



**Kent
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Tel. No. (DDI): 01622 654439

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Dear Mr Addison,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 3730/2009

I write in connection with your request received by Kent Police on 12th May 2009. I am conscious that this response finds you some time after the statutory time limit permitted to a public authority to respond to such requests has passed and for the lateness of this response I apologise.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Kent Police and I can now respond as follows:

Question 1. Can I please have a copy of any written agreements between Kent Police and the RSPB?

Question 2. Can you please also tell me your working relationship with the RSPB?

Answer: There is not at present any formalised agreement between Kent Police and the RSPB. However, should the RSPB receive information from a member of the public concerning offences against birds then they will ask the informant's consent for details to be passed to the police. Information can then be passed to the police via secure e-mail.

Kent Police have a dedicated wildlife officer who works in partnership with a number of organisations, including the RSPB. This will not solely address enforcement issues as education is also an important element in crime prevention.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police and I hope that the information we have been able to provide is of use to you. If you feel that your request has not been properly handled or are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. A sheet, which summarises your right to complain, is enclosed with this response.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Birchley
Freedom of Information Administrator

Your right to complain

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavor to reply within 20 working days.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

Supt. Paul Gladstone
Head of the Information Compliance Unit
Professional Standards Department
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
Maidstone Kent
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing
freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
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