



**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Mr Lewis Foxhall

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Direct Line: 0300 122 8752  
Ask For: Freedom of Information  
Our Ref: 005264/19  
Your Ref: Hunting  
Date: 12 November 2019

Dear Mr Foxhall

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 005264/19**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 18/10/2019. I note you seek access to the following information:

- (1) whether there is any current operation related to the policing of hunting and to hunt protest activity in Derbyshire?*
- (2) if such an operation exists, when did it begin, what name does it operate under and what is its remit?*
- (3) whether Derbyshire Police has entered into any memorandum of understanding (MOU) or written agreement with any landowners or hunt organisers?*
- (4) If such an MOU or agreement exists, whether Derbyshire Police can provide a copy?*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located some information relevant to your request.

**Decision**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

- (1) Yes
- (2) Approx. 10 years ago - 'Op Trek'.

**Strategic Aim:**

*It is the intention of Derbyshire Constabulary to deliver our core policing responsibilities in a manner compatible with the commitment and values of Derbyshire Constabulary.*

*We aim to work in partnership to with event organisers and, where possible, protest groups. Our core policing responsibilities are:*

- The protection of life and property*
- Preventing crime and anti- social behaviour*
- Keeping the peace*
- Protecting and reassuring communities*
- Investigating crime and bringing offenders to justice*

**Strategic Objectives:**

- To ensure the safety of the public, event goers and protestors in the build up to, throughout and post the event.*
- To maximise the safety of officers and staff deployed to such events.*
- To develop and monitor intelligence and information to inform decision making and risk assessments.*
- To provide an appropriate and proportionate response to any major incidents or emergencies that may occur as a result of the event or during the event.*
- To maintain public order and public peace in the build up to, throughout and post the event.*
- To work with hunt organisers, protest groups and other partners to ensure everyone is able to exercise their fundamental Human Rights in a safe manner.*
- To work with event organisers and protest groups to minimise anti-social and threatening behaviour that may arise from the event.*
- To prevent crime and take all reasonable steps to bring offenders to justice through an intelligence led approach to policing.*
- To minimise the disruption to the different communities such as residents, businesses, shoppers and other visitors.*
- To maximise opportunities to communicate with and inform those attending, making full use of social media to do so.*
- Maintain confidence in Derbyshire Constabulary's approach to policing hunts and protest*

(3) No information held

(4) N/A

**Right to Request a Review (Complaint)**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea  
Freedom of Information Officer

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