



Hillingdon Borough
Email:
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

RE: Wildlife / Animal Crime.

Hillingdon Police have recently been receiving a number of complaints from residents regarding cruelty towards animals. Young people, within the borough, have been seen harming the local wildlife and animals, including, killing kittens and using catapults to harm or kill ducks and swans. Police are currently working hard to identify those involved.

Whilst investigations are under way, one key area that supports our action is the education of young people around animal and wildlife crime. We know that this will be a small minority of young people, however we are asking, with summer approaching, that you please have conversations with your young people regarding their behaviour whilst out and about. Discussion around acceptable behaviour towards local animals and wildlife and make them aware that harming animals could constitute a criminal offence and will be investigated.

Please go through with them how they can report any wrongdoing, by reporting to yourselves, school, police, alternatively they can report anonymously on www.Fearless.Org (It is linked with Crimestoppers, so the same principles of being able to report incidents anonymously apply).

As a community, we can work together to protect our local wildlife and animals. Should you have any concerns or questions, or if you would like to report suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to contact your local police or community officers.

Kind regards,

Hillingdon Police.