

CHARITY COMMISSION

**Penrith District Red Squirrel
Group**

Registration number: 1117418

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 December 2021



Penrith District Red Squirrel Group

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Penrith District Red Squirrel Group
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Penrith District Red Squirrel Group
Charity registration number	1117418
Principal office	4 Cotehill Station Cottages Woodside Armathwaite CARLISLE CA4 9SX
Registered office	4 Cotehill Station Cottages Woodside Armathwaite CARLISLE CA4 9SX
Trustees	R C Benson, Chair J Bailey I Jack J Moss J Pettigrew
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document for the Group is the constitution adopted on 10th October 2006 and it is the Trustees who conduct the business of this charitable trust.

The Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees and all retire at the next AGM after appointment but can offer themselves for reappointment.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting a restricted number of meetings were held by zoom owing to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the usual Annual Public Meeting scheduled for July had to be cancelled.

Objectives and activities

The Trustees continually seek to advance the objectives of the charity by promoting the preservation of the red squirrel population in their natural habitat of Penrith district and their protection from extinction for the public benefit and to advance the education of the public and conduct research concerning the red squirrel population in the Penrith district and its endangered status.

In setting the objectives of the charity, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The main activities of the charity during the year can be summarised as follows:-

1. The normal promotion of red squirrel conservation throughout the Penrith & District area by organising a number of activities including public meetings, giving talks and attending local shows and events to highlight the current plight of the red squirrel and the risk to their existence posed by the non-native grey squirrel had in most part to be abandoned due to the pandemic.
2. Publicity was also limited for the same reason but with the assistance of Green Recovery Challenge Fund Grant a total upgrade of the website along with increased promotion on social media has much improved publicity of the work carried out by the charity. This includes encouraging the public to become members and/or volunteer and report squirrel sightings.
3. At the start of lockdown, it was feared that grey work would have to be suspended – the Trustees established almost straight away with DEFRA and the Police that this control work was deemed essential, and the recruited team of Charity contract rangers continued their work throughout the year.
4. Limited Recruitment, training and organisation of volunteers to support or to undertake grey squirrel control and/or squirrel monitoring throughout the Penrith & District area took place.
5. Obtaining funding from all possible sources to support these activities.

The main achievements of the charity during the year can be summarised as follows:-

1. Obtaining the GRCF Grant at the end of 2020 was a massive achievement and The Group were delighted that in 2021 thanks in large part to the GRCF Grant Award they were able to put in place increased red squirrel ranger contractor cover across the whole of their areas of operation (650 square miles) by funding the engagement of four full time red squirrel rangers and three part time red squirrel rangers, working alongside a further full time Ranger employed by Center Parcs. Equipment upgrade as part of the GRCF funding was a further boost to the long- term sustainability of the group.
2. The network of rangers coordinating volunteers who undertake grey squirrel control and squirrel monitoring throughout our areas of operation was knocked slightly by the pandemic but against this, the public during lockdown spending more time at home helped to increase wildlife awareness and feeding and reporting of sightings. This local knowledge and support is vital to our strategy and ensures the efficient reporting of all squirrel sightings.

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3. The coordination of our standardised squirrel data recording in 2021 shows that red squirrel sightings remain encouragingly high and stable across all but one area of operations, but Trustees are concerned about the spread of grey squirrels – 2019/20 having been exceptionally good breeding years on the back of a lot of natural feed.
4. The sale of squirrel feeders made in Ranger's own time along with the sale of merchandise and donated goods continue to provide a very valuable income along with members subscriptions and donations for which the Charity is so grateful.

Financial review

The Trustees are very pleased with the results and achievements of a difficult but successful year. They are very realistic about the future now that the GRCF funding is almost spent in accordance with the plan submitted with the original application. Funds have been buoyed by a wonderful legacy left by a supporter, but further fundraising initiatives will need to be undertaken in order to maintain the ranger programme in its current form going forward.

The trustees hope to maintain a reserve of £50,000. This will be reviewed every 6 months. If overall funds are predicted to drop below £100,000, then new ranger contracts will be reduced to a maximum of 6 months. Reserve funds will be used for ongoing red squirrel conservation and grey control.

Total income for the year amounted to £373,014, expenses totalled £198,866 leaving an overall surplus of £174,148. At the year end there were unrestricted funds of £343,988 and restricted funds of £30,399. Free reserves were £317,588 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees on 13 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


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R C Benson
Trustee

Penrith District Red Squirrel Group

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Penrith District Red Squirrel Group**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

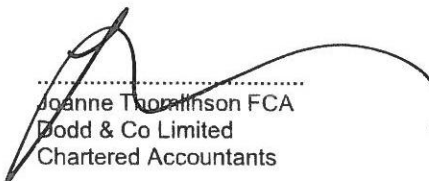
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Joanne Thompson FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

13 June 2022

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Penrith District Red Squirrel Group
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020 as restated
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	240,475	92,800	333,275	221,613
Other trading activities	3	39,621	-	39,621	34,218
Investments	4	118	-	118	-
Total income		<u>280,214</u>	<u>92,800</u>	<u>373,014</u>	<u>255,831</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		10,973	-	10,973	14,610
Charitable activities		<u>14,870</u>	<u>173,023</u>	<u>187,893</u>	<u>129,395</u>
Total expenditure		<u>25,843</u>	<u>173,023</u>	<u>198,866</u>	<u>144,005</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		254,371	(80,223)	174,148	111,826
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		<u>6,612</u>	<u>(6,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movements in funds		260,983	(86,835)	174,148	111,826
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>83,005</u>	<u>117,234</u>	<u>200,239</u>	<u>88,413</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>343,988</u></u>	<u><u>30,399</u></u>	<u><u>374,387</u></u>	<u><u>200,239</u></u>

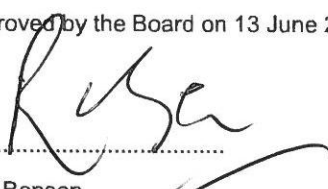
The notes on pages 8 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

		2021		2020 <i>as restated</i>	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		26,400		27,438
Current assets					
Stocks and work in progress		5,190		1,500	
Debtors	11	19,003		7,180	
Cash at bank and in hand		325,714		164,121	
		<u>349,907</u>		<u>172,801</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(1,920)</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>347,987</u>		<u>172,801</u>
Net assets			<u>374,387</u>		<u>200,239</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			30,399		117,234
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>343,988</u>		<u>83,005</u>
Total charity funds			<u>374,387</u>		<u>200,239</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 13 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



 R C Benson
 Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 14.

Change in accounting policy

The accounts have previously been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have changed in this period to accrual accounting basis.

This change in accounting policy has resulted in a prior period adjustment for the charity. The reserves in the prior period have increased by £36,118 to £200,239 due to the inclusion of non cash assets.

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Income and endowments

Donations and legacies including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Shop income and income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance
Office equipment	33% straight line basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £ as restated
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests	162,470	-	162,470	-
Appeals and donations	32,343	-	32,343	28,045
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	7,700	-	7,700	7,180
Membership	36,847	-	36,847	36,838
	<u>239,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,360</u>	<u>72,063</u>
Grants				
Grants - other agencies	<u>1,115</u>	<u>92,800</u>	<u>93,915</u>	<u>149,550</u>
	<u>240,475</u>	<u>92,800</u>	<u>333,275</u>	<u>221,613</u>

Of the donations and legacies income in 2020 £82,613 related to unrestricted funds and £139,000 related to restricted funds.

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other trading activities				
Merchandise	38,593	-	38,593	33,410
Events	858	-	858	808
Raffle income	170	-	170	-
	<u>39,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,621</u>	<u>34,218</u>

All of the other trading income in 2020 related to unrestricted funds.

4 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Interest on cash deposits	<u>118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Expenditure

	Other trading activities	Charitable activity	Total 2021	Total 2020 as restated
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Opening stock	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Merchandise	13,354	-	13,354	13,064
Selling fees	430	-	430	507
Closing stock	(5,190)	-	(5,190)	(1,500)
Postage and carriage	879	-	879	1,039
Project costs	-	171,719	171,719	120,988
Staff training	-	560	560	-
Insurance	-	1,250	1,250	1,199
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	83	83	1,033
Computer software and maintenance costs	-	120	120	120
Printing, postage and stationery	-	308	308	218
Sundry expenses	-	35	35	40
Travel and subsistence	-	1,102	1,102	468
Advertising	-	5,691	5,691	-
Depreciation of plant and machinery	-	4,344	4,344	4,578
Depreciation of office equipment	-	751	751	751
	<u>10,973</u>	<u>185,963</u>	<u>196,936</u>	<u>144,005</u>
Support costs				
Accountancy fees	-	1,320	1,320	-
Independent examiner's fee	-	600	600	-
Bank charges	-	10	10	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,973</u>	<u>187,893</u>	<u>198,866</u>	<u>144,005</u>

Of the expenditure in 2020 £105,658 related to unrestricted funds and £39,469 related to restricted funds.

6 Governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,320	-
Independent examiner's fee	600	-
	<u>1,920</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, J Bailey received payment for administration services for the charity of £14,775. This payment was made in accordance with the provisions in the governing document of the charity. J Bailey receives no remuneration in her role as a trustee.

No trustees received any remuneration or were reimbursed for any expenses during the year.

8 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	<u>5,095</u>	<u>5,329</u>

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9 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery as restated £	Office equipment as restated £	Total as restated £
Cost			
As at 1 January 2021	30,517	2,250	32,767
Additions	4,057	-	4,057
As at 31 December 2021	<u>34,574</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>36,824</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2021	4,578	751	5,329
Charge for the year	4,344	751	5,095
As at 31 December 2021	<u>8,922</u>	<u>1,502</u>	<u>10,424</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2021	<u>25,652</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>26,400</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u>25,939</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>27,438</u>

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 as restated £
Other debtors	7,700	7,180
Prepayments and accrued income	11,303	-
	<u>19,003</u>	<u>7,180</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,920	-

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13 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

14 Analysis of funds

	At 1 January 2021 as restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	83,005	280,214	(25,843)	6,612	343,988
Restricted Funds					
Betty Philips Charitable Trust	2,500	-	-	(2,500)	-
Mr Wills Trust	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Fitton Trust	100	-	-	(100)	-
Oglesby Trust	16,269	-	(1,080)	-	15,189
Green Recovery Challenge Fund	97,365	92,800	(171,943)	(3,012)	15,210
	<u>117,234</u>	<u>92,800</u>	<u>(173,023)</u>	<u>(6,612)</u>	<u>30,399</u>
	<u>200,239</u>	<u>373,014</u>	<u>(198,866)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>374,387</u>

Oglesby Trust - contribution to Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group's upper eden valley conservation work.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund - government funding towards conservation project running November 2020 to March 2022.

15 Transfers

A transfer has been made to unrestricted from restricted funds totaling £3,600, £2,500 from Betty Philips Charitable Trust, £1,000 from Mr Wills Trust and £100 from Fitton Trust. These funds were ring fenced by the trustees on receipt, there were no restrictions imposed by the donors, the trustees have therefore agreed to transfer these funds to unrestricted.

A transfer of £3,012 has been made from the Green Recovery Challenge restricted fund to unrestricted funds to fund the purchase of fixed assets.

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Prior period

	At 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2020
	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>
	£	£	£	£
General Funds		-		
Unrestricted income fund	70,710	116,831	(104,536)	83,005
	<u>70,710</u>	<u>116,831</u>	<u>(104,536)</u>	<u>83,005</u>
Restricted Funds				
Betty Philips Charitable Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500
Mr Wills Trust	1,000	-	-	1,000
Fitton Trust	100	-	-	100
Oglesby Trust	14,103	21,000	(18,834)	16,269
GRCF Grant	-	118,000	(20,635)	97,365
Schroder Charity Trust		2,000	(2,000)	
	<u>17,703</u>	<u>139,000</u>	<u>(39,469)</u>	<u>117,234</u>
	<u>88,413</u>	<u>255,831</u>	<u>(144,005)</u>	<u>200,239</u>

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16 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020 as restated
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	26,400	-	26,400	27,438
Current assets	319,508	30,399	349,907	172,801
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,920)	-	(1,920)	-
Net assets	343,988	30,399	374,387	200,239

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds as restated	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020 as restated	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	27,438	-	27,438	32,767
Current assets	55,567	117,234	172,801	14,226
Net assets	83,005	117,234	200,239	46,993