



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Penrith District Red Squirrel Group

No (if any)
1117418

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-24		31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies and bequests	26,480	-	-	26,480	30,000
Appeals and donations	52,127	-	-	52,127	38,293
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	-	-	-	-	7,573
Membership	38,251	-	-	38,251	35,368
Grants	450	-	-	450	
Merchandise	55,160	-	-	55,160	41,584
Raffle income	145	-	-	145	
Bank interest	25,290	-	-	25,290	969
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	197,903	-	-	197,903	153,787
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	197,903	-	-	197,903	153,787
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	29,041	-	-	29,041	16,333
Selling fees	403	-	-	403	258
Postage and carriage	1,832	-	-	1,832	2,176
Project costs	164,263			164,263	155,354
Insurance	1,548			1,548	1,731
Equipment repairs and renewals	2,983			2,983	1,339
Computer software and maintenance costs	1,096			1,096	478
Printing, postage and stationery	196			196	92
Sundry expenses	601			601	675
Travel and subsistence	477			477	479
Advertising	1,804			1,804	1,990
Accountancy fees	2,808			2,808	2,172
Independent examiner's fee	600	-	-	600	600
Bank charges	152	-	-	152	192
Sub total	207,804	-	-	207,804	183,869
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Plant and machinery	4,465	-	-	4,465	2,309
Sub total	4,465	-	-	4,465	2,309
Total payments	212,269	-	-	212,269	186,178
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,366	-	-	- 14,366	- 32,391
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	412,315	-	-	412,315	444,706
Cash funds this year end	397,949	-	-	397,949	412,315

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current accounts	85,370	-	-
	Stripe	190	-	-
	Paypal	15	-	-
	Bank deposit accounts	312,374	-	-
	Total cash funds	397,949	-	-

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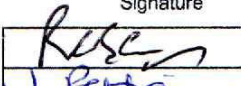
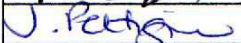
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Plant and machinery	Unrestricted	43,388	24,015
	Office equipment	Unrestricted	2,660	113
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R.C. BENSON	14/10/2025
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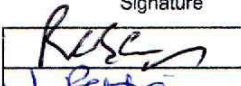
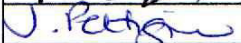
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Penrith District Red Squirrel Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1117418

Charity's principal address Celleron House

Tirril

PENRITH

Postcode CA10 2LS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	R C Benson			
2	J Moss			
3	J Pettigrew			
4	C Bensaid		Resigned 28/01/2024	
5	R P Greenwood		Appointed 08/07/2024	
6				
7				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees, and all retire at the next AGM but can offer themselves for reappointment. The governing document for the Group is the constitution adopted on 10th October 2006 and it is the Trustees who conduct the business of the Charitable Trust.

A series of Meetings were held throughout the year were held – 12th February, 15th February, 26th February, 24th April, 29th April, 17th June, 23rd June, 8th July (AGM), 16th September, 28th October, 27th November, 9th December. Most meetings included Rangers and Supporters as well as Trustees.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the preservation of the Red Squirrel population in the natural habitat of Penrith district, and their protection from extinction, for the public benefit.

To advance the education of the public and conduct research, concerning the Red Squirrel population in the Penrith district and its endangered status.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The promotion of red squirrel conservation throughout the Penrith District area. This included the organisation of a number of activities including public meetings, talks for public and in schools and attendance at shows. These highlighted the increasing plight of the red squirrel, and the risk to their existence posed by the non-native grey squirrel and the virus most greys carry.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Increased promotion and publicity using a much improved and updated website, increased use of social media. This includes encouraging the public to become members and/or volunteer and report both red and grey squirrel sightings.
2. Obtaining funding from all possible sources including membership, sponsorship, sales of merchandise, including the sale of feeders made by the Rangers and donations meant that the group continued to provide landscape grey control across the group area by agreeing annual 12 month contracts with professional trained rangers (6 full time and 1 part time) augmented by a further full time ranger directly employed by Center Parcs, but working closely with the group.
3. The group continued to benefit from the upgrade of equipment and agreed in further to investigate use of latest technology/Apps to help our contract rangers. Continued investment in cameras, thermal imagers is contributing greatly to the effectiveness and efficiency of the ranger team and its grey control work.
4. The coordination of standardised squirrel data in 2024 shows that whilst red sightings remain good in parts of the 610 square miles now covered by the group, the Trustees are very concerned by increasing grey squirrel numbers and loss of reds in part due to squirrel pox virus.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees hope to maintain a reserve of £100,000 and this will be reviewed every 6 months. If overall funds are predicted to drop below £150,000 then Trustees will consider reducing contracts to 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Total income for the year amounted to £197,903 (2023 - £153,787) with expenditure of £212,269 (2023 - £186,178) leaving an overall deficit for the year of £14,366 (2023 - £32,391).

Free reserves at the year end are £397,949 all of which is held as cash.


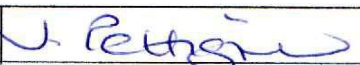
The trustees are pleased that they have managed to maintain ranger contracts. They are however very realistic and see that increased income must be found if they are to continue with the current level of grey control over the next 3 or 4 years. However, the grey situation really requires increased ranger cover, not maintenance of the status quo and they are concerned that this will not be possible unless income is much increased, despite investment of the legacy with increased interest rates which will help but by no means fill the gap.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ROBERT CHARLES BENSON	J. PETTIGREW
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	14-10-2025	