

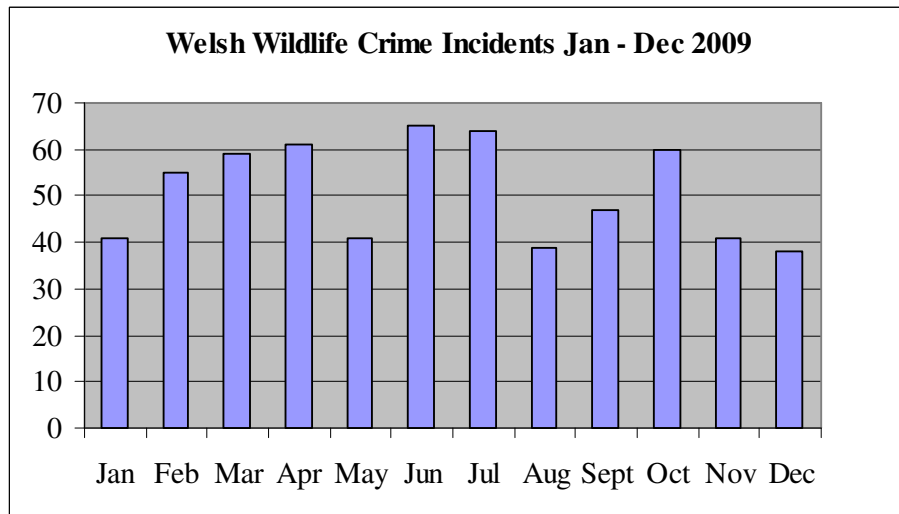
**Title: Wildlife Crime Update**

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***Background/Progress***

An update of completed Wildlife Crime cases is listed at Annex A.

Shown below are the statistics relating to wildlife crime incidents that have been reported to the police in Wales for 2009, all figures are taken from the returns made to the National Wildlife Crime Unit using the National Standard Incident recording System.



**Other matters:**

A thematic inspection of wildlife crime within Wales is currently being carried out on behalf of the Welsh Assembly by Pete Charleston, the final report is hoped to be completed by the end of the current financial year

A one week Police Wildlife Officers Foundation Course was run at the Gwent Training facility at Mahmilad, Pontypool as a result of this **16** new wildlife crime officers from the Gwent, Dyfed Powys and South Wales Police have now been appointed, an updated list of officers can be found on the WBP website.

The annual PAW Open Seminar is to be held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 and will take place at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (Jodrell Theatre), details

and a booking form can be found on the home page of the PAW Web Site - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/paw/index.htm>

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 a Court Training day was held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The training day involved Police Officers, Crown Prosecution Solicitors and Magistrates and consisted of a number of case studies and a mock trial to highlight the complexities of the legislation and complexities involved in wildlife crime. The event included presentations on a SSSI Case, Conservation Impact Statements, an EPS disturbance scenario, time limits in wildlife crime cases and sentencing issues (Magistrates Association). The PAW Training Group are now looking at a possible court awareness training day for witnesses that are involved in Wildlife Crime Cases.

### ***Plan/Proposals***

#### ***Action Requested***

- Approve us to carry on as suggested above YES
- Ask all WBP members to comment on the format of the report YES