

# Env190 Applications to interfere with Badger setts

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**14 May 2012. You asked for details of the total number of applications made in Wales to interfere with a badger sett or kill a badger each year since records began**

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Dear ,

Request for Information – reference ATI 6008

I wrote to you on 17 April 2012 following your request for information. In your request you asked for:

- Details of the total number of applications made in Wales to interfere with a badger sett or kill a badger each year since records began.

I am enclosing the information which you requested at the foot of this letter in Table 1. Please note that these statistics relate to the number of applications made to the Welsh Government; the Countryside Council for Wales may hold additional information. In addition I should emphasise that a licence may not have been issued in respect of every application.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Mr Chris Lea  
Sustainability & Environmental Evidence Division  
Welsh Government  
Rhodfa Padarn  
Llanbadarn Fawr  
Aberystwyth  
SY23 3UR

When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk) or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 01625 545 745  
Fax: 01625 524 510  
Email: [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales  
 Ffordd yr Hen Gae  
 Pencoed  
 Bridgend  
 CF35 5LJ

Yours sincerely,

Natural Environment & Agriculture Team  
 Welsh Government

Licence applications received (not licence issued)		
	To interfere with a badger sett	To kill (a) badger(s)
1997	39	0
1998	36	0
1999	33	0
2000	79	1
2001	89	0
2002	123	0
2003	75	2
2004	76	2
2005	76	2
2006	52	0
2007	71	0
2008	56	0
2009	58	0
2010	54	1
2011	48	0

Table 1: **Number of applications received by Welsh Government for a licence to interfere with a badger sett or to kill a badger.**