



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/06/23 Period start date

To 31/05/24 Period end date

Charity name: Red Squirrel South-West Project Ltd

Charity registration number: 1138484

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Promoting the preservation and conservation of the red squirrel and its habitat in the South-West of England
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Public engagement and outreach continued via Wildwood Devon's red squirrel enclosure and via social media. Work continued with the Exmoor Squirrel Project, working with Exmoor National Park, landowners and the public to clear grey squirrels to allow natural regeneration of woodlands and to work towards the reintroduction of native red squirrels to the area. Supporting the delivery and coordination of a grey squirrel trapping training course, in order to train interested members of the public how to safely and legally remove grey squirrels.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and planning future activity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
		We are grateful for the individual fundraising opportunities that our

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	volunteers take on of their own accord to help support us. Similarly, this is extended to those that donate towards the project.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>A grant from the Forest Commission Woods into Management Forestry Innovation Fund has enabled the charity to continue the project with Exmoor National Park, hire trappers and officers from the local area and engage with the public about the project.</p> <p>The Grey Squirrel Management Training has allowed the charity to run a national course, endorsed by LANTRA, training registered members how to safely remove grey squirrels to a certified level.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£13770 in bank account
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds for a period of 3 to 6 months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13770 in reserves
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The main risk to the charity comes from a loss of funding within the wildlife charity sector including grants and lack of donation from supporters.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The main sources of income this year was from donations and grants, such as PayPal Donations and the Forestry Commission grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Finances will be put towards outreach and public engagement, in particular linked to the Exmoor Squirrel Project and the surrounding areas. Raising the profile of the charity and building supporter network through activities such as fundraising and educational events.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles of association incorporated 6th May 2010
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable company
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	3 committee management meetings a year and 1 annual AGM, appointments and roles decided then.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	RSSW is partnered with other wildlife charities such as Wildwood Devon, Exmoor National Park and receives support from other red squirrel charities like European Squirrel Initiative, Red Squirrel Survival Trust, UK Squirrel Accord. These partnerships provide the charity with support and information and enable us to keep up to date with the latest advice and knowledge.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Red Squirrel South West Project
Other name the charity uses	British Red Squirrel
Registered charity number	1138484
Charity's principal address	Escot House Escot Park Ottery St Mary Devon EX11 1LU

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	Charlotte Gannon	Trustee		Chairman
2	Patrick John Martin			
3	Thomas Edgar			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

John Michael Kennaway, Director

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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INCOME AND EXPENSES JUNE 2023 – MAY 2024

Profit and Loss Account for year ending May 2024

Opening Bank Balance as at 1 June 2023 **£43,684.34**

INCOME	£
Paypal Donations	61.98
Donations	546.00
Frozen Dead Squirrels Sales (Exeter Uni)	455.00
Grey Squirrel Management Training Income	10583.98
Forestry Commission WIMFIF Grant	62713.70
Forestry Commission GSMT Grant	8597.63
Gift Aid (HMRC)	56.78
The Dogs Butcher (Dead Squirrel Sales)	75.00
Box Trap x1 Donation - F. Gilbert	40.00
RSST Grant - Lantra Membership	720.00

TOTAL Income **£83,850.07**

EXPENSES	£
RSSW Charity Administrator	14007.00
RSSW Project Coordinator	1716.89
M. Kennaway Project Coordinator Hours	954.50
GreenNet BRS Website	150.00
RSSW Domain Name - 123 REG	14.39
RSSW Social Media Platform - Sendible x12	302.40
Policy Bee Charity Insurance	151.20
ENP Project Funding Contribution	45368.11
ENP Project Trap Box Upgrades (P. Morgan)	692.50
PVM Supplies - RSSW Uniform	107.50
Zoom Membership	166.00
Transfer to RSSW Savings Account	30000.00
Grey Squirrel Management Training Expenses	19170.84
Bauer Media	39.00
Companies House	34.00
Stramongate Press Promotional Material Print	569.70
Accelerate Business - Independent Verifier	100.00
Field Studies Council - QGIS Staff Training	220.00


TOTAL Expenditure **£113,764.03**

Bank Balance end of 31st May 2024 **£13,770.38**

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Charlotte Gannon	
Position (eg Chair, Secretary, etc)	Trustee and Director	

Date

24/01/2025
