

Welsh Government
Welsh Heads of Trading Standards
Animal Health and Welfare Partnership Delivery Plan 2016-17

Mobile Animal Exhibits (MAEs) in Wales – Data Capture

1. Objective

The Welsh Government must decide whether a change of policy and/or the law in Wales is required to protect the welfare of animals kept in Mobile Animal Exhibits (MAEs). There is concern that the welfare needs of some animals kept in MAEs, cannot be met in a travelling environment. A public consultation is planned for 2017 but in the meantime the Welsh Government needs to assess the current scale and the diversity of the MAE business in Wales.

The objective of the project was to quantify the size of an industry based in Wales that is mostly unregulated. The evidence gathered via this project will assist in supporting Welsh Government policy by identifying the scale of the MAE sector in Wales.

Definition of a Mobile Animal Exhibit

“Mobile Animal Exhibits” – *Individuals, groups or commercial entities that travel to exhibit domestic and/or wild animals, for entertainment, educational and/or other purposes.* At present, the Welsh Government is not considering any exemptions to this definition but a full consultation on MAEs and the possibility of a licensing or registration scheme is due to take place shortly.

2. Action

The project was divided into two stages. Stage 1 was a request for Welsh councils to complete a report form for every MAE that is operating in their areas. Councils have been asked to provide this information by looking at websites, Facebook sites and local advertisements.

Stage 2 of the project was a request to contact a sample of the MAE's listed by Welsh Councils and ask the identified MAE's to complete a voluntary questionnaire that provides more information about their business.

Both the questionnaires in Stage 1 and 2 were produced from questions produced by Welsh Government Policy Leads in collaboration with the Project Manager for the Partnership Delivery Plan.

Survey results

The survey commenced in January 2017 and finished on the 31 March 2017. It is pleasing to report that all councils across Wales were checked for MAE's in Stage 1 of the Project. During this process 53 MAE have been identified. A summary of the Stage 1 results is set out in the tables below. This is divided into individual council areas and set out in the regions agreed by the Partnership Group. In some council area's no MAE's were found.

During Stage 2 of the project 17 MAE's from 5 council areas (Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Caerphilly) were selected and the owners of these MAE were contacted. A detailed questionnaire was voluntarily provided either by a visit to meet the owner, a telephone call or by completion of the questionnaire by email. A summary of the MAE contacted at Stage 2 is provided in the table below.

The MAE's contacted as part of Stage 2 of the project reflected examples of all the main types of MAE operating across Wales. These included falconers, exotic animal displays to schools, reindeers, animals for film sets, horse displays. All the participants in Stage 2 welcomed the contact and provided information freely. They all expressed the opinion that the current legislation need updating and they all supported a licensing regime for their type of activity provided it was low cost and effective. They all would welcome an independent inspection provided the person making the visit was knowledgeable in the type of animals they were keeping.

Electronic copies of all Stage 1 reports and Stage 2 questionnaires accompany this summary.

NB

All participants in Stage 2 asked specifically asked if Welsh Government would keep they informed about the planned consultation process.

TABLE OF RESULTS

North Wales Region

Anglesey

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Anglesey Hawking	Pen-yr-Orsedd Kennels, Rhosgoch LL66 0AE	Falconry	Website and Facebook page	Email received stating no longer does this activity

Conwy

No MAE's found

Denbighshire

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Falconry Experiences	2 Fron Dirion, Llangynhafal, Ruthin	Falconry	Falconry- experiences.com	

Flintshire

No MAE's found

Gwynedd

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
P Wright	Bala, LL23 7BU	Falconry and trained pigs and llama for	Wrightwayraptors.wixsite.com/wrightway- raptors	

		displays		
Dwyfor Ranch Rabbit Farm and Animal Park	Llanystumdwy, Criccieth, North Wales	Farm animals for public and children's parties	Rabbitfarm.co.uk	
Sue Williams	Tyn y Dref, Morfa Bychan Road, Porthmadog, Gwynedd	Trained pigs and llamas	www.tynyndrefkennels.co.uk	

Wrexham

No MAE's found

Mid Wales Region

Ceredigion

No MAE's found

Powys

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
E and C Falconry Ltd	Gwern Hesgog, Nantmel, Rhayader	Falconry displays and private experiences at parties, events, shows etc.	Website and Facebook	Yes – questionnaire completed during a telephone call
The Cavalry of Heroes Ltd	West Lodge, Whitney on Wye, Hereford	Horseback displays, jousting, carriage driving, events, parties	Website and Facebook	Yes – received completed questionnaire from owners via email
Albion Falconry	Albionfalconry@hotmail.co.uk	Falconry displays	Website and Facebook	Yes – completed questionnaire over the telephone

Ashton Owls	Dolydd, Carno Road, Caersws, Powys	Public displays of owls	Facebook	
Falconry Experience	Maes Dulais, Forge, Machynlleth, Powys	Falconry experience	Website	
Hawksdrift Ltd	Le y Deryn, Cwmbach, Builth Powys	Bird control, talks and falconry display	Website	Yes – completed questionnaire over the telephone
Mid Wales Falconry	Pen y Bryn, Castle Cerinion, Welshpool	Falconry experience, hunting, parties and weddings	Website	
Valley View Training	Upper Llwyn Lane, Nantmel, Rhayader	Falconry experience, training and parties	Website and Facebook	Yes – completed the questionnaire on line

West Wales Region

Carmarthenshire

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Angelbank Carriages	Swn Yr Afon, Felindre, Gelliwen, Carmarthen	Mainly instruction of carriage driving, also picnic drives etc.	Website and Facebook	
Anne Benjamin	52 Brynheillog, Llanelli	Dog for stage productions	Does not advertise	
Mark Evans Carriage Master	Cefn Cilgwyn, Llangadog, Carmarthenshire	Carriage rides for all occasions – parties, weddings, funerals	Website and Facebook	
Geraint the Snakeman	20 Llys Alys, Llanelli	Reptiles for school visits etc.	Website	
Hawk Off	25 Pen y Warc Road, Llanelli	Falconry – events, weddings, parties etc.	Website and Facebook	Yes - Questionnaire completed over the telephone
Into the Wild	Greenhaven, Black	Animal encounters, therapy	Website	Yes – meeting at café near

Animal Encounters	Lion Road, Cross Hands	sessions, parties, events		owner's house
Jeremy Hywel Williams	6 Harries Avenue, Llanelli	Donkey for Nativity concerts	Nothing found	
Only Pugs Allowed	15 Church Street, Ammanford	Appearance on Britain has Talent	Twitter page	
Plas Glas World of Nature	Pant Glas, Rhos, Carmarthenshire	School talks, birthday parties etc. – variety of animals	Website and Trip Advisor	
The Quack Pack	Rhos Yr Hafod, Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire	Sheepdog display with ducks at parties, events, shows etc.	Website	Yes – met owner at his home
The Tricky Tykes Terrier Racing Display Team	Cilyblaid, Pencarreg, Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire	Shows, events, parties and weddings etc.	Website and Facebook	
The Welsh Horse Yeomanry	Rhydygwydd Farm, Taliaris, Llandeilo	Historical Equestrian Displays	Website	

Pembrokeshire

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Pembrokeshire Pet Parties	1 Silverstream Drive, Hakin, Milford Haven	Mammals and reptiles to parties and schools	Facebook and word of mouth	
EduPets	Fferm Wermlwyd, Wolfscastle, Haverfordwest	Variety of farm livestock, small mammals and reptiles providing educational school visits, parties and events	Website and Facebook	Yes – visit to owner's home to complete questionnaire
Pembrokeshire Sheepdogs	Tremynydd Fach Farm, St Davids	Sheepdog demonstrations	Website	Spoke over telephone and business is now closed

Silent World to You	Sutton West Farm, Portfield Gate, Haverfordwest	Reptile and invertebrates to schools etc. for educational purposes	Website and Facebook	Yes – meeting in café in Haverfordwest to complete questionnaire
Pembrokeshire Falconry	Picton Castle, Haverfordwest	Falconry experiences, displays, weddings, schools and parties	Website, local press etc.	Yes – meeting in café at Narberth to complete questionnaire

Neath-Port Talbot

No MAE's found

Swansea

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Gary Staples	Nantymoel Isaf, Rhydyfro, Pontardawe	Falconer	Not known	
Mangas Coloradas	420 Gors Avenue, Mayhill, Swansea	Photographs with snakes	Not known	
Robert Morgan – Welsh Reindeer Herd	Poundffald Farm, Three Crosses, Swansea	Reindeer herd – premises licensed as a zoo	Not known	

South and East Wales Region

Blaenau Gwent

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Festival Park Owl Sanctuary	Festival Park Shopping Outlet, Ebbw Vale	Sanctuary with 50 birds open to the public	Website and Facebook	

Shared Regulatory Services (Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan)

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Animal Zone Uk	39 Mountjoy Avenue, Penarth CF64 2SY	Schools, parties, TV and film work	www.animalzone.com	
Bridgend Reptile and Pet Store	3 Nolton Seet, Bridgend, CF31 1BX	Reptile parties at home or at venue	www.bridgendreptiles.co.uk	
JFM Exotics,	173 Cowbridge Road West, Cardiff CF5 5TB	Reptile parties	Facebook page	
Little Party Heaven	45 Perth, Stonehouse, CL10 2PT	Mobile petting zoo, schools and events	littlepartyheaven@yahoo.co.uk	

Caerphilly

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	How advertised / Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Rockwood Animals	17 Lewis Terrace, Llanbradach, Caerphilly	Animals for films and television	Website and Facebook	Yes – visit to holding
Farmyard Frolics	Kipscombe, Pandy Mawr Road, Bedwas,	Educational visits	Not known	Suspected that the business no longer operates

	Caerphilly			
Reindeer Ranch	Hedda Farm, Ochrwyth, Risca	Reindeers taken to events	Facebook	Yes – questionnaire completed on line
Lylac Ridge	Danycraig Stables, Danygraig Road, Risca	Reindeers and other animals	Website and Facebook	
Welsh Owl and Wildlife Sanctuary	4 Elidyr Road, Treowen, Newbridge	Owls and birds to events	Website	Yes – visit to organisers home

Merthyr Tydfil

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
A and S Animal Encounters	14 Acacia Avenue, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil	Raccoons, Meercats and reptiles etc. to events, schools, parties	Facebook and posters in local shops	

Monmouth

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Black Mountain Falconry	New Court Farm, Llantilio Pertholey, Abergavenny	Falconry, horse and archery displays	www.blackmountainsfalconry.co.uk	

Newport

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
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Walnut Tree Farm Park,	St Brides, Newport, NP10 8SQ	Farm park and take animals to schools, parties, etc.	www.walnuttreefarmpark.com	
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Rhondda Cynon Taff

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Falconry UK	9 Simon Terrace, Williamstown, Tonypany	Falconry display and educational work	Website	Yes – visited owner's home to complete questionnaire
Nant Y Coed Farm	Mynachdy Road, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd	Farm livestock to school and event for educational purposes	No – word of mouth	
The Nearly Wild Show	11 Cwrt Y Goedwig, Llantwit Fardre	Small mammals and reptiles to schools, and parties	Website and Facebook	
Wings of Wales	Craig y Nos Country Park	Falconry at schools, experiences and Craig y Nos Castle	Website and Facebook	Yes – questionnaire completed on line
Woodland Walk Garden Centre	Heol Creigiau, Efail Isaf, Pontypridd	Reindeer experiences at various events	Via garden centres own website	Yes – visit to the garden centre

Torfaen

Name	Address	Type of exhibit	Website details	Stage 2 Questionnaire completed
Black Mountain Falconry	Brybhyfryd, Garn Road, Garn Yr Erw, Blaenavon, NP4 9RX	Falconry	www.blackmountainsfalconry.co.uk	
Greenmeadow Community	Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, NP44	Various animals in licensed zoo and pet	www.greenmeadowcommunityfarm.org.uk	

Farm	5AJ	shop		
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