

I was wondering if you could provide me with the following information regarding gun confiscations, recoveries and those handed in by amnesty or other made by your force between 2021 - 2022.

1) Please may you provide the number of guns, ammunition and any other live ammunition weapons such as grenades that you took off the streets between August 2021 - August 2022.

During the above period we recovered the following;

- 139 lethal barrelled firearms; broken down as follows;
 - 18 handguns – type not yet confirmed
 - 24 revolvers
 - 12 pistols
 - 42 converted revolvers/pistols
 - 15 shotguns
 - 20 sawn off shotguns
 - 3 rifles
 - 4 homemade firearms
 - 1 firearm yet to be classified
- 41 firearms recovered either not classed as lethal barrelled, or legally held
- 68 separate ammunition recovery incidents whereby numerous live bullets/cartridges have been recovered.

2) Please may you provide the types of weapons recovered - were they pistols, automatics, semi automatics.

Please see answer to question 1

3) Any photos you have of large hauls/standout hauls from this period.

Please see a selection of links below to images that have been published on our website and the PCC's website. However, for any images not already published / released into public domain, this information is exempt by virtue of Section 30(1) - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities. Please see covering letter for further details on the application of this exemption.

[Birmingham brothers jailed and guns and ammunition seized | News | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/news/2022/09/15/birmingham-brothers-jailed-and-guns-and-ammunition-seized)

[Firearm surrender: taking lethal weapons off our streets | News | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/news/2022/09/15/firearm-surrender-taking-lethal-weapons-off-our-streets)

[Largest haul of knives and weapons ever pulled from the regions' weapon surrender bins - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/news/2022/09/15/largest-haul-of-knives-and-weapons-ever-pulled-from-the-regions-weapon-surrender-bins)

[Huge haul of weapons emptied from the region's surrender bins - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/news/2022/09/15/huge-haul-of-weapons-emptied-from-the-region-s-surrender-bins)

Additionally, you may wish to visit our social channels as there may be further information published there.

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4) Any photos that you have of standout evidence such as unusual weapons, fully automatic rifles from this period.

Please see answer to question 3

5) If neither of the above apply, please just provide a few photos of the weapons recovered.

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6) And please explain what happens to weapons once confiscated.

Once confiscated, weapons are made safe by our local firearms officers, and either destroyed if they are not lethal barrelled or sent to the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NaBIS) for examination if they are suspected to be lethal barrelled.

7) And please may you provide a simple figure of gun confiscations, recoveries and those handed in by amnesty or other made by your force between August 2020 - August 2021 for comparison. Don't need pictures for these, just figures.

The following were counted as part of Operation Aztec amnesty between 12/05/22 and 29/05/22:

- numerous Bullets and cartridges recovered
- shotgun x3
- rifle x3
- revolvers x2
- deactivated revolver x1
- air rifles x6
- air pistols x3
- starting pistols x6
- BB guns x3