

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 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.

THE ISLE OF WIGHT RED SQUIRREL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

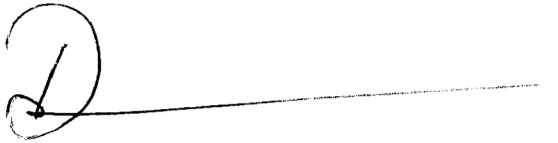
	2024		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Woodland - Howes wood South		180000		180000
Woodland - Howes wood North		0		180000
Storage container		0		2600
		<u>180000</u>		<u>362600</u>
Current Assets				
CAF Bank Gold account	63109		42850	
CAF Bank Cash account	3346		2861	
Cash in hand	147		359	
Stripe account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

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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