

PROTECTION OF BADGERS ACT 1992 – LICENSING STATISTICS

Licensing statistics for licences granted for badgers by Natural England. Also included are details of licences granted historically by Defra. These data will be updated annually. Data concerning licences issued for scientific research or educational purposes are only recorded in the summary below since 2008.

2010							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
943	203	740	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Setts	405	N/A	N/A
				Take and Release	0	N/A	N/A
				Kill	0	N/A	N/A
			Drainage	Interfere with Setts	29	N/A	N/A
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Setts	53	N/A	N/A
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Setts	46	N/A	N/A
			Disease	Interfere with Setts	4	N/A	N/A
				Take Alive	4	N/A	N/A
				Kill	2	32	[0]
			Development	Interfere with Setts	187	N/A	N/A
			Preservation of, or archaeological investigation of a Scheduled Ancient Monument	Interfere with Setts	1	N/A	N/A
			Science & Education, including Organisational Licences	Interfere with Setts	1	N/A	N/A
				Trap & ring or mark, examine ring or mark & release	8	N/A	N/A
			Total				740

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1 st January to 30 June 2010							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
356	81	275	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	152	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	23	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	29	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	19	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take Alive	2	17	[0]
				Kill	1	17	[0]
			Development	Interfere with Sett	39	n/a	n/a
			Preservation of, or archaeological investigation of a Scheduled Ancient Monument	Interfere with Sett	1	n/a	n/a
			Science, Education & Conservation including Organisational Licences	Interfere with Sett	1	n/a	n/a
				Trap & ring or mark, examine ring or mark & release or kill	8	n/a	n/a
			Total				

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Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
1043	239	804	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	432	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	44	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	60	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	82	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	2	n/a	n/a
				Take Alive	1	17	[0]
				Kill	1	17	[0]
			Development	Interfere with Sett	176	n/a	n/a
			Preservation of, or archaeological investigation of a Scheduled Ancient Monument	Interfere with Sett	1	n/a	n/a
			Science & Education, including Organisational Licences	Interfere with Sett	4	n/a	n/a
				Trap & ring or mark, examine ring or mark & release	1	n/a	[0]
			Total				

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2008							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
1106	230	876	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	390	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	1	19	17
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	51	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	64	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	78	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take Alive	1	17	0
				Kill	1	15	6
			Development	Interfere with Sett	287	n/a	n/a
			Science & Education	Interfere with Sett	1	n/a	n/a
				Trap & ring or mark, examine ring or mark & release	1	n/a	n/a
				Disturb with camera	1	n/a	n/a
			Total				876

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2007							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
1258	233*	1025	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	418	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	1	n/a	1
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	76	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	64	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	67	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	1	17	1
			Development	Interfere with Sett	398	n/a	n/a
			Total		1025	17	2

*does not include rejected Development applications prior to September 2007 (data were not recorded)

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2006							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
836	196	640	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	453	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	56	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	67	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	62	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	2	27	7
			Total				640

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2005							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
798	153	645	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	421	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	1	n/a	1
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	71	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	79	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	72	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	1	15	1
			Total				

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2004							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
803	182	621	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	394	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	1	n/a	0
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	79	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	73	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	70	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	1	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	3	42	[0]
			Total				621

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2003							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
966	195	771	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	506	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	2	20	10
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	88	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	77	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	93	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	5	51	20
			Total				771

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2002							
Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Number of licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
792	145	647	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	379	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	1	15	2
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	86	10	6
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	91	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	89	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	1	12	2
			Total				647

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2001							
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558	110	448	Preventing serious damage	Interfere with Sett	288	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	2	n/a	2
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Drainage	Interfere with Sett	29	n/a	n/a
			Agricultural Operations	Interfere with Sett	73	n/a	n/a
			Forestry Operations	Interfere with Sett	56	n/a	n/a
			Disease	Interfere with Sett	0	n/a	n/a
				Take and Release	0	n/a	n/a
				Kill	0	n/a	n/a
			Total				