

# United Kingdom Deer Population and Management Archive

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## 2021

[Drivers warned of 12,000 extra deer after pandemic puts culling on hold](#) July 2, 2021  
Scotland, The Times

... Deer numbers have increased from about 511,000 in 1990 to about one million today. The reduction in culling means that up to 12,000 deer which would have usually been shot are now roaming around ...

## 2020

[Wild lynx is set to be reintroduced to Britain to cut soaring deer population despite farmers' fears they will attack sheep instead](#) January 25, 2021 United Kingdom, Daily Mail

... estimated there are two million wild deer in the UK ... The Lynx UK Trust is lobbying for permission to reintroduce the big cat, which was hunted to extinction in the UK more than 1,300 years ago...

[Deer cull plan to be progressed in September](#) August 29, 2021 Scotlan, Grampian Online

...Deer numbers across Scotland have doubled to almost a million now from 500,000 in 1990 ...

## 2019

[Deer cull to take place in Aberdeenshire](#) September 1, 2018 Scotland, Press and Herald  
...Forest Enterprise Scotland ... is offering a £78,000 contract to thin numbers at Bennachie, Gartly, Bunzeach and Cushn ... In Scotland, about 30,000 deer are shot on

national forestry estate land each year ... estimated to be between 360,000 and 400,000 red deer and 200,000 to 350,000 roe deer throughout the whole of Scotland...

## 2018

[Deer cull to take place in Aberdeenshire](#) September 1, 2018 Scotland, Press and Herald ...Forest Enterprise Scotland ... is offering a £78,000 contract to thin numbers at Bennachie, Gartly, Bunzeach and Cushn ... In Scotland, about 30,000 deer are shot on national forestry estate land each year ... estimated to be between 360,000 and 400,000 red deer and 200,000 to 350,000 roe deer throughout the whole of Scotland...

## 2015

[Deer DNA used for first time in UK to prosecute poacher](#) February 4, 2015 United Kingdom, BBC

... the head of a red deer hind and other body parts were found at Druim na Brein-choille on Glenfinnan Estate. Samples of the deer heart and deer hair were taken to the Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture laboratory in Edinburgh for examination. A search warrant was later obtained to search Kennedy's van and a blood stain was found on a metal tray in the rear of the van...

[Leighton Moss nature reserve: RSPB locks horns with deer lovers over cull](#) February 7, 2015 United Kingdom, The Independent

... Red deer were once nearly extinct in the area ... Before the end of March, the RSPB intends to kill eight to 10 animals. ... a former volunteer at the centre, Marianne Birkby, from Milnthorpe, now plans to resign ... the deer are used as a marketing tool by the RSPB to advertise the reserve while also being culled...

[Lynx could roam our woods again: Experts want wild cat reintroduced after 1,300 years to help control the deer population](#) March 9, 2015 United Kingdom, Daily Mail

... Scientists argue that introducing lynx will benefit the ecosystem, by helping control the 1 million UK deer population, as well as boosting the tourist economy. But the move is controversial and likely to be opposed by farmers ...

## 2014

['Join the fight against deer poaching'](#) September 23, 2014 United Kingdom, middevongazette.co.uk

... Members of the public are being asked for help in a crackdown on the illegal hunting of Exmor's red deer... The public seminar will take place in Exford Village Hall on Wednesday, October 15 from 7:30pm. There is no need to book and anyone with an interest in the welfare of Exmoor's red deer is welcome...

[Acorns in short supply, say Forestry Commission and naturalists](#) September 25, 2014 United Kingdom, theguardian.com

... The idea goes like this: in a 'mast' year, predators like squirrels and deer can't eat all the acorns, so they leave some nuts for growing into future oak trees. Years of lean acorn production keep predator populations low, so there are fewer animals to eat all the seeds in a mast year....

[Chinese water deer](#) November 24, 2014 United Kingdom, theguardian.com

... The Chinese Water Deer Hydropotes inermis has tusks rather than antlers, making it the most primitive of the deer species and therefore a biologically important animal. In Britain they are firmly established in the wild despite being classed as an invasive species ...

[Combing the Quantocks' valleys for deer counts - how many are there?](#) November 16, 2014 United Kingdom, WesternDailyPress

... the deer counters ... an annual count of red deer since 1994, painting a picture of the health of the herd... a high of 958 deer – made up of 777 hinds and calves and 181 stags and prickets – in 2005 ... while the proportion of all females to males stands at 2.25 to 1, the proportion of hinds to active stags over four years old – crucial to understanding the potential breeding success of the herd – was closer to 10 to 1.

[Deer call over protected forests](#) July 23, 2014 United Kingdom, MailOnline

... A decades-long study of national parks in Ireland .. Researcher Dr Miles Newman said deer grazing at the correct level is highly important for the conservation of native oak woodlands... [Exclusion of large herbivores: Long-term changes within the plant community](#) was published in the journal Forest Ecology and Management

[Deer could be culled on Ashdown Forest 'to improve health of the herd'](#) September 23, 2014 United Kingdom, Courier.co.uk

... It is estimated that 20 female deer will need to be killed on the public areas of the forest in order to have a healthy population. While it is difficult to properly record their numbers there are thought to be 6,000 deer on the forest as a whole. [Show us the science that demonstrates a cull of 20 will benefit the remaining deer] ... What do you think about the proposed cull? E-mail your views on the issue to [editor@eg.courier.co.uk](mailto:editor@eg.courier.co.uk)

[Deer culling could rise as Forestry Commission unveils estate plans](#) July 4, 2014 United Kingdom, stv.tv

... The Commission culls 30,000 deer a year, a figure that could now be set to rise in some areas... If deer are in balance with the environment then any browsing or grazing

is acceptable... Forest management officer Bruce Sewell said: "It's reckoned there's something like 750,000 deer in Scotland...

[Deer farming gains ground](#) September 4, 2014 United Kingdom, The Scottish Farmer  
... Retail sales of venison have increased by over 400% in the UK over the last year - but to cope with this demand, UK suppliers have been importing ever more venison from New Zealand, Poland, Ireland and Spain...

[Do we want wolves?](#) January 6, 2014 Scotland, thescottishfarmer.co.uk  
... researchers at the University of Manchester have set up an online poll to gauge public opinion about wolf reintroduction, and compare peoples' perception of the threats they might pose with the reality of wolf behaviour in areas where they already roam free.... research shows that the deer population is too dense in the Highlands...

[Family of late Highlander launch fund to protect deer](#) October 31, 2014 Scotland, Strathspey and Badenoch Herald  
... The family of late Highlander Lea MacNally, for whom Prince Charles once stalked as mark of respect, has inaugurated a fighting fund to highlight and tackle serious problems facing native red deer... "Conservation groups are battenning on deer as a whole and treating them as vermin...

[Fight or flight? Vocal cues help deer decide during mating season](#) February 9, 2014 United Kingdom, Phys  
... male fallow deer ... can call for a mate more than 3000 times per hour during the rut  
... new study, published today (10 February) in the journal Behavioral Ecology, scientists were able to gauge that fallow bucks listen to the sound quality of rival males' calls and evaluate how exhausted the caller is and whether they should fight or keep their distance...

[Forestry Commission Scotland's £5m from deer culls](#) January 14, 2014 Scotland, Scotsman.com

... Around 30,000 deer are shot on national forestry estate land each year in order to prevent overpopulation and to protect the 85 million young trees growing. A large proportion are sold on to meat dealers ... The cull Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) property last year brought in £1.52 million compared to £991,000 in 2009...

[Hunters using dogs to kill wild deer and sell meat on black market](#) February 19, 2014 United Kingdom, Stv.tv

... Hunters are using dogs to kill wild deer and sell their meat on the black market. The trained dogs are being used in parts of Fife, particularly Wemyss, Cardenden, Leslie, Oakley and Saline, to chase and kill the deer...

[Illegal snaring harming deer numbers in Scotland. SSPCA says](#) February 27, 2014 United Kingdom, BBC Online

... The Scottish SPCA ... has asked people to look out for snares and warned dog walkers to be vigilant. ... this type of activity is prevalent in East Ayrshire ...

[Jobs at risk from 'excessive deer culling'](#) December 28, 2014 United Kingdom, The Scotsman

... The Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) believes that culls carried out by conservation bodies such as the John Muir Trust are to blame for a shortage of deer on the hills.... in certain areas, red deer are being culled to such a level that communities which are reliant on deer stalking for much-needed revenue are suffering...

[Landowners urged to work together to keep deer herd in good health](#) January 21, 2014 Britain, Western Morning News

... One problem John believes is putting the herd out of balance is trophy hunting, where guides take out paying stalkers looking to shoot a stag or buck because it has an

impressive set of antlers that will look good on the wall. “The guides have got the make money – it is their business,” he said. “But the best way to control the deer is by culling the females and that is the responsible thing to do, not just take bucks and stags.” ...

[Poachers unleashing coursing dogs on herds of fallow deer](#) October 9, 2014 United Kingdom, WestMorningNews

... A herd of fallow deer in a Westcountry park have been set upon by thugs with dogs, leaving two dead and two so badly injured they had to be destroyed...

[Police crackdown on deer poaching in Forest of Dean](#) March 7, 2014 United Kingdom, BBC

... The Deer Initiative said poaching is being carried out on a "semi industrial scale" due to the rise in the price of venison, and a carcass can fetch up to £200 on the black market...

[Ravenous Deer Might Not Destroy Biodiversity After All](#) April 9, 2014 Wired News

... “In a world where there were no deer at all, we might lose some our plant diversity,” said ecologist Susan Cook-Patton of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, co-author of an [April 8 Proceedings of the Royal Society B study](#) describing the findings ... they found that the high-diversity plots actually did much better when deer had grazed in them. According to Cook-Patton, that’s because deer appetites prevented hardy, fast-growing species from proliferating...

[Red deer counters keep an eye on the numbers and health of the Quantock herd](#) November 11, 2014 United Kingdom, WestMorningNews

... From a high of 958 deer – made up of 777 hinds and calves and 181 stags and prickets – in 2005, the year the ban on traditional stag hunting came into force, deer numbers on the Quantocks have steadily fallen, according to the count. Fog skewed the results in 2012, making the final figure of 306, just 26 of them males ...

[Rise of the Chinese hunter: How wealthy Asian tourists are spending £100,000 to shoot stags in Scotland](#) August 11, 2014 Daily Mail

... Wealthy Chinese tourists are splashing out up to £100,000 on hunting trips to Scotland, so they can feel like Downton Abbey's Earl of Grantham ... 'We kit them out with the tweeds and set them up on a private estate so they can be laird for a week. It's the ultimate experience.' ...

[Scotland's gamekeepers condemn deer cull](#) January 23, 2014 Scotland, Courier

... The Scottish Gamekeepers Association has condemned a race against time to slaughter almost 700 female deer and their calves in the Angus Glens for raising "serious welfare issues" for the animals... Glenisla estates owner Major John Gibb said the only way to hit SNH's "out of date" target now is by "cruel" mass slaughter...

Sellafield, [Angry reaction to proposals for Sellafield deer cull](#) January 24, 2014 United Kingdom, ITV

... A row has broken out over plans to cull a herd of deer at the Sellafield nuclear site. The herd has become trapped in woodland between the original perimeter fence, and a newly installed second barrier. Sellafield says it has been advised by experts that killing the deer is the most humane option, but there's been an angry reaction from environmental campaigners and some local people...

Sellafield, [Plea to Queen legend Brian May to help save Sellafield deer](#) January 27, 2014 United Kingdom, News and Star

... Sellafield has revealed that the wild roe deer, trapped between two fences at the nuclear plant, are to be shot ... Animal rights campaigners fighting to stop a herd of deer being culled have turned to legendary Queen guitarist Brian May for help...

Sellafield, [Cull of trapped deer will go-ahead say Sellafield bosses](#) January 29, 2014 United Kingdom, News and Star ·



... Controversial plans to shoot a herd of trapped roe deer at Sellafield as led to a storm of protests – but bosses at the nuclear plant say the cull will still go ahead... In just one week, hundreds of people have voiced their anger at the cull ...

[White deer believed to be first born at Normanby Hall Country Park in 50 years](#) January 19, 2014 United Kingdom, Grimsby Telegraph

... TWO white deer have boosted the Golden Jubilee celebrations at North Lincolnshire's top tourism attraction – Normanby Hall Country Park... "The deer are a very important part of the park and are extremely popular with visitors ... Visitors are welcome to walk through the extensive deer park ...

[Wildlife Watch - the secretive deer](#) September 23, 2014 United Kingdom, Courier.co.uk  
... Roe deer are one of only two deer native to Great Britain. Unlike its larger cousin, the red deer, roe deer tend to be solitary and secretive for much of the year. Therefore, very few people have seen a roe deer, despite them being our most populous deer with over 500,000 living out in the wild...

## 2013

[Achieving landscape-scale deer management for biodiversity conservation: The need to consider sources and sinks](#) March 7, 2013 Kristin Wäber, Jonathan Spencer, Paul M. Dolman, Journal of Wildlife Management

... Applied across 234 km<sup>2</sup> of Eastern England, we assessed management of invasive Reeve's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) and native roe (*Capreolus capreolus*), measuring deer density (using thermal imaging distance transects 780 km/year), fertility, neonatal survival, and culling to quantify source-sink dynamics over 2008–2010. Despite management that removed 23–40% of the annual population, 1,287 (95% CI: 289–2,680) muntjac and 585 (454–1,533) roe deer dispersed annually into the wider

landscape, consistent with their ongoing range expansion. For roe deer, culled individuals comprised fewer young deer than predicted by a Leslie matrix model assuming a closed population, consistent with age-dependent emigration. In this landscape, for roe and muntjac, an annual cull of at least 60% and 53%, respectively, is required to offset annual production. Failure to quantify deer numbers and productivity has allowed high density populations to persist as regional sources contributing to range expansion, despite deliberative management programs, and without recognition by managers who considered numbers and impacts to be stable. Reversing an unfavorable condition of woodland biodiversity requires appropriate culls across large contiguous areas, supported by knowledge of deer numbers and fertility ...

[BBC Newsline investigates deer carting issue](#) March 8, 2013 United Kingdom, BBC News

... For some time, the USPCA had believed deer from the farm complex, near Hillsborough, were being 'carted' to be used in hunts. 'Carting' is when captive animals are moved by trailer to a location then released to be hunted ... Almost simultaneously with the hunt setting off, the deer was finally released. The lone rider pursued it up a nearby hill. Within six minutes, the rest of the hunt came galloping past ...

[Big deer cull 'would hurt rural Scots'](#) March 8, 2013 Scotland, Scotsman

"Many of these communities are struggling because deer numbers have fallen so low. Culling at the levels suggested could lead to empty glens if sustained. Conservation would work better ..." Scottish Gamekeepers Association ... " ... This study misses the point about deer distribution in Scotland entirely ..."

[Huge deer cull 'would be a rural disaster'](#) March 8, 2013 United Kingdom, This is Cornwall

... Culling half of the UK's deer population spells disaster for many rural communities, gamekeepers have warned. While the Westcountry is likely to be one of the hotspots for a cull, the Scottish Gamekeepers Association has spoken out against the plans ...

[Charity's deer cull is rejected](#) February 9, 2013 United Kingdom, Herald Scotland  
The John Muir Trust (JMT), which campaigns for the protection of wild lands, had wanted to kill up to 100 deer in order to protect woodland habitats on its 9140-acre Quinag Estate, in north-west Sutherland, but Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) rejected its application. ...

[Co-ordinated effort needed to make deer cull effective and humane](#) March 11, 2013, United Kingdom, This is Cornwall  
... Mr Stowers and the Deer Initiative are cautious about the research from East Anglia, as is the British Association of Shooting and Conservation. BASC said: "This research is specific to an area of land in East Anglia and it is dangerous to take their estimates of population and extrapolate these to an overall figure for the number of deer which might exist across the country." Mr Stowers agrees. For one thing muntjac – which was studied by the university – only exist in small numbers in Dorset and Somerset ...

[Concern over culling of red deer](#) January 1, 2013, United Kingdom, BBC News  
A sporting estate owner has warned that the culling of red deer has damaged Scotland's deer stalking economy... According to reports commissioned by SNH, there are between 360,000 and 400,000 red deer in Scotland... the numbers of deer being culled had remained steady, at about 55,000 to 60,000, for almost a decade...

[Deer cull in Angus Glens fails to meet target](#) March 18, 2013 United Kingdom, The Courier  
...Since October 20, 518 female deer have been killed, against a target cull of 830, despite Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) extending the culling season. The cull is part

of a 10-year agreement ... the Caenlochan estates have succeeded in reducing herd numbers to a level of 20 per sq km, they have fallen short of 19 per sq km target that is demanded by SNH...

[Deer cull row as Trust applies for out-of-season shooting licence](#) January 17, 2013

Scotland, Sutherland Northern Times

... the John Muir Trust (JMT) has been branded “childish” and “antagonistic” ... The JMT said it wanted to cull 100 stags, rather than 45 as recommended by Scottish Natural Heritage, the body responsible for the sustainable management of deer in Scotland. Opponents claimed the cull would reduce stag numbers to a level that would impact on other sporting estates and the area’s fragile economy. ...

[Deer cull would threaten thousands of jobs, say furious gamekeepers](#) March 9, 2013

United Kingdom, The Guardian

... The uproar over the deer-culling call follows publication last week of [a study](#) ... The authors, led by ecologist Paul Dolman, reported ... around the Norfolk-Suffolk border. Deer densities were found to be much higher than previously assumed ... they called for a cull of half of the area's 3,500 muntjac deer and 60% of its 2,211 roe deer ... Dolman was reported as saying his team's research suggested that up to 750,000 deer would have to be culled to prevent widespread ecological damage. "I didn't say that," Dolman told the Observer...

[Deer group to tackle poaching](#) May 9, 2013 United Kingdom, The Northern Echo

A deer watch group has been set up to monitor Ferryhill Carrs nature reserve, at Ferryhill, and other poaching hotspots in the south Durham area. Volunteers formed the group after attending a public meeting that was called by police following a series of incidents, including the slaughter of two pregnant deer ...

[Deer is new primary school pupil](#) May 15, 2013 United Kingdom, Gazette Series

... at a Wotton-under-Edge school. A roe deer has been seen in the fenced grounds of the British School... Roe deer became extinct in England during the 18th century, but following reintroduction, there is now a population of around 500,000 in Britain...

[Deer must be culled by 50 per cent, scientists warn](#) March 7, 2013 United Kingdom

Farmers Guardian

The research team investigated the numbers, sex ratio and fertility of roe and muntjac deer across 234 km<sup>2</sup> of forested land and heathland in Breckland, East Anglia, to measure the effectiveness of deer management... Deer also carry diseases such as Lyme. [deer are immune to Lyme and don't carry the disease, [see the research](#)] ... , the report, published ... in the Journal of Wildlife Management,

[Deer report prompts call for landowners' joint approach](#) March 15, 2013 United

Kingdom, East Anglian Daily Times

... Graham Downing, who is chairman of the Suffolk Country Land and Business Association and edits the British Deer Society journal [said] ... "I would agree that in some areas where they are having an adverse impact on biodiversity ... You have got to look at each individual case and each individual landscape unit and you have got to manage deer within the landscape units." ...

[Do Red Deer Stags \(Cervus elaphus\) Use Roar Fundamental Frequency \(F0\) to Assess Rivals?](#) M Garcia, BD Charlton, MT Wyman, WT Fitch, D Reby - PLOS ONE, 2013

[HTML]

It is well established that in humans, male voices are disproportionately lower pitched than female voices, and recent studies suggest that this dimorphism in fundamental frequency (F0) results from both intrasexual (male competition) and intersexual (female mate choice) selection for lower pitched voices in men. However, comparative

investigations indicate that sexual dimorphism in F0 is not universal in terrestrial mammals.... Our results show that stags' responses (latencies and durations of attention, vocal and approach responses) were not affected by the F0 of the roar. This suggests that intrasexual selection is unlikely to strongly influence the evolution of roar F0 in Scottish red deer stags ...

[East Lancashire deer could be culled if population continues to grow](#) March 8, 2013

United Kingdom, Lancashire Telegraph

... Alistair Boston, of the Deer Initiative, a national body promoting sustainable management of wild deer, said he believed that initiative was working well ... Alan Wright, of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, said: "We are lucky to have these magnificent creatures here, and the numbers aren't causing a problem, but if they were, we would support a humane cull." ...

[Female deer take control during the mating season, study finds](#) January 30, 2013

United Kingdom, Phys.Org

... female fallow deer play an active role in selecting their mates, with a consistent proportion (on average 12 per cent) choosing to mate with multiple males each year. "Until now there has been limited understanding of female mate choice during this process, with many people believing that female deer are controlled by males during the mating season, explains co-author Dr Alan McElligott from Queen Mary's School ...

[Fluctuating asymmetry in populations of British roe deer](#) Mammalian Biology-Zeitschrift für Säugetierkunde, 2013

... historical events that generated a remnant roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) population in the north of the British Isles that retained diversity, while populations in the south were apparently extirpated during the early mediaeval era. The southern population was later re-established from small founder populations of introduced European roe deer starting in the 19th century...

[Gangs of poachers 'systematically slaughtering Britain's red deer population](#) November 22, 2013 United Kingdom, Daily Telegraph

... The gangs are using telescopic rifles with night sights, crossbows, powerful lamps and 4x4 vehicles to hunt down and kill the animals. They then sell the meat to "unscrupulous" butchers, dealers and restaurants ...

[Getting the biggest birch for the bang: restoring and expanding upland birchwoods in the Scottish Highlands by managing red deer](#) AJ Tanentzap, J Zou, DA Coomes - Ecology and Evolution, 2013

... High deer populations threaten the conservation value of woodlands and grasslands, but predicting the success of deer culling, in terms of allowing vegetation to recover, is difficult. Numerical simulation modeling is one approach to gain insight into the outcomes of management scenarios... Our results show that managers interested in maximizing tree regeneration cannot simply reduce deer densities but must also improve ground cover for seedling establishment, and the model we develop now enables managers to quantify explicitly how much both these factors need to be altered. More broadly, our findings emphasize the need for land managers to consider the impacts of large herbivores rather than their densities.

[John Muir Trust attacked in Assynt deer cull row](#) October 11, 2013 Scotland, Sutherland Northern Times

... neighbouring estate owners claim the increased cull would impact on their deer figures and also on the wider economy. They believe that the solution would be to erect temporary fencing round the woodland... Andy Hibbert, owner of Loch Assynt Lodge Estate, said: "The number of stags is definitely way down this year. I am heartbroken about it ...

Lancashire, [Poachers kill two deer in Ribble Valley](#) January 13, 2013 United Kingdom, Lancashire Telegraph

... Mark Thomas, Lancashire Police's wildlife crime officer said ... "In recent months we have seen a spike in the number of illegal deer poaching incidents and we are urging members of the public, particularly those working or living in rural areas across the county to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to ... police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or on-line at [Crimestoppers-uk.org](http://Crimestoppers-uk.org).

#### [Long-term density-dependent changes in habitat selection in red deer \(\*Cervus elaphus\*\)](#)

FJ Pérez-Barbería, RJ Hooper, IJ Gordon - *Oecologia*, 2013

... Using spatial information of Scottish red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) winter counts, carried out in 110 areas across Scotland between 1961 and 2004 (a total of 1,206,495 deer observations), we showed how winter habitat niche breadth in red deer has widened with increasing population density. Heather moorland and montane habitats were most and least preferred for deer, respectively. Increasing density favoured the selection of grassland, to the detriment of the selection of heather moorland. The selection of heather and grassland decreased when temperature increased, while the selection of montane and peatland habitats increased...

New Forest, [Dog alert after attacks on deer](#) March 4, 2013 United Kingdom, Daily Echo  
Posters featuring a mutilated animal are being put in car parks by the Forestry Commission, which is urging anyone with information about the attacks to come forward. At least ten deer have died in the past few weeks...One of the incidents took place near Sway, where a dog chased a deer into a public car park. The terrified animal was brought down in front of several walkers, one of whom chased the dog off ...

[Red deer are making a comeback](#) September 30, 2013 United Kingdom, [durhamtimes.co.uk](http://durhamtimes.co.uk)



... Extinct in England by 1800 as a result of over hunting, roe deer populations survived in parts of Scotland. Following reintroductions in the Victorian period and the natural recolonisation of England by animals moving down from the Scottish population, roe deer are now very well established in England. The current population is estimated to be approximately 500,000...

[Red deer slaughter condemned by Scots gamekeepers](#) February 14, 2013 Scotland, Scotsman

Peter Fraser, vice-chairman of The Scottish Gamekeepers Association and one of Scotland's most respected "deer champions," claimed the cull would result in deer being needlessly killed out of season in order to honour a target set a decade ago by the now defunct Deer Commission. ...

[Row over committee chairman's comments on deer control](#) November 11, 2013 Scotland, Herald Scotland

... a spokesman for the Scottish Gamekeepers Association said Mr Gibson's comments appeared to be a calculated attempt to influence the committee ... Mr Gibson previously prepared a paper for the committee calling for the voluntary Deer Management Groups (DMGs) to be brought under the control of the Scottish Parliament ...

[Scots red deer 'breeding earlier due to climate change'](#) August 18, 2013 Scotland, BBC News

... Scientists have been studying the red deer population on the Isle of Rum since 1953... The climate change research is based on data gathered since 1980.... Scientists monitor deer living in the north of Rum every day of the year and are able to identify the animals by sight... The rutting season on Rum ... has been followed by millions of viewers to the BBC's Autumnwatch series...

[Sika deer distribution and habitat selection: the influence of the availability and distribution of food, cover, and threats](#) A Uzal ... European Journal of Wildlife Research, 2013

Large populations of sika deer occur in lowland heath, woodland, and grassland mosaics in southern England... Two main hypotheses were tested: (1) habitat selection differs according to landscape structure and habitat availability at both landscape and home range scales and (2) distribution of sources of human disturbance within the home range of deer affects their distribution. Results from radiotracking 31 females provided support for the first hypothesis and partial support for the second... deer selected open areas close to cover and this selection was stronger with presence of human disturbance ...

[Slaughter of 3500 deer](#) March 19, 2013 United Kingdom, Glasgow Evening Times ... Hunters have culled 3500 reindeer on the British island of South Georgia in a step to get rid of animals that are threatening native wildlife. The reindeer, brought from Norway more than 100 years ago ...

[Sorry Bambi, 40000 animals could be culled after study links thriving roe deer to changing face of Britain's woodlands](#) January 2, 2013 Unnited Kingdom, Daily Mail The thriving population of UK roe deer could be damaging the landscape of British woodland, according to a unique new study... A team from the Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) and Durham University found that an increase in the population of roe deer is possibly related to a decline in the diversity and cover of shrubs below the main canopy in forest areas.

[The value of a random sampling design for annual monitoring of national populations of larger British terrestrial mammals](#) LJ Wright, SE Newson, DG Noble - European Journal of Wildlife Research, 2013

Making use of an extensive network of volunteer birdwatchers, this study illustrates how a large-scale monitoring scheme originally designed for common breeding birds can be adapted to also provide robust monitoring data for medium- to large-sized, easily detectable terrestrial mammals. Compared with bird monitoring, the monitoring of common and widespread terrestrial mammals is rarely carried out using a well-designed sampling design and is largely restricted to sites selected by the observer or biased towards particular habitats of interest, making it difficult to know whether trends are representative of the populations of interest.... Here, we present population trends at national and regional scales for nine species of common mammal over the first 18 years of BBS mammal monitoring and examine these in relation to our current knowledge on these species...

[Why are Britain's conservation groups so lacking in ambition?](#) October 18, 2013 United Kingdom, theguardian.com

... Only three of the mammal species listed in the Rewilding Europe report are thriving in Britain: the grey seal, the roe deer and the red deer. The red deer's enhanced population here (it has more than doubled in the Scottish Highlands since 1965) is, paradoxically, a result of the abuse and neglect of the natural world.... Stalking estates boost their numbers by feeding them in the winter. They also use funnel fencing and salt licks to provide what is in essence canned hunting to the City boys who come to shoot them ...

[Wild deer 'cash cow' warning](#) September 19, 2013 Scotland, The Scottish Farmer

... The inclusion of deer farming in the reformed CAP could encourage sporting estates to fence in wild deer in order to receive SFP, the Scottish Tenant Farmers Association has warned...

[Wildlife expert fears report could encourage unnecessary culling of red deer in Westcountry](#) March 11, 2013 United Kingdom, This is North Devon

A leading Westcountry wildlife expert ... Dr Jochen Langbein ... "It is vital to assess deer management locally. Good deer management doesn't make headlines," he said. "The University of East Anglia report which came out last week is totally invalid when it comes to red deer, which can't tolerate anywhere near a 50 per cent cull rate – even a 30 per cent cull would be harmful," ...

[Wildlife management, deer](#) September 14, 2013 Scotland, The Economist

... sporting estates want to see around 12 deer per square kilometre, conservationists around four... Fencing offers a solution but it can confuse the deer and separate them from lower-lying ground, making life harder for them in winter. A spokesman for the Scottish Gamekeepers Association says this is an excuse used by those that favour culling. Others say fencing can be a good short-term compromise: once forests are established deer can be let back in...

[£2m plans for new entrants and deer farmers](#) May 16, 2013 Scotland, Scotsman

... Deer farmers, who have been excluded from farm subsidies up until now, will also be eligible for a share of the money provided they keep a minimum of 20 deer... Dick Playfair, secretary of the Scottish Venison Partnership, said... ".... Once spread across the sector it won't add up to a huge amount per business but everything helps, particularly

## 2012

[A problem with deer?](#) February 9, 2012 United Kingdom, ian Today

... The Deer Initiative Partnership, was established in 1995 to promote the sustainable management of wild deer in England, and was extended to Wales in 1999. ... Deer populations have increased rapidly in recent decades due to several factors, including: Milder winters; Changes to agriculture such as the planting of winter crops; Increased

woodland cover; Escapes and releases from parks and farms; and Greater connectivity between green spaces in urban areas.

[Animal rights campaigners attack "rush to kill" deer cull policy](#) February 14, 2012 United Kingdom, WalesOnline, By Sion Morgan

Animal rights campaigners last night attacked a “rush to kill” policy that has seen 1000 deer culled in Welsh forestry this winter alone.... A spokeswoman for Animal Aid said: “It is hard enough to put a figure on how many deer there are, but knowing how many deer there should be is a huge question, and not one that can easily be resolved...

[Benchmarking Survey gives clearer picture of deer stalking charges](#) July 2, 2012 Scotland, Land Gazette

... The survey was carried out during 2011 across 76 estates covering 550,000 hectares,,, conducted by the Association of Deer Management Groups (ADMG) ... “We suspect that many estates probably undervalue their stalking product given that stag stalking in Scotland is considered to be the finest in the world, and this survey shows that prices charged per stag per beat per day vary from £240 - £600...

[Changes introduced to protect Scotland's deer](#) March 31, 2012 Scotland, Highland News

... changes to the DeerScotland Act (1996) mean deer can no longer be culled during the close season without authorisation from Scottish Natural Heritage ... shooting of all deer during the close season now requires a licence, even when it takes place to prevent damage to farmland and woodland ...

[Consultation on estate's future](#) July 9, 2012 Scotland, Donside Piper and Herald  
Conflicting views relating to the Trust's management... especially relating to natural pinewood regeneration and deer management ... It has ... pressed ahead with ... commissioning a new strategic deer fence at the Linn of Dee, first phase removal of redundant enclosure fencing, innovative mob planting trials of birch saplings, an extended muirburn programme, and greater activity in communication and community engagement.... Public comments until August 16, see: the NTS website at<http://www.nts.org.uk/property/mar-lodge-estate>.

[Crofters blast out of season deer cull plan](#) October 10, 2012 Scotland, Sutherland Northern Times

... the John Muir Trust (JMT) has come under fresh fire in the ongoing furore over its plan to increase the number of stags culled on its north west Sutherland estate, in order to protect native woodland... Mr Payne confirmed there was a need to address the problem of deer damaging Ardvar Woodlands, designated a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). But he pointed out that JMT was opposed to fencing and intended to increase their deer culls to reduce the impact of deer browsing...

[Deer action plan for Wales announced](#) January 11, 2012, United Kingdom, Farmers Guardian

... The actions include: raising awareness of wild deer and their impacts... developing effective methods for monitoring ... • developing a more collaborative approach ... promoting best practice for population management to ensure the welfare of the deer ... encouraging the reporting of road collisions ... actions will be monitored annually

[Deer are our icons, say Scots](#) February 3, 2012

Scottish Natural Heritage's annual autumn survey has found that the Scottish public views deer as the type of wildlife it most associates with Scotland.

[Deer costs: The economics of Scotland's deer](#) January 2, 2012 BBC News

There has been fresh debate over the culling of red deer in Scotland... There are estimated to be between 360,000 and 400,000 red deer. Also, 200,000 to 350,000 roe deer, 25,000 sika and as many as 2,000 fallow... Deer stalking is thought to generate £105m-a-year for the UK economy with £70.4m of that money remaining in Scotland.... a total of 2,520 jobs were associated with deer management... Trees damaged by deer can take about a year longer to grow in height than those that have not been browsed on.

[Deer cull? That's the lynx effect](#) May 14, 2012 Scotland, The Scottish Sun

... in a bizarre bid to cull rampaging deer. Wildlife experts want fierce lynx to be reintroduced to our forests to help control the number of 'Bambis' ... Dr David Hetherington, a wildlife adviser with the Cairngorms National Park Authority, believes the Highlands could support 400 lynx ... the Scottish Gamekeepers Association last night slammed the call for the animal's reintroduction...

[Deer night-vision cameras in Welsh forests as culling increases](#) February 13, 2012 United Kingdom, BBC News

The FCW said the new cameras would provide vital information about the movement of deer in forestry, where the animals can damage vegetation and trees. David Jam, the

FCW's wildlife management officer, said: "We base our culling on woodland impacts, ... "When the woodland regenerates to a level where it can sustain a good population of deer then you can ease that culling pressure off. "There is a balance - we don't just cull and cull and cull.

[Deer stalking demand and prices high, say Savills](#) October 30, 2012 United Kingdom, BBC News

The increases have come in times of economic difficulties. Both demand and prices for deer stalking on Scottish sporting estates managed by Savills have risen, according to the property firm... over the last five years, prices for taking red deer on estates deemed easy to reach had risen by 5%.

[Democracy too is Darwinian'](#) March 24, 2012 United Kingdom, The Hindu  
Professor Larissa Conradt of the University of Sussex, UK, who has been studying colonies of red deer, finds that individuals benefit if they synchronize their activities and movements, and they have to decide such things collectively.... It is in the interests of the group members to stay together, so that they reproduce more, optimize resources, detect and avoid predators better ...

[Farmers can help protect deer](#) March 14, 2012 United Kingdom, Farming Life  
The local branch of the British Deer Society (BDS) has reported that poaching is on the increase ... "The public can play a valuable role in reporting to the PSNI suspicious activity such as providing vehicle descriptions and registrations, coupled with precise locations and timings."

[Forestry Commission shooting deer at Cannock Chase](#) February 19, 2012 United Kingdom, Birmingham Mail  
Andrew Tyler, director of Animal Aid, said the Forestry Commission should erect electric fences and tree guards instead of killing deer, who are already battling to survive in the chilly temperatures.... "The Forestry Commission, generally, are intolerant of any wildlife. They want sterile areas where they can grow commercial forestry," he said.

[Game sector male dominated and ageing, SNH study says](#) November 27, 2012 Scotland, BBC News  
...The study commissioned by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) suggested 97.6% of gamekeepers, deer managers and stalkers were men... It also reported that 75.8% of the workforce were aged 45 and over.

Gloucestershire: [Stroud deer carcass tested for 'big cat activity'](#) January 12, 2012 United Kingdom, BBC News

DNA tests for "big cat activity" are being carried out on a roe deer carcass found near Stroud in Gloucestershire.... "There are some very occasional sightings of big cats in the Cotswolds but they have wide territories, so are rarely present in one particular spot for long,"

[Highland clearance as criminals target Scotland's deer](#) January 2, 2012, Deadline News, By Mark McKinla

... gangs are cashing in on the rising price of venison by slaughtering Scotland's deer, according to gamekeepers. ... "One way to stop it is to persuade people who run places like hotels and restaurants to think before buying dubiously sourced venison, and for them to realise that they can be charged if they buy venison from a poacher...

[Iconic deer under spotlight as probe launched](#) March 2, 2012 Scotland, Ross-Shire Journal

he Scottish Gamekeepers Association ... paper, "The economic importance of Red Deer to Scotland's rural economy and the political threat now facing the country's iconic species" acknowledges fears that deer are being over-culled in certain areas. ... "over-ambitious and ill-thought through forestry or conservation projects"

[Is the world's oldest deer living in Essex?](#) March 30, 2012 United Kingdom, Saffron Walden Reporter

... Co-owner Jeremy Goldsmith said: "Holly will be 22-years-old this July ... Holly was brought into the castle in 1989 as just a tiny baby when she had been orphaned ... Over the years thousands of schoolchildren and visitors have patted and hand-fed Holly. ... Mountfitchet Castle is already the holder of three World Guinness Records for our animals which makes us wonder, what is it about the castle that makes animals live and thrive for so long.

[Menace of the muntjac is approaching](#) January 27, 2012, Borders Today

EXPERTS believe it is only a matter of time before an alien species of deer starts to creep across the border and into local gardens, fields and forests ... The Reeves muntjac, also known as the barking deer because of the noise it makes, was introduced to Britain from south-east Asia during the late 19th century century, when the 11th Duke of Bedford released several into Woburn Park....

[Order given to landowners shoot non-native deer](#) July 18, 2012 Scotland, The Galloway Gazette



... Muntjac deer have spread rapidly across England and Wales over the past 40 years and caused extensive crop damage and road safety problems. The small deer, which are originally from China, are now expanding northward, but so far they have not become established in Scotland ...

[Poachers blamed for alarming death rate among deer on Crowle moors - and must be stopped](#) October 20, 2012 United Kingdom, This is Scunthorpe

"There have also been poachers down there one hour before dawn and an hour after dusk, shooting the wild deer. "They're decimating the herd. They're being chased from pillar to post. "Unfortunately the fawns are unable to jump the fence when mothers are fleeing hunters' guns and are often found dead day after day, hanging by their hind legs on the barbed wire and nobody is doing anything about it." ...

[Scoping the economic benefits and costs of wild deer and their management in Scotland \[PDF\]](#) December, 2012, SN Heritage

... This work attempts to review earlier studies and identify the main costs and benefits arising from the deer populations in Scotland...

Costs: Deer can cause negative impacts to agriculture, commercial forestry, amenity trees or farm woodlands, and to conservation of habitats and species. Attributing accurate costs at a national scale is particularly difficult to do for agriculture and forestry impacts as costs tend to be very site specific. Deer can also be involved in the transfer of diseases, to humans or their livestock, and pose a more direct risk to public safety through their involvement in road traffic accidents.

Benefits: Deer are an important component of natural ecosystems and wider biodiversity. They have significant wider cultural value to the Scottish people and contribute to the tourist economy. They also provide a significant contribution to the economy in many rural areas, whether for private enjoyment by the landowners and their guests or through leased hunting. Estates are major employers in some rural areas.

[Stop Brutal Deer Culling in Scotland](#) January 5, 2012 ForceChange

... a push to conserve more land has actually resulted in a boom in the deer population ... reports that fawns are being orphaned, deer are being shot and left to die and that the numbers of deer kills being reported by the Scottish Natural Heritage is in fact much lower than what is actually occurring. Walkers reported finding 40 calves that were shot and left to die because their remote location made them difficult to move. Their ears had been cut off to prove that they had been killed.

[Thousands of deer to be shot to help save ash trees from killer disease](#) December 22, 2012 United Kingdom, Mail Online

About 400,000 animals are normally culled every year to keep numbers down... Steve Scott, of the Forestry Commission, said ...'We will use a combination of fencing and deer management. But if you simply use fencing, deer just push through"

[Welsh farmers called on to help manage deer](#) January 21, 2012 FarmersWeekly

The number of deer across Wales has grown as woodlands have expanded ... Over the next five years the Welsh government will lead a plan to encourage landowners to control the impact of wild deer ... data from: [Countryside Council for Wales](#)

## 2011

[About wild deer - The Deer Initiative](#) November 8, 2011 United Kingdom

Six species of deer exist in the wild in the UK: red and roe deer are the only native species; though fallow deer are now normally considered part of our natural heritage, having been introduced in the 11th Century and possibly before .. deer are more abundant and widespread now than at any time in the past 1000 years.... there may be as many as 2 million deer in the UK. However, accurate assessment of deer numbers is very difficult because deer are secretive animals and are free to roam the landscape ...

[ADMG welcomes Mar Lodge report findings](#) December 3, 2011 Association of Deer Management Groups (ADMG)

... potential conflicts between the principle Mar Lodge Estate objectives are reconcilable.... Limited term fencing is identified as having a role to play in the solution – a view that ADMG and other organisations have long advocated. ... [Read the full report](#)

[Animals shrinking in the heat: Sheep, deer, bird and reptile numbers falling](#) October 17, 2011 United Kingdom, Daily Mail, By Tamara Cohen

...Animals including sheep, deer, birds and reptiles are shrinking due to climate change, scientists have warned. Researchers say warmer temperatures over the past few years have made some animals adapt to need less body fat to survive ... They expect the next few decades to see some types of mammals, fish and birds and plants get even smaller - and evolve into miniature versions of what we know today....

[Chemicals and fear all part of efforts to keep deer numbers down](#) February 18, 2011 Wales WalesOnline by Rachael Misstear, Western Mail

CHEMICAL deterrents, contraception, and scaring devices are all part of a new strategy to tackle the growing number of deer in Wales' woodlands. The strategy also includes other measures such as adapting forest and woodland design, and fencing to keep the animal's numbers in check.

[Crackdown on Deer Cruelty](#) November 3, 2011 Scotland, Scotland Food and Drink  
... In one incident, deer were seen running between vehicles on all four lanes of the A92 in Fife ... PC Laing said: "We sometimes see an increase in poaching and coursing at this time of year because game is more evident in fields in which the crop has been harvested, and there are more hours of darkness. We suspect poachers are generally looking to make quick money by selling the venison, while the coursers mostly send their dogs to chase the deer for sport. In both cases, although particularly coursing, the deer are likely to suffer a cruel death.

[Cumbria Police to use DNA evidence to trap deer poachers](#) December 16, 2011 United Kingdom, The Westmorland Gazette  
... the county has taken over the poaching hotspot title from Scotland. ... Jim Govan, former police forensic scientist, said that the same techniques used in murder investigations could be used to crack down on poaching. This will involve taking DNA samples from deer carcasses left on the side of the road. It is thought poachers may leave their DNA on the animals ...

[Deer deaths: Dogs blamed](#) July 14, 2011 United Kingdom Salisbury Journal, By Karen Bate  
OUT-of-control dogs are chasing deer on protected land in Ringwood and have indirectly caused the death of at least two fawns, it is claimed. Farmer Richard Pierson, who owns the 20 acres of fields and water meadows between Stubbings ...

[Deer destroying native wildlife?](#) September 16, 2011 United Kingdom, Telegraph.co.uk  
... [currently] two million [deer] after the introduction of new species like muntjac ... the RSPCA agrees culls may have to be carried out in certain areas, as long as deer fences and other preventive measures have been put in place first .... many animal rights groups argue that deer are now a part of the urban and rural landscape like foxes that should be welcomed... the animals can be stopped from causing a nuisance through control measures like contraception, relocation, 'deer passes' over motorways and fencing ...around 350,000 deer are killed in Britain every year

[Deer numbers soar](#) September 28, 2011 United Kingdom, Westmorland Gazette, By Scott Kirk  
... A big increase has been recorded over the past 15 years ... deer numbers returning to levels not seen in Britain since the Norman Conquest...Warmer winters, year-round crops, a lack of predators and a decline in hunting ... fallow and roe deer were the main

problem in the Arnside and Silverdale area....They are an iconic species and they have to be treated as an asset because they're beautiful animals...Deer are a protected species under the 1991 Deer Act, making it illegal to kill them unless it is done to prevent the animal suffering or to stop damage to crops ...

[Deer stalkers attack 'immoral' cull by bounty hunters](#) December 18, 2011, ScotlandThe Guardian

Gamekeepers have attacked the steep increase in the "immoral" culling of deer at night by stalkers who are paid a bounty for every deer they shoot. Professional gamekeepers claim that deer are being inhumanely culled across Scotland,

[Destructive deer could face a cull](#)September 20, 2011 United Kingdom, Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph

A report has highlighted Corby as one of the worst affected areas in the country for overpopulation of potentially destructive deer. Figures revealed at the British Ecological Society's annual meeting suggested that widespread culling will have to be ...“We manage them to a level, because they are lovely to see. But there is a level where they start to cause damage to trees and crops....“There is a much wider problem of deer management because there are fewer and fewer locations where there are keepers.”

[Experts urge end to cull of Monarch of the Glen on Royal Deeside](#)November 25, 2011 Scotland, Scotsman

The deer population on the Mar Lodge Estate has fallen by 2000 in 15 years.... The panel's report states that the current level of culling cannot be sustained and that in future most red deer should be shot as sporting stags. The experts are also recommending that the trust should erect strategic fencing, with provision for adequate winter cover and foraging, to reduce incursions of deer into the pine forest regeneration zone.

[Fallow deer butt-in for dominance](#) April 26, 2011 United Kingdom BBC News  
By Ella Davies

Male fallow deer intervene in fights between rivals to assert their dominance, according to scientists. Studying the bucks during the mating season, researchers say they found the first evidence of strategic behaviour in deer. Previous studies have highlighted how age, body size and antler size are important qualities that determine which buck will be triumphant. However, research by Dr Domhnall Jennings and his team identified an added layer of complexity to the male deers' behaviour....findings are published in the journal Animal Behaviour.

[Female deer confirm bigger is not always better when choosing a mate](#) April 6, 2011 United Kingdom  
Population Breeding PhysOrg.com

Female deer do not always choose the bigger and dominant males to mate with, scientists from Queen Mary, University of London and Hartpury College have found. The research, which was undertaken in Dublin's Phoenix Park on a herd of fallow deer, ...

[Fence provokes winter deer fears](#) January 13, 2011 Scotland BBC News **Deer** living near one of Scotland's most famous lochs no longer have a "fighting chance of survival" because of a new fence, local residents have said. ...

[NTS faces fine after 'failed' project to cull deer for good of pine trees](#) August 15, 2011

Scotland, Scotsman, By Kirsty Topping

....A Controversial project to cull deer near the Queen's Scottish residence has been branded a failure. The conservation project, which has cost almost £800000 so far, was designed to protect Caledonian pine trees on the Mar Lodge estate ...It has also been claimed that the cull is having a negative effect on tourism to Royal Deeside, where Balmoral is located...Experts had advised the NTS to protect the area with a fence, but the charity opted to order the mass cull instead...The trust has admitted that deer numbers have been reduced to around 1,700 from a high of 3,350 in 1995,

[Peatlands vision](#) December 4, 2011 United Kingdom, Scotsman, Adam Smith, Director Scotland, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust

... Research evidence supports the view that management carried out by landowners and managers to enhance habitats for grazing by, for example sheep, cattle, deer, grouse and hares, increases the ability of our hills to capture carbon and store it in the peat. And the removal of litter and dense vegetation by managed fire reduces the likelihood of peat-damaging fires.... Managed fire in Scotland's hills is an internationally recognised means of delivering biodiversity ...

[Rethink over 'relentless slaughter' of deer](#) April 2, 2011 Scotland Management Scotsman

By Frank Urquhart

THE National Trust for Scotland has announced plans for an independent review of the trust's controversial deer cull on the Mar Lodge estate on Royal Deeside. The trust has decided to ask a small group of experts to review its deer management policy on the estate near Braemar following a public outcry over the scale of the cull, which has resulted in the slaughter of thousands of deer since 1995. Stewart Cumming, 64, the former head gamekeeper at the estate, revealed that he was taking early retirement in protest at the "relentless, year-round slaughter of deer" on the 29,380-hectare estate

[Review recommends improved deer management at Highland estate](#) November 25, 2011 Scotland, stv.tv

Numbers had fallen by nearly half since 1995 to around 1700 but the deer still threatened the regeneration of Caledonian pine forests in the estate.

An independent review of the trust's management of the estate has proposed opening up more areas to the deer to stop them concentrating on vulnerable areas. The panel suggests strategically placed deer fencing ...

[Roe deer cull plan is absurd and abhorrent, says animal charity](#) March 3, 2011 Scotland Aberdeen Press and Journal By Calum Ross

Plans to carry out a deer cull to protect a tree-planting scheme in Aberdeen have been branded "absurd and abhorrent" by a national animal welfare charity. The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA) reacted angrily to the city council's proposed cull of roe deer on Tullos Hill yesterday.

SNH wildlife management officer James Scott ... "Although non-lethal deer removal and relocation options were discussed, the animal welfare implications are significant and this option would not protect the site from deer damage in the longer term.

"Fencing and enclosures have their problems too, as a core path runs through the site and fences would interfere with public access and have been subject to vandalism on this site in the past.

[Safety scheme to avoid further park deer deaths](#) April 14, 2011 United Kingdom Urban Fence The Advertiser Series

WILDLIFE experts have built a £3000 safety fence round a lake at a popular country park after eight wild deer died in its frozen waters last winter. Staff at Whitworth Hall Country Park, near Spennymoor, County Durham, acted after the deer died in the ...

[Searching for the Monarchs of the Glen](#) October 30, 2011 Scotland, Scotsman (blog)

... There are an estimated half a million red deer in Scotland, distributed across the country from Galloway to Sutherland. Creag Meagaidh is home to between 100 and 600 depending on the time of year and the weather ...

[Study into weather impact on deer](#) July 22, 2011 United Kingdom, BBC News

Research is to be done into how the weather and soil types influence the health of red deer ... Ten shooting estates in the Highlands will be asked to take part in the study by the University of the Highlands and Islands. Research published in January suggested deer on Rum had started rutting earlier in the year because of climate change.... there were an estimated 750,000 wild deer in Scotland...

[Two-thirds oppose hunting for sport in Scotland](#) August 10, 2011 Scotland, Herald Scotland

MORE than two out of three Scots are opposed to shooting deer and birds as sport, but opposition is stronger south of the Border. The League Against Cruel Sports last night described the Glorious Twelfth, ... The animal welfare charity had commissioned a YouGov poll across Britain which found that just 9% of the public think shooting animals for sport is "totally acceptable", while more than 60% think it is unacceptable....

[Warmer climate linked to 'early' Scottish deer rut](#) January 14, 2011 Scotland The Guardian  
Wild red deer on a Scottish island have started rutting earlier in the year because of climate change, new research suggests. A decades-long study found ...

[Welsh deer 'could be given the pill'](#) February 27, 2011 Wales WalesOnline by Claire Miller, Wales

On Sunday WALES' wild deer could be given the pill to keep numbers under control, amid fears the animals pose a serious road accident threat. The nation's booming wild deer population could top 55,000 by 2015, from a population of 16,000 in 2008.

Dr Jochen Langbein, from the Deer Collision Project, said: "There are about 10 human fatalities every year (in the UK) because of deer vehicle collisions, though only one in 1,000 incidents end up in actual human injury."

## 2010

[Emperor of Exmoor: MPs lobby to protect red deer](#) 10/28/2010

Small world News Service Five backbencher MPs signed an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons in a bid to stop hunters preying on Britain's wild animals all together. ...

Government figures show about 350,000 deer are culled each year in the UK.

[Poachers shooting deer for venison black market](#) October 2, 2010 Aberdeen Evening Express By Gavin Roberts crime reporter

POACHERS have been blasting **deer** in the North-east to feed a black market in venison, the Evening Express can reveal today. ...A total of 130 deer poaching incidents have been investigated by wildlife crime officers since 2008 and police today said they would do everything they could to stop poachers.