

I have been a regular user of the above wood for exercising my dog or my families Dogs.

I exercise them in the woods off the leads and have never had any issues with the other users be they walkers, Bird or Wild Life watchers.

The woods have been summarily closed with the reasons given being fighting dog, dog waste, and anti-social behaviour which included Sexual behaviour and Drug dealing.

I am concerned that there may be other reasons and the dog issues are being used as a smoke screen by the Woodland Trust.

They advised me that the Police have been called to the site many times in the last few years and have recorded these visits in their records.

I have chatted several times to Officers who have been in the Car Park on the site as I leave my car for my walk. One has even asked me about unusual activities in the wood and or on the car park. I have noticed the occasional lone male in their car or in the woods but not thought anything of this. There is of course some paraphernalia for Drugs often seen on the floor around the car park but I have never seen anyone actually dealing or if they were it was not an obvious act.

I would like to raise a Freedom of Information Enquiry for this site and its surrounding area to establish the number of times that the West Midlands Police close to the Woods and any other Stations have attended the site for the last five years including the reasons for the attendance.

Following a search of our Command and Control Closed Incidents between 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2017 where Uffmoor Lane or Uffmoor Woods, Halesowen, West Midlands appears within the Incident Location.

The search revealed 7 logs overall which make reference to the Uffmoor Lane/Woods, of those a resource has only been sent to two incidents - 1 log refers to a traffic incident and the to other Anti-Social Behaviour.