



July 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 005349/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many incidents of "sheep rustling" crimes have been reported to your police force in each of the financial years from 2012 to 2017? (Please include as much detail about the crimes as is available – ie location, date, number of sheep stolen, and how it was done).
- 2 How many arrests/charges have been made by your force for this crime in each year from 2012 to 2017?

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes where the property item stolen has been recorded as 'sheep'.

Financial Year	Number of Sheep Rustling Crimes Reported
2011/12	2
2012/13	4
2013/14	4
2014/15	3
2015/16	2
2016/17	8
Grand Total	23

Month/Year	District	Details	Stolen	Arrests/Charges
February 2012	South Norfolk	Stolen from field	5 x sheep	0
March 2012	South Norfolk	Stolen from field	8 x sheep	0
September 2012	North Norfolk	Stolen from land where grazing	Approx 30 sheep & 2 cattle	0
October 2012	North Norfolk	Stolen from secure enclosure	5 x sheep	0
October 2012	North Norfolk	Stolen from field	1 x sheep	0
January 2013	Breckland	Believed slaughtered before being removed due to blood at the location	2 x Ewes & 2 x lambs	0
June 2013	South Norfolk	Stolen from field	1 x Ewe	0

June 2013	South Norfolk	Stolen from pen in field	1 x sheep	0
June 2013	South Norfolk	Stolen from field	6 x sheep	0
June 2013	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Stolen from field	4 x Ewes	0
June 2014	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Stolen from field	1 Ewe & 1 lamb	0
September 2014	North Norfolk	Stolen from field.	12 sheep & 5 cattle	0
March 2015	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Stolen from paddock	5 x lambs & 6 x Ewes	0
September 2015	North Norfolk	Stolen from field	1 x Ewe	0
November 2015	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Stolen from field	33 x sheep	0
April 2016	North Norfolk	Stolen from field	2 x lambs	0
May 2016	North Norfolk	Stolen from field	7 x Ewes	0
May 2016	Breckland	Stolen from enclosed area	1 x lamb	0
June 2016	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Removed from field	3 x sheep	0
June 2016	South Norfolk	Stolen from farm land. I/P believes that a dog was used to herd the lambs	3 x lambs	0
September 2016	Breckland	Unknown	1 x Ewe	0
February 2017	Great Yarmouth	(Later found in nearby meadow)	4 x sheep	0
March 2017	South Norfolk	Entry through gates to secure farmyard	1 x sheep	0