

Historical Re-enactment or Living History is an educational or entertainment activity in which people recreate aspects of an historical event or period. It will involve the person dressing in period attire (usually military) attending organised events and role playing that time frame period. It could include Vikings, Napoleonic or WW2 time frames for example.

Do you hold numbers of how many sworn officers and civilian staff employed by your force belong to or engage in Living History Re-enactment events in their spare time?

No recorded information held.

Do they have to seek permission to join such groups from your Chief Constable?

If, as a result of being a member of such a group, the individual 'gains' from being a member e.g. they receive travelling expenses, attendance fees etc, they will need to declare this as a business interest.

Have any members of staff been asked to resign from such groups once it is apparent they engage in this hobby outside of their normal work?

No data held.

Are specific restrictions placed on your staff (sworn and unsworn) preventing them from joining certain Living History groups? e.g. American Civil War confederate , WW2 German etc due to perceived public perception?

If the individual has declared their membership as a business interest, this will be assessed on a case by case basis. Areas for consideration include whether the activity has the potential to cause embarrassment or bring the force into disrepute.