



The project was awarded to GWCT and the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) as joint contractors. The details of the research project can be found in the attached pdf document.

**2) Were any instructions given to GWCT to comply with 11.6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act?**

All contractors are expected and required to comply with all relevant laws, no special instruction to do so is needed. Section 11(6) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is a defence.

**3) Was the experimental GWCT breakaway snare expected to form part of the research?**

The experimental GWCT breakaway snare was not expected to form part of the research.

**4) Were GWCT expected to operate under any licence and if so which one?**

GWCT were expected to operate under Project and Personal Licences held under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. GWCT also obtained a licence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, for the capture and release of badgers.

**5) If Schedule 6 animals died as a result of snaring were the police expected to be informed?**

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As stated above, contractors are expected to comply with the law. The Police would only have been needed to be informed if there was reason to believe that there had been unlawful activity. As unlawful activity was not expected, it was not expected that the Police would need to be informed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach an annexe giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

  
Wildlife Management Policy Officer

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## **Annexe A**

### **Complaints**

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