

30 April 2024

Dear

ATISN 20424 Information on Wildlife Trusts Wales

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 2 April 2024. You asked for:

1. If the Wildlife Trusts Wales has been taken “in house” and is now part of the Welsh Government?
2. How much Welsh Government funding has been given to Wildlife Trusts Wales over the past three years? This would include funding from Natural Resources Wales, WCVA, or any other body controlled or funded by the Welsh Government.
3. If funding has been given, where is it recorded, seeing as Wildlife Trusts Wales has no corporate existence and publishes no accounts?
4. Who the Welsh Government believes it is dealing with as the Wildlife Trusts Wales has ceased to exist?

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. For information about funding from Natural Resources Wales, WCVA or other bodies, you are advised to contact them directly. The Wildlife Trusts Wales Ltd, the umbrella body for the Wildlife Trusts Wales, dissolved itself 22 March 2022 and the individual trusts joined the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. This trades under the name ‘The Wildlife Trusts’. The focus of the work and the staff remain business as usual.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office,

Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely