

- 1. If known, how many incidents of illegal fox hunting with hounds, under The Hunting Act 2004, have been reported during each year since September 2015?**

None.

- 2. How are these incidents / crimes categorised / recorded?**

N/A.

- 3. In each Year since 2015 how many arrests have been made of**

- a) Fox / Trail Hunters and their support**
- b) Anti-Hunt Activists / Saboteurs**

None.

- 4. How many incidents have been submitted to The CPS for review or charges brought**

None.

- 5. What were the reasons why incidents have not been submitted to The CPS or Charges brought**

N/A.

- 6. Do you have a wildlife crime officer / Team? If so what is their duties and role? Is this role funded?**

Yes, we have a team of approximately 20 WCOs who volunteer as WCOS on top of their core duties. There is no funding.

7. Do you have a hunt liaison officer? If so what is their duties and role? Is this role funded?

No.

8. How many officers receive training in identifying illegal (fox) hunting

5 WCOs have received general hunting training in the last 12 months.

9. Who provides the training?

Training was provided via West Mercia Police.

10. What has been the average annual cost of policing organised hunting with hounds (Fox / Trail Hunting) since 2015

Nil.

11. What is the police strategy for enforcing The Hunting Act (2004) and activities of Organised fox / trail Hunts and gathering evidence of illegal hunting

N/A; no strategy necessary for WMP.

12. What is the police strategy regarding anti-hunt activists / saboteurs/hunt monitors

N/A; no strategy necessary for WMP.

13. Do you insist that organised hunts, when claiming to trail hunt, supply you with weekly meet card; a trail hunt map; a risk assessment; insurance; licence for the importation of fox urine? If not, why not?

N/A; there are no hunts on the WMP footprint.

14. How do you monitor the activities of trail hunts e.g. conduct random checks to ensure that they are complying with anti-hunt legislation

N/A; there are no hunts on the WMP footprint.

15. How do you determine whether an organised hunt's activity involve trail hunting, Drag Hunting or fox hunting

N/A; there are no hunts on the WMP footprint.

16. What preventative measures do you have in place to prevent an illegal fox hunting taking place during a trail hunt

N/A; there are no hunts on the WMP footprint.

17. I would also like the following information on:

- a) **Whether there is any current operation related to the policing of hunting and to hunt protest activity in West Midlands police area?**
- b) **If such an operation exists, when did it begin, what name does it operate under and what is its remit?**
- c) **Whether West midlands police has entered into any agreement with any landowners or hunt organisers?**

N/A; there are no hunts on the WMP footprint.

18. What is your policy on police officers riding out with organised trail/fox hunts

N/A; no policy necessary for WMP.

19. Do officers involved in preventing wildlife crime need to declare an interest if they hunt

N/A; WMP do not have a policy to cover this. Officers and staff are expected to follow the Police Standards of Professional Behaviour at all times, both on and off duty. These are available online from the College of Policing website.