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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 267/25 – Dead/Killed Schedule 1 Birds of Prey

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28th February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many dead /killed Schedule 1 birds of prey have been reported to / investigated by your force between the dates - 1st January 2024 to the 31st December 2024 inclusive?*
- 2. What species of bird of prey was investigated?*
- 3. What was the cause of death?*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

In order to provide information, data was extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording database using 'pets domesticated/wildlife' incident type filter and the following list of keywords, to determine reports relevant to your request.

Keywords Searched

Avocet
Bee-Eater/Beeeater
Bittern
Blue Throat/Bluethroat
Brambling
Bunting
Buzzard
Capercaillie
Chough
Crake
Crossbill
Curlew
Divers
Dotterel
Eagle
Falcon
Fieldfare
Firecrest
Garganey



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Godwit
Goshawk
Grebe
Greenshank
Gull
Harrier
Heron
Hobby
Hoopoe
Kingfisher/King Fisher
Kite
Merlin
Oriole
Osprey
Owl
Peregrine
Petrel
Phalarope
Plover
Quail
Redstart
Redwing
Rosefinch
Ruff
Sandpiper
Scaup
Scoter
Serin
Shorelark
Shrike
Spoonbill
Stilt
Swan
Tern
Bearded Tit
Crested Tit
Treecreeper
Warbler
Whimbrel
Woodlark
Wryneck

Question 1- How many dead/killed schedule 1 birds of prey have been reported to/investigated by your force between 1 Jan 24 to 31 Dec 24?

Answer = 2

Question 2 - What species of bird of prey was investigated/reported?

Answer = Barn Owl and Buzzard

Question 3 – What was the cause of death?

Answer = Hanging for the Barn Owl, Unknown for the Buzzard



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Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe the Bird of Prey, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

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 Cumbria Constabulary.



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