

THE ISLE OF WIGHT RED SQUIRREL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1112374

Details

Other names THE RED SQUIRREL TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-12-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE HABITAT, BEHAVIOUR AND EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION OF THE RED SQUIRREL AND OTHER SPECIES SHARING ITS ENVIRONMENT BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, LECTURES, GUIDED VISITS TO HABITAT SITES AND SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE(II) TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT FROM CRUELTY AND SUFFERING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE RED SQUIRREL AND OTHER SPECIES SHARING ITS HABITAT AND ENVIRONMENT BY SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE,

Activities: Walks, talks, 'Adopt a Red Squirrel'. General education about red squirrels, their habitat and the animals they co-exist with.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Isle Of Wight

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £171,310 | £161,827 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £82,011 | £12,028 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £43,712 | £10,512 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £14,324 | £13,344 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £73,584 | £14,386 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £6,192 | £13,437 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|-------|------------|
| Helen Butler MBE | Chair | 2005-01-01 |
| DOROTHY MARGARET CONDIE HUGHES | | |
| Johnathan Francis Bacon | | 2018-11-07 |
| Nicholas Charles Arthur Gurney-Champion | | 2024-03-09 |
| Nicola Kownacki | | 2024-03-09 |
| SIMON JOHN CRADDOCK | | |
| Sally Jane Wiltshire | | 2025-03-15 |

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Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust 2025

Woodland

It has been a very exciting year as a further 12 acres of Whitefield was purchased thanks to two timely legacies. Our holding is now 24 acres. The woodland is in need of restoration and a group of volunteers, led by Helen Butler MBE is doing well in removing dead, fallen and dangerous trees. We have a Forestry Commission licence for the work. We are lucky to have help from a local farmer who is generous with his time using necessary equipment for this huge task.

A local forester harvested a block of the Western red cedar crop and the area is partially replanted with native trees with more to come next autumn. It will be great to see this wood re-establish as good wildlife habitat rather than a neglected plantation. Once the woodland is made safe, groups will be invited in to learn about the flora and fauna and the positive impact our work is having.

Camera traps set up in a mixed area of woodland photographed four different red squirrels. None were captured on camera in Western red cedar.

Fundraising

Two volunteers, Debbie and Beth co-ordinated a calendar for sale which together with sales at fairs and on the website raised over £9000. We are very grateful for their hard work. Local business, aptly named Squirrel Den Collectables, has done us proud with fundraising and donations collected in their shop. Red squirrels feed outside which does help.

Education

Education is the cornerstone of the Trust and Dr Fishman gave talks, which were well received by community groups. Information was also given out at local shows.

During Red Squirrel Awareness Week, seven events were held for varying groups of people, including a university, Council workers and botanists. The flora that has come back to the wood is amazing and includes a national rarity, the narrow leaved-lungwort. To prepare for the week of events, Island Road workers came along to improve the paths and make them safe. Some attendees were so thrilled with our work they donated much needed tools.

For young red squirrel enthusiasts a special group, called The Red Tail Rangers, was suggested and trustee Simon is pursuing the options re setting it up.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

| | 2024 | | 2025 | |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Woodland - Howes wood South | | 180000 | | 180000 |
| Woodland - Howes wood North | | 0 | | 180000 |
| Storage container | | 0 | | 2600 |
| | | <u>180000</u> | | <u>362600</u> |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| CAF Bank Gold account | 63109 | | 42850 | |
| CAF Bank Cash account | 3346 | | 2861 | |
| Cash in hand | 147 | | 359 | |
| Stripe account | 15 | | 0 | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 269 | 66886 | 119 | 46189 |
| | | <u>246886</u> | | <u>408789</u> |
| Total Assets | | | | |
| Less Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Creditors and Provisions | | 500 | | 576 |
| | | <u>246386</u> | | <u>408213</u> |
| Net Assets | | | | |
| Capital and Reserves | | | | |
| Opening Balance | | 176403 | | 246386 |
| Profit for year | | 69983 | | 161827 |
| Total | | <u>246386</u> | | <u>408213</u> |

H Butler

Dorothy Hughes

Red Squirrel Trust

Annual Accounts for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December
2025

From the statements, receipts and documentation provided I confirm that the accounts of The Red Squirrel Trust are a true and accurate record for the period.

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David Redstone

8th February 2026

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ISLE OF WIGHT RED SQUIRREL TRUST

Trustees

Sadly trustee John Gurney-Champion passed away, aged 100.

Two new trustees joined in 2024, Nikki Kownacki, a graphic artist and Cath Hollyhead, who is highly skilled and has many talents.

Woodland

At last The Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust has purchased 12 acres woodland after years of trying. This was mainly thanks to Simon Howes rowing the Atlantic and raising £100,000 and also a generous donation from naturalist Val Gwynn. The woodland is part of Whitefield Wood and we re-named it Howes Wood. We had a well-attended launch in October, with the media coming along too.

The woodland is a Planted Ancient Woodland site (PAWS) and therefore not optimal habitat for wildlife. Our aim is to fell the dense conifer and allow the ancient woodland to regenerate. A professional forester and the Forestry Commission have visited and will advise the best way to achieve our aims. The wood also has Site of Interest to Nature Conservation status (SINC)

Fundraising

Beth and Debbie did us proud with an auction in November which raised over £5000 which is phenomenal and took a lot of hard work. Businesses were generous in their support once again.

Bluebell Day was a success once again and the bluebells looked stunning as usual.

Kitemark businesses

Squirrels Den Collectibles, Isle of Wight Bird Foods and Island Biscuits continue to support us. The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is keen to partner with us and support red squirrels. Discussions have taken place and we look forward to joining them with a launch in spring 2025.

Change of address

The PO Box number has become very expensive, so we agreed not to renew in 2025. Trustee, Nicholas Gurney-Champion offered an office address in Newport, which we all agreed to with thanks.

Shop

A vacant shop window in Newport displayed notices and educational information between April and December. Our new larger than life mascot was also displayed. We have Bernie to thank for making the mascot and Cassie for winning the 'name the squirrel' competition. She chose the name Goldie, which the random selection app picked out.

Talks and shows

The usual shows were attended and did well, largely thanks to volunteer Debbie's input, for which we thank her. Volunteers Jon and Linda gave talks to a variety of groups, which were well received.

We are all looking forward to progressing our work on the Isle of Wight and have many exciting ideas in the pipeline. For instance, trustee Simon Craddock, has started to formulate a project to engage with the younger generation more. Of course once the woodland has paths and a classroom there will be no stopping us!

Current Assets

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| CAF Bank Gold account | 121962 | | 63109 | |
| CAF Bank Cash account | 54189 | | 3346 | |
| Cash in hand | 222 | | 147 | |
| Stripe account | 29 | | 15 | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 0 | 176403 | 269 | 66886 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Total Assets | | <u>176403</u> | | <u>246886</u> |
|---------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|

Less Current Liabilities

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|-----|
| Creditors and Provisions | | 0 | | 500 |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|-----|

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Net Assets | | <u>176403</u> | | <u>246386</u> |
|-------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|

Capital and Reserves

| | | | | |
|-----------------|--|--------|--|--------|
| Opening Balance | | 143203 | | 176403 |
| Profit for year | | 33200 | | 69983 |

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|--------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Total | | <u>176403</u> | | <u>246386</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|

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David Redstone

18th February 2025

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Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust 2023

We are proud to have Axel Scheffler join us as an honorary patron and look forward to meeting him in the future.

We no longer have paid admin support but Beth has agreed to keep Facebook, the website and online auctions going for us. Meanwhile Dorothy and Helen are keeping the admin up to date until we can find a new administrator.

Education

We have a new children's book called 'Ginger finds a new home' by Helen Butler MBE BSc and is aimed at very young children. The story is based on the true life happenings of red squirrels and there are 12 facts, with pictures, after the story. The book is distributed in shops around the Island.

Eight educational films are free to download on u-tube via this link:
www.youtube.com/@isleofwightredsquirreltrust

A free downloadable activities teacher's pack by following this link:
<https://iowredsquirreltrust.co.uk/activities>.

Groups are still keen to have a red squirrel talk. We also attend shows to answer questions and give out information.

The Trust donated Helen's huge book, 'Red Squirrels on the Isle of Wight, 30 year report' to local libraries and there are free copies for universities, vet schools and colleges who apply. Given the medical content and graphic pictures of post mortems, it is not suitable for younger pupils.

Fundraising

Simon Howes was an absolute hero and we stand in awe of someone who rowed the Atlantic on his own and unaided at the age of 67. Plus he broke the record by 43 days! In gratitude from the trustees, Helen presented Simon with a globe showing his route across the Atlantic.

The money raised is going towards The IOW Red Squirrel Trust buying a field so trees can be planted to create a new woodland. The Trust has its sights set on a 12a field which would provide habitat for more red squirrels. This will be a base for people to come and see us - and red squirrels.

The online auctions have been successful thanks to Debbie and Beth, who work really hard to make them run smoothly. Debbie has been a stalwart at the shows and generously buys most of the items sold from her own money.

Adoptions are online now, so supporters can just click to choose which squirrel they would like to adopt:

> <https://iowredsquirreltrust.co.uk/product-category/symbolic-red-squirrel-adoption>

Beth can create a new digital adoption gift, eg. picture book, cookbook, phone/desktop wallpaper, colouring book. This will start with a digital version of Helen's updated children's book based on the original story. Adults like this as well. A pdf of '200 Fascinating Facts about Red Squirrels' is also a popular adoption gift.

Events

Thanks to Nicky Eaton we had a Bluebell Day again. Sadly Iain Eaton passed away shortly before the event and the trustees sent their condolences. The event raised ££552.84., so thank you to all who helped and especially to Nicky for letting us see her beautiful – and private – wood at Knighton.

One of our original trustees, John Gurney-Champion, had his 100th birthday this year. Many congratulations John! Dorothy and Helen attended the party, which was a very enjoyable day

Television programme, The Jewel in the South, featured red squirrels in the second programme. Helen and volunteers Rod and Steve were filmed at the hide and camera trapping (a survey method) at Briddlesford. All publicity helps raise awareness of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight and their national importance in the conservation of the species.

The IOW Red Squirrel Strategy was launched by HB and JB during red squirrel week.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Sales and Fundraising | 8883.97 |
| Adoptions | 2009.50 |
| Donations | 30565.85 |
| Educational Talks | 165.00 |
| Bank Interest | 2087.89 |

43712.21

LESS EXPENDITURE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Goods for Resale | 636.30 |
| Promotional Material and Expenses | 296.50 |
| Postage, Stationery and Telephone | 886.99 |
| Administration | 5750.00 |
| Insurance | 136.07 |
| Childrens Book | 1500.00 |
| Expenses re Hide | 79.96 |
| Bank Charges | 122.09 |
| Educational Talks | 60.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 904.20 |
| Sundries | 140.00 |

10512.11

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

33200.10

Funds available at 1st January 2023 143202.64

ADD: Excess of Income over Expenditure 33200.10

Funds available at 31st December 2023 176402.74

This statement has been prepared from the records and information supplied by the Trust Officers

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LESS EXPENDITURE

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
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| Insurance | 136.07 |
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Funds available at 1st January 2023 143202.64

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Funds available at 31st December 2023 √ 176402.74

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Accounts Agreed
Dr C. J. Hollyhead 25/2/24

£ agreed to summary of accounts
Helen Butler

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We are raising funds to purchase woodland for educational purposes and Simon Howes has raised about £70,000 towards our goal.

The website is evolving and our admin officer has taken advice on how to manage the website and update it regularly.

The Trust was funded by The Hatcher Animal Welfare Trust to have hard copies of a woodland walks booklet away free to the general public. This has been and is very popular.

We have new adoption leaflets which include a will donation form. The leaflets are distributed around the Isle of Wight.

Fundraising hasn't covered the cost of paying for admin and other costs, although online auctions are successful and local firms have been very generous in their support.

A volunteer has very generously been selling cakes, jam and very nice items she has made on her sewing machine, all at her own expense, for which we thank her

We are still recruiting speakers and have 4 at the moment. Groups are still keen to hear all about red squirrels, which is heartening.

We have kept our Just Giving account open and receive donations, in particular from the campaign run by Simon Howes.

Our Bluebell Weekend was successful and as popular as ever. Our thanks go to the landowners Mr & Mrs Eaton.

Although finances are tight for everyone, we are coping at present. The Isle of Wight is a nationally important stronghold for red squirrels and it is vital there is always a team of dedicated people to fight their corner.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Sales and Fundraising | 4777.29 |
| Adoptions | 2338.75 |
| Donations | 66467.89 |

73583.93

LESS EXPENDITURE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Goods for Resale | 895.35 |
| Promotional Material and Expenses | 488.46 |
| Postage, Stationery and Telephone | 864.91 |
| Administration | 11500.00 |
| Insurance | 136.07 |
| Expenses re Hide | 240.52 |
| Bank Charges | 132.32 |
| Educational Talks | 50.00 |
| Sundries | 78.52 |

14386.15

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

59197.78

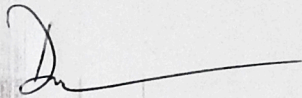
| | |
|--|------------------|
| Funds available at 1st January 2021 | 83025.30 |
| ADD: Excess of Income over Expenditure | 59197.78 |
| Funds available at 31st December 2021 | <u>142223.08</u> |

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Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021

I certify that from the information (statements, receipts and documents) provided that these are a true and accurate record of the year.

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David Redstone

8th March 2022