

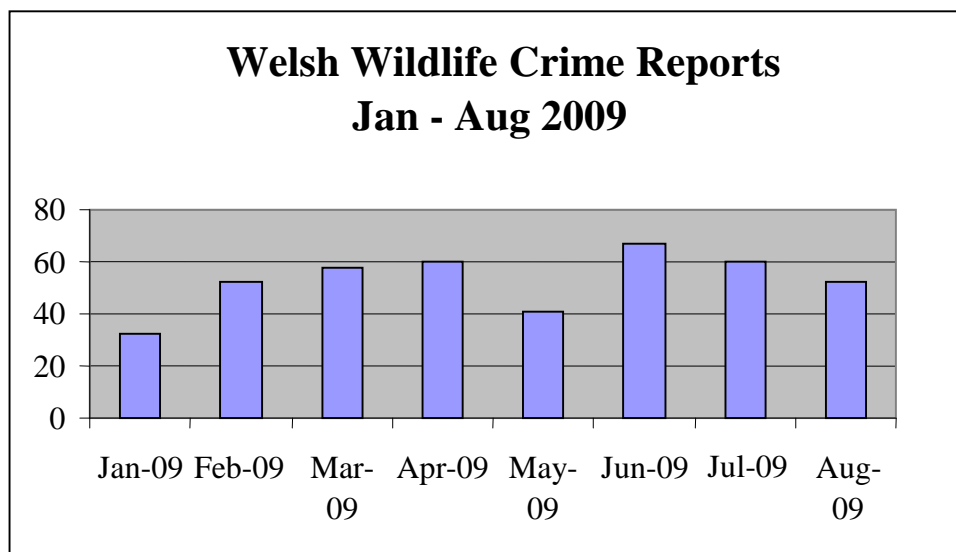
Title: Wildlife Crime Update

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Background/Progress

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

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



Other matters:

The 9th Welsh Wildlife and Environmental Crime Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Newport on 9/10th November 2009, this years conference is being organised and hosted by the Gwent Police.

A one week Police Wildlife Officers Foundation Course will be run from 12 – 16th October 2009 at the Gwent Training facility at Mahmilad, Pontypool, 17 newly appointed wildlife crime officers from the Gwent, Dyfed Powys and South Wales Police will be in attendance, this will provide an increase in the number of officers in the force who can deal with wildlife crime incidents.

Since the last paper to note the ACPO lead on Wildlife Crime in the UK, Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom has retired, his place as ACPO lead has been

taken over by Chief Constable Richard Crompton from Lincolnshire, Chief Constable Ian Arundale from the Dyfed Powys Police will take on responsibility for Wildlife Crime within Wales at the ACPO level.

At the recent Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference 2009 held at the University of Glamorgan, Treforest, Jane Davidson the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing announced a Thematic Inspection of Wildlife Crime within Wales. This review is now being progressed by Pete Charleston on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

On Thursday a Llanelli man admitted one charge under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 relating to the damage/destruction of Water Vole habitat in the Llanelli area, this was the first conviction relating to Water Voles within Wales and only the third within the UK.

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