

## Andrew Gilruth

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**From:** Craig West (72814) Finance and Resources <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 18 June 2026 10:40  
**To:** Andrew Gilruth  
**Subject:** RE: NWCU meeting – request for response

Good morning Andrew.

Thank you for your email and please accept my apologies it has taken some time to respond. Being new into the role, and not aware of the background of this matter I needed to understand a little more about things.

I understand from your email that you raised concerns over the past 12 months. May I ask who these concerns have been directed to? Have you had correspondence with CI Lacks-Kelly and did these correspondence address concerns raised by him?

I believe during the meeting it was agreed that yourself or a representative of the Moorland Association would meet with CI Lacks-Kelly and try and look at the issues raised on both sides against the aims and objectives of the PDG and the rural and wildlife crime strategy.

May I ask, have you had any discussions in relation to this and was this you're understanding as well?

As said earlier, I wasn't in post when the relationship broke down hence requiring the clarity.

Thank you in advance.

Craig



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**From:** Andrew Gilruth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2026 16:24  
**To:** Craig West (72814) Finance and Resources [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Local Policing <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** NWCU meeting – request for response

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Dear Craig,

I hope you are well.

I am following up on my email of 12 May, sent following Joe's kind introduction of you as his successor and copied to you at the time.

We have not yet received a response or proposed dates for the meeting with the NWCU. As set out in my earlier email, following the meeting with DCC Harrison, Mr Lambert and CI Lacks-Kelly, we understood there to be a shared commitment to work constructively through the outstanding issues and rebuild dialogue between the Moorland Association and the NWCU.

The need for a meeting remains important. The concerns we have raised over the past year (particularly around evidential language, "hotspot" terminology, the distinction between intelligence and proven criminality, and the treatment of land managers in police communications) appear still to require resolution.

We remain keen to approach this constructively and in good faith. Could you please confirm who is now responsible for progressing this matter and provide some proposed dates for a meeting with the NWCU?

Given the time that has elapsed, I would be grateful for a response within ten working days.

Best wishes,

Andrew

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**From:** Andrew Gilruth  
**Sent:** 12 May 2026 09:26  
**To:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Local Policing <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Craig West (72814) Finance and Resources <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Dear Joe,

Thank you for your email, and congratulations on the new role.

Craig - it is a pleasure to be introduced.

As Joe will know, following the meeting with DCC Harrison, Mr Lambert and CI Lacks-Kelly, we understood that there was a shared commitment to work constructively through the outstanding issues and rebuild dialogue between the Moorland Association and the NWCUC.

On that basis, might we now identify a date to meet with the NWCUC to progress those discussions and resolve the existing outstanding points?

There is a degree of importance to this, as recent public comments made by the NWCUC appear to suggest that some of the concerns previously raised by the Moorland Association (particularly around evidential language, hotspot terminology and the distinction between intelligence and proven criminality) are continuing rather than being resolved.

We remain keen to approach this constructively and in good faith, and would welcome the opportunity to meet and work through the issues directly.

Best wishes,

Andrew

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**From:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Local Policing <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 12 May 2026 09:16  
**To:** Andrew Gilruth <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Craig West (72814) Finance and Resources <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Good morning Andrew,

I hope you are well.

I had sent a reply to you in December, but it must have got lost amongst all of the Christmas post!

I have moved to a new role, but i have cc'd in my successor, Inspector Craig West, who will be able to assist here.

With thanks,

Joe



**Joseph Dunn**

Arolygydd | Inspector

Ardal Wledig Conwy & Sir Ddinbych | Conwy & Denbighshire Rural  
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**From:** Andrew Gilruth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 11 May 2026 18:59  
**To:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Local Policing <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Update

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Dear Joe,

Might we be able to progress with a NWCUC meeting please?

Best wishes

Andrew

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**From:** Andrew Gilruth  
**Sent:** 03 December 2025 20:46  
**To:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Finance and Resources <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Dear Joe,

Thank you for your email, and congratulations on [REDACTED], I hope all is well.

I am grateful for you sending through the TDG terms of reference and the 4P plan for Bird of Prey Crime, which I will share with the Moorland Association board for consideration. From our perspective, the meeting with DCC Harrison, Mr Lambert and CI Lacks-Kelly was constructive in setting out a path for rebuilding dialogue. A key outcome, as we understood it, was the intention for both sides to work through the various points raised over the past year, including those raised by the MA and those held by the NWCUC, so that any misunderstandings or inaccuracies can be addressed and the record clarified where necessary. We welcomed that approach and remain committed to it.

On that basis, it seems both appropriate and consistent with the discussion that any concerns about any blog posts are addressed as part of that agreed review process. Equally, the MA has raised a number of questions over the past year for which we have not yet received a response, and we anticipate that these too will form part of the joint work needed to rebuild trust and establish a shared understanding of the issues.

I agree entirely with Mr Lambert that a meeting between myself and CI Lacks-Kelly would be a helpful next step. I remain open to such a meeting and hopeful that it can provide a foundation for re-engagement within the TDG framework, should that prove possible.

Thank you again for making contact. Please do let me know if you would like to discuss any of this further.

Kind regards,

Andrew

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**From:** Joseph Dunn (73237) Finance and Resources <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 December 2025 15:04  
**To:** Andrew Gilruth <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Update

Dear Andrew,

I hope that you are well. I am just following up on some actions following the meeting you had with DCC Harrison, your Chairman Mr Lambert and C.I Lacks-Kelly.

Apologies I was away from work on [REDACTED] and missed the meeting, and there seems to have been some crossed wires about who was sending through further information to yourself.

I attach the terms of reference for the Tactical Delivery Groups (TDGs), which were formerly PDGs.

For the NWCU to work with the Moorland association, we would seek acknowledgement of the terms of reference, and agreement to the NGO accountabilities set out in the 4p plan for Bird of Prey Crime (attached below).

It is my understanding that Mr Lambert desired a meeting between yourself and C.I Lacks-Kelly to consider the way forward constructively. For this to take place, C.I Lacks-Kelly had asked that you demonstrate you are the right person for the TDG by ensuring the incorrect blog post was removed. It was noted that the post has been altered several times but will require removing and recognising that it was fundamentally incorrect.

For your kind consideration, and happy to discuss if needed.

#### Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)

- Identification of criminality (through reporting or other channels) requiring law enforcement action.
- Prompt and timely crime reporting and sharing of intelligence.
- When requested, NGOs deliver specialist training to police forces nationally.
- To proactively identify problems, identify and allocate ownership and accountability and to work with other stakeholders to find solutions.
- Work with Central Government to tackle the drivers of BoP crime.
- Intelligence/crime data sharing between agencies.
- To use Police crime recording standards when seeking official comment.
- To Promote Op OWL.
- To identify, share and promote examples of best practice



- Advice and guidance on best practice.
- Media campaigns to raise awareness of BoP crime.
- Op EASTER - multi-agency social media campaign to raise awareness of egg collecting.
- Operation GLASSBEAK – multi agency national operation to protect the most vulnerable nesting Peregrine falcons prior to and during the breeding season.
- To identify and target those individuals at high risk of offending, to divert them from involvement e.g. early intervention approach.

With kind regards,

Joe



#### Joseph Dunn

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