Wildlife Crime Officers (WCO).**

a) How many are full-time?

**None**

b) How many are part-time?

**They all work core policing roles as Detective Constables, Investigation, Police Constables, Response Officers, Dog handlers etc and do any WCO work on top of this.**

c) If part-time, what is the average number of hours allocated to each part-time Police Wildlife Crime Officer to carry out this role?

**This is not recorded. This work is sporadic and very ad hoc. It can range from intelligence research to full investigations that last for weeks with complex file preparation.**

4) How are cases of badger-related crime recorded within your Police Force?

**None as far as our Wildlife Crime Coordinator is aware of in this financial year.**

5) How often are Police Wildlife Officers in contact with the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit? (Daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, never)

**Our WCO coordinator has a strong relationship with the NWCU and has regular contact from them via email. The WCO coordinator is also contacted around once a passing information of note for West Midlands Police and is probably in monthly contact with one of their Investigators to discuss referrals or seek advice. Each of the WCO's knows to contact the WCU for advice and support if necessary.**

6) How often are Police Wildlife Officers in contact with the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime? (Daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, never)

**Our WCO coordinator gets sporadic contact from PAW but this is irregular. The other members of staff will not have contact from them.**