The Deer Act 1991 (as amended)

LICENCE – Take or Kill deer during the relevant closed season or at night

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.

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Natural England
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Bristol
BS1 5AH
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Licence number: [redacted]

Under The Deer Act 1991 (as amended) Natural England has granted this licence for Deer for the purpose of:

Preserving public health or public safety, kill or take at night, under section 8(3E)(a)

Name (in full) [redacted]

Address

Holly Lodge, Richmond Park

Richmond

Surrey

TW10 5HS

Click or tap here to enter text.

Between the dates of: 05 February 2026 **and** 30 April 2026

inclusive, subject to the conditions specified.

At (locations):

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
Richmond Park	**Surrey**	**TQ194739**
Bushy Park	**Middlesex**	**TQ158696**

For the following species:

Site	Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)	Total Number	Of which stag/buck	Of which hind/doe	Activity	Method
Richmond Park	Red deer (Cervus elaphus)	109	54	55	Take or kill at night	Shooting
Richmond Park	Fallow (Dama dama)	103	44	59	Take or kill at night	Shooting
Bushy Park	Red deer (Cervus elaphus)	100	35	65	Take or kill at night	Shooting
Bushy Park	Fallow (Dama dama)	245	75	170	Take or kill at night	Shooting

This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below.

Name: [redacted] Date: 05 February 2026

(*for Natural England on behalf of the Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

Warnings, licence conditions and notes

Important Advice

- **This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under The Deer Act 1991 (as amended). Any departure from the conditions relating to this licence may be an offence under that legislation;**
- **This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;**
- **This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.**

Licence conditions

These conditions apply to the licensee and any additional authorised person. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that any licensed operations/ activities comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.

1. Only the licensee and any additional authorised person(s), shown on the licence, may act under the authority of this licence.

2. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as they considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.

3. This licence does not convey any right of entry upon land, and the landowner’s/occupier's prior permission must be obtained, as necessary, before the licence is used.

4. Where the licence permits the killing or taking of a wild animal or wild bird, each authorised person must carry a copy of the licence during the course of licensed operations.

5. Where the licence permits the use of firearms, no-one under the age of 18 years may be authorised by the licensee without specific written permission from Natural England.

6. The licensee and additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that all reasonable precautions are taken to ensure that unnecessary suffering of any animals covered by this licence is avoided.

7. A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/ her knowledge and is necessary for the Report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England

8. The ‘Report by licensee of action taken under licence' must be completed, even if no licensed action is taken. It must be sent to the Natural England office at the address shown on this licence, to arrive no later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry of the licence. Failure to make a report may result in the licence being revoked and/or any future applications being refused.

9. Deer licenced to be shot are **120 Red Deer** hind between **01 November 2025 and 31 March 2026**.
   Deer licenced to be shot are **89 Red Deer** stag between **01 September 2025 and 30 April 2026.**
   Deer licenced to be shot are **229 Fallow** doe between **01 November 2025 and 31 March 2026**.
   Deer licenced to be shot are **119 Fallow** buck between **22 September 2025 and 30 April 2026**.

10. Persons authorised by this licence must comply with the terms of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) and the Deer Act 1991 (as amended), and take all necessary precautions when using firearms over the said land.

11. Persons authorised by this licence must dispose of any deer killed under this licence as permitted by the Deer Act 1991 (as amended) i.e. normally without charge or through an approved Game Handling Establishment

12. The Deer Initiative's 'Best Practice Guide on Night Shooting', must be complied with at all times.

13. The local Police & relevant Firearms Licensing Authority must be informed at least 24 hours prior to night shooting being carried out.

14. The Owners/Occupiers of neighbouring land, the use of which may be affected by or disturbed by night shooting, must be notified when night shooting is to be carried out.

15. The Owners/Occupiers of neighbouring land, those responsible for Public Footpaths the use of which may be affected by or disturbed by night shooting, must be notified when night shooting is to be carried out.

16. The only permissible alternatives to daytime telescopic sights are either Generation '2' or '3' imaging intensifying Night Vision sights with infra-red (IR) illumination, or comparable digital Night Vision sight with IR illumination.

17. For the avoidance of doubt, thermal imaging rifle sights are not permitted for use under a night shooting licence

Notes

a. Natural England checks compliance with licences and the attached conditions.

b. Amendments to the list of people authorised to act under this licence can be made by completing their details on line or by contacting Natural England. Additional authorised persons must not undertake licensable activities until their name is listed on a valid licence.

c. You are advised to carry a copy of this licence with you at all times whilst undertaking licensed activities.

d. It is the responsibility of each person relying on this licence to ensure that they comply with all the relevant legislation with regard to the use of firearms. It is also their responsibility to use appropriate equipment (e.g. firearm and ammunition) and to ensure that they are competent to use such equipment so as to avoid causing unnecessary suffering.

e. This licence does not permit the use of any method of killing or taking a wild bird or animal which is prohibited by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, except as specifically allowed by this licence.

f. The data required in your report includes information about: Species, Date of action, Action taken, Number, County, OS grid reference and Site name. You can also send additional information. The required format of the data return can been viewed on the Natural England website. Please note the information and format may have changed from previous years.

g. Only one rifle to be used on site at any one-time during night shooting operations as cited in the Best Practice Guidance

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i. To avoid transmitting COVID-19 from people to wild mammals, you should: stay at least 2 metres from live wild mammals at all times; only capture or handle live wild mammals if necessary and avoid going within 2 metres of known breeding or regularly used resting sites of mammals. If you cannot follow these guidelines, then you should minimise the time spent in close proximity and handling mammals; limit the number of people that come into close proximity or handle mammals, and keep animals separate from other individuals as far as possible.

j. Persons acting under this licence should follow good hygiene practices, including wearing of disposable gloves, or clean and disinfected non-disposable gloves; wearing a face covering when handling and in close proximity to any mammal, and washing hands before and after close proximity or handling of any mammal. Face coverings, non-disposable gloves and overalls or other clothing should be washed / disinfected between uses when handling mammals.

k. You should not carry out activities under this licence if you feel unwell, test positive for COVID-19 or live with someone who has or might have COVID-19.

l. Any products used to clean and disinfect equipment should be safe for use where there could be contact with animals and used at an effective and safe dilution rate. ‘Safe4’ is considered to be an appropriate disinfectant for this purpose and is considered effective against the virus at a dilution of 1:50. Other products can be used to clean and disinfect equipment.

Additional Authorised Person(s)

The additional authorised persons listed below are also authorised to act under the terms and conditions of this licence:

Title	First Name	Surname	Address Line 1	Postcode
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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