

WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1144416

Details

Other names WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRRELS, WRSS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-10-25

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED RED SQUIRREL POPULATIONS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT IN SOUTH CUMBRIA AND NORTH LANCASHIRE IN ORDER THAT THEIR PRESENCE CAN CONTINUE TO BE ENJOYED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BY FUTURE GENERATIONS. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF THE RED SQUIRREL, THE THREATS IT FACES AND THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION ACTIVITY TO ENSURE ITS SURVIVAL IN SOUTH CUMBRIA AND NORTH LANCASHIRE.

Activities: Red squirrel conservation in South Cumbria and North Lancashire, including removing threats to their survival and public education in the need for urgent action to prevent their extinction.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,086	£20,910	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,299	£26,905	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,617	£29,221	-	-
2022-03-31	£33,448	£32,057	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,076	£38,347	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GEOFF HETHERINGTON	Chair	2011-10-25
Andrew Hull		2024-10-03
Danielle Chalmers		2023-05-25
Debbie Amal Loring		2025-02-09
Harvey Eric Brewis		2024-05-15
Robert Brian Price		2025-04-24
Stephen Paul Reed		2025-02-21

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Charity name: Westmorland Red Squirrels Society

Charity registration number: 1144416

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Red squirrel conservation in South Cumbria and North Lancashire, including removing threats to their survival and public education in the need for urgent action to prevent their extinction.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaison with landowners and relevant agencies• Squirrel management• Recording sightings• Giving talks and attending shows and other events to promote public awareness
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable. We do not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable. We do not engage in social investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are wholly reliant on volunteers for the management and operation of the charity. There are no paid staff.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded 309 red squirrel sightings • 4558 grey squirrels controlled • Attended seven local shows • Gave five talks to local groups • Attended three online conferences • Gave two media interviews • Attended four external meetings • Held eight internal meetings for members or trustees.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity held cash funds of £24,842 at the year-end - a slight reduction compared with £26,448 in 2022/23.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold sufficient funds in reserves to meet anticipated expenditure in the subsequent year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,327
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memberships: £6,455 • Corporate sponsorship: £6,305 • Donations: £3,414 • Grants: £3,050 • Sale of Merchandise: £2,206 • Additional fundraising (online sales and commissions, collecting boxes, Troutbeck revenue and other sales): £1,963 • Gift Aid: £1,836
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing membership • Reducing corporate support • Reducing donations • Fewer active volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For practical roles

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission model constitution
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	In accordance with Clause 18 of the constitution.

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	Reviewed in conversation with the Chair and with trustees at first meetings following appointment.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly meetings of trustees • Bi-annual meetings of management team (trustees and area coordinators) • Annual meeting with red squirrel rangers • Annual General Meeting
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Associate member of Northern Red Squirrels

Reference and Administrative details

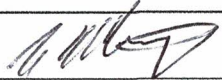
Charity name	Westmorland Red Squirrels Society
Other name the charity uses	Westmorland Red Squirrels
Registered charity number	1144416
Charity's principal address	Sedgwick Cottage Sedgwick Kendal Cumbria LA8 0JP

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Geoffrey Hetherington	Chair		
2	Robert Cartwright	Deputy Chair	Until 25 May 2023 then from 12 January 2024	
3	Gail Armstrong	Secretary		
4	Robert Ian C McIvor	Treasurer	Until 27 December 2023	
5	Alastair David Marshall	Deputy Chair (from 25 May 2023 to 2 January 2024)	Until 2 January 2024	
6	James Blacow		Until 13 January 2024	
7	Danielle Chalmers		From 25 May 2023	
8	Garnet Fishwick			
9	Joshua David Alan Adams		From 25 May 2023 to 27 September 2023	

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)	Geoff Hetherington	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	9 th July 24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY	No (if any) 1144416
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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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					
Memberships	6,455			6,455	6,745
Donations	3,414			3,414	5,220
Corporate sponsorship	5,400	905		6,305	4,664
Online commissions	119			119	222
Gift Aid tax received	1,836			1,836	2,653
Grants	3,050			3,050	2,000
Collection boxes	270			270	805
Other fundraising income	494			494	77
Sale of merchandise	2,206			2,206	2,239
Troutbeck revenue	678			678	1,225
Online sales	402			402	370
Other sales				-	67
Misc income	70			70	1,330
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,394	905		25,299	27,617
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	24,394	905		25,299	27,617
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	1,088			1,088	921
Volunteers' travel & expenses	2,397	343		2,740	2,636
Rangers	16,522	1,712		18,234	21,279
Equipment	1,946	161		2,107	838
Bait	822	749		1,571	2,314
Insurance & subs	223			223	212
Show fees & meeting costs	130	20		150	330
Printing, postage & stationery	470			470	379
Advertising & website	101			101	85
Display equipment	15			15	30
Training	105	35		140	166
Financial charges	66			66	31
Sub total	23,885	3,020		26,905	29,221
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	23,885	3,020	-	26,905	29,221
Net of receipts/(payments)	509	-2,115	-	-1,606	-1,604
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,818	9,630		26,448	28,052
Cash funds this year end	17,327	7,515	-	24,842	26,448

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	17,274	7,515	
	Petty cash	31		
	Paypal	22		
	Total cash funds	17,327	7,515	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

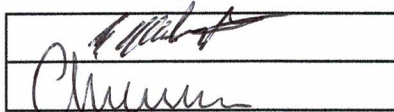
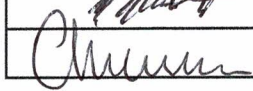
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Categories	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 G Hetherington	Date of approval 11/05/2024
	D Chalmers	11/05/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2024	Charity no (if any)	1144416
Set out on pages	1 - 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/ 03 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

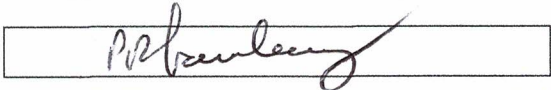
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 10th July 2024

Name: Peter Robert Lansberry

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: Middle Holme, Kentmere
Kendal
Cumbria LA8 9JP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1144416

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Chair's Report 2023

Thank you to all our members and volunteers for their support during the past year which had been another challenging one. One example of the issues we face is the felling of larch plantations (whether diseased or not) sometimes even during the red squirrel breeding season. We are still noticing the aftermath of Storm Arwen when some populations of red squirrels were lost but other areas gained small numbers. As ever, the overall picture is complicated.

Earlier this year, we welcomed publication by the UK Squirrel Accord of the *Red Squirrel Action plan for England* which has ambitious and laudable aims. However there are organisations which are signatories to the accord but have in some cases suspended grey control on their land in our area, which is frustrating for volunteers and difficult for us to understand. Other local landowners are happily embracing the Woodland Management supplement of £50/Ha for grey control which is good news.

The South Cumbria Squirrel Management Forum continues to thrive, with many interested parties meeting twice yearly at Grizedale to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The annual volunteers meeting at Brockhole was well attended in March 2023, including some new and welcome volunteers.

Cumbria Wildlife Trust have recently engaged a part time ranger to work on the Grasmere to Grizedale (G2G) project. Westmorland Red Squirrels has responsibility for the day-to-day management of the ranger, Josh Adams, and so far it is proving to be a successful appointment. In addition to carrying out grey control, some pockets of red squirrels have recently been located.

During the past year we continued to attend shows in the county and give talks to local interest groups. This helps to spread the word about our work and the problems that our red squirrels face.

Finally, I would like to give a vote of thanks to Bob Cartwright who is stepping down after 10 years as a Trustee. His work and support has been invaluable to the society and much appreciated. He will be hard to replace and we are sad to see him go.

Geoff Hetherington
May 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

No (if any)
1144416

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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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					
Memberships	6,745	-		6,745	7,170
Donations	4,970	250		5,220	5,342
Corporate sponsorship	-	4,664		4,664	5,453
Online commissions	222	-		222	129
Gift Aid tax received	2,653	-		2,653	2,787
Grants	-	2,000		2,000	6,700
Collection boxes	805	-		805	630
Other fundraising income	77	-		77	594
Sale of merchandise	2,239	-		2,239	1,527
Troutbeck revenue	1,225	-		1,225	2,501
Online sales	370	-		370	429
Other sales	-	67		67	-
Misc income	1,330	-		1,330	186
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,636	6,981		27,617	33,448
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-		-	-
Total receipts	20,636	6,981		27,617	33,448
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	921	-		921	772
Volunteers' travel & expenses	2,467	169		2,636	4,929
Rangers	16,720	4,559		21,279	18,519
Equipment	435	403		838	4,325
Bait	1,165	1,149		2,314	2,626
Insurance & subs	212	-		212	439
Show fees & meeting costs	330	-		330	
Printing, postage & stationery	379	-		379	348
Advertising & website	85	-		85	62
Display equipment	30	-		30	-
Training	166	-		166	-
Financial charges	31	-		31	37
Sub total	22,941	6,280		29,221	32,057
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	22,941	6,280	-	29,221	32,057
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2,305	701	-	-1,604	1,391
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,123	8,929		28,052	26,661
Cash funds this year end	16,818	9,630		26,448	28,052

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	16,749	9,630	-
	Petty cash	43	-	-
	Paypal	26	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,818	9,630	-
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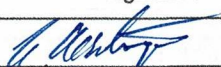
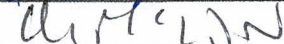
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
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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
	G Hetherington	13/05/2023
	RIC McIvor	13/05/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

PR Lansberry

Date:

13th May 2023

Name:

Peter Robert Lansberry

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

Middle Holme, Kentmere

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Cumbria LA8 9JP

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CHAIR'S REPORT 2021/22

Firstly, I must thank everyone for their support during the very difficult two years we have just been through.

It has certainly been a very challenging time with the continuing pandemic, storm Arwen and the felling of a vast number of diseased Larch trees. We are still assessing the impact of the loss of so many trees in the area, and hope that by the end of the year we will have better picture of how this has affected our red squirrel population.

Our first charitable objective is to promote the conservation of the endangered red squirrel populations in their natural habitat in South Cumbria and North Lancashire in order to save them from extinction.

To carry out our conservation work, we rely on the unstinting efforts and enthusiasm of our members, rangers and volunteers, and the cooperation of many landowners and various organisations who share our interest in looking after the red squirrels in this area. Our grey squirrel control work was not affected by Covid, and continued unabated throughout the year.

We are pleased to report the establishment of an enthusiastic group of volunteers in Brigsteer, following several local meetings.

We have extended our area to the South East beyond Holme and Burton-in-Kendal. This is as a result of a small colony of reds being identified in that area which does not have a local red squirrel group.

Our second charitable objective for the public benefit is to provide education on red squirrels and in the need for their conservation.

We were still very restricted in the year as far as exhibiting at shows and giving talks to local groups and societies were concerned, although some activity did take place. We attended two local shows, including the Westmorland County Show. This was very successful, with a lot of interest shown by visitors to the stand. We also featured on local radio, gave talks to local groups and participated in Zoom meetings and conferences. Our website, E-News and Annual Review also promote awareness of the need for red squirrel conservation.



Westmorland Red Squirrels

On a very positive note, we have at last had the go-head to establish a small breeding colony of reds in the Silverdale area. This will be part of the programme established by the Welsh Mountain Zoo who hold the UK stud book for red breeding. A focus group decides where releases should take place. It will establish that we are making progress as part of a controlled plan to aid the survival of reds in the UK and eventually get reds back into the Arnside and Silverdale AONB.

Geoff Hetherington, Chair

25th May 2022



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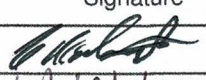
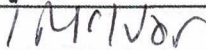
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **01/04/2021** To **31/03/2022**

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					
Memberships	6,170	1,000		7,170	7,970
Donations	4,832	510		5,342	5,148
Corporate sponsorship	1,025	4,428		5,453	4,695
Online commissions	129	-		129	77
Gift Aid tax received	2,787	-		2,787	3,714
Grants	1,300	5,400		6,700	4,215
Collection boxes	630	-		630	214
Other fundraising income	-	594		594	-
Sale of merchandise	1,527	-		1,527	413
Troutbeck revenue	2,501	-		2,501	2,119
Online sales	429	-		429	421
Other sales	-	-		-	90
Misc income	124	62		186	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,454	11,994		33,448	29,076
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-		-	-
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-		-	-
Total receipts	21,454	11,994		33,448	29,076
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	772	-		772	224
Volunteers' travel & expenses	4,929	-		4,929	3,751
Rangers	12,890	5,629		18,519	27,134
Equipment	3,798	527		4,325	3,301
Bait	1,113	1,513		2,626	2,952
Supplementary feeding	-	-		-	170
Insurance & subs	439	-		439	352
Printing, postage & stationery	348	-		348	291
Advertising & website	62	-		62	35
Display equipment	-	-		-	43
Training	-	-		-	90
Financial charges	37	-		37	4
Sub total	24,388	7,669		32,057	38,347
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	24388	7669	0	32057	38347
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2934	4325	0	1391	-9271
A5 Transfers between funds					0
A6 Cash funds last year end	22057	4604		26661	35932
Cash funds this year end	19123	8929	0	28052	26661

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	19,079	8,929	-
	Petty cash	32	-	-
	Paypal	12	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,123	8,929	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		G Hetherington	16/05/2022	
		RIC McIvor	16/05/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1144416

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/ 03 / 2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

PR Lansberry

Date:

16th May 2022

Name:

Peter Robert Lansberry

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1144416

Accounts

WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY
Registered Charity No. 1144416

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2021

Trustees who served during the year:

Geoff Hetherington, Chair
Gail Armstrong, Secretary
Ian McIvor, Treasurer
Bob Cartwright, Deputy Chair
David Marshall
James Blacow

Charitable objects:

1. To promote the conservation of endangered red squirrel populations in their natural habitat across south east Cumbria in order that their presence can continue to be enjoyed by the general public and by future generations.
2. To advance the education of the public in the subject of the red squirrel, the threats it faces and the need for conservation activity to ensure its survival in south east Cumbria.

To conserve the native red squirrel in SE Cumbria for the public benefit, our volunteers and rangers carry out practical conservation work across the area. Local residents and landowners are increasingly playing a part in this work, and all, including visitors to the area, are encouraged to report their red squirrel sightings.

We aim to provide education on red squirrels and the need for their conservation in a variety of ways:

1. Informative leaflets.
2. Stands at local shows and events enable our volunteers to meet the public and to answer their questions.
3. A regular newsletter and Annual Review.
4. Our volunteers give talks at the request of local organisations.
5. Our website gives information on squirrel conservation and an opportunity for the public to report their squirrel sightings.
6. We hold public meetings to raise awareness.
7. Media reports highlight our work to conserve red squirrels.

Despite the pandemic, conservation work to protect red squirrels continued during the year thanks to our dedicated volunteers, rangers and a growing number of landowners. The work in the Arnside and Silverdale Area carried on particularly enthusiastically, and throughout the area the increasing number of volunteers was an important factor.

The Grasmere to Grizedale (G2G) project continued in the north west of our area, in partnership with Red Squirrels Northern England (RSNE), funded by the Countryside Stewardship scheme through the National Trust.

Revenue was down by approximately 30% compared to the previous year, with donations, grants, collection box and merchandise sales revenue significantly impacted by the effects of Covid.

Again, we recorded red squirrel sightings and displayed them on a map on our website, showing the ongoing benefits of our work.

The pandemic put a temporary halt on our public awareness and education efforts – there were no shows or meetings in the year. We did hold two media interviews with BBC Radio Cumbria.

Our website gives information on squirrels and on the society itself, and the online sightings maps show where red squirrels have been spotted in the our area every year since 2010. An online form allows the public to report their squirrel sightings.

Our membership levels have continued to increase; we now have 354 members and 22 corporate sponsors.

We continue to enjoy our association with the Red Squirrels Northern England project. Their backing has been instrumental in gaining landowner support and in strengthening relationships with other local conservation organisations. We participate in their monitoring programmes and they provide us with collated information on grey control and red sightings.

To say that the year was challenging would be an understatement, but we have done remarkably well carrying on with our primary objective. Thanks again must go to all the volunteers and rangers who give up their time to help us, for their commitment and expertise both with practical conservation work and with administrative tasks.

G Hetherington
Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
WESTMORLAND RED SQUIRREL SOCIETY

No (if any)
1144416

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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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					
Memberships	7,970	-		7,970	7,515
Donations	3,348	1,800		5,148	9,392
Corporate sponsorship	1,335	3,360		4,695	5,436
Online commissions	77	-		77	81
Gift Aid tax received	3,714	-		3,714	2,315
Grants	1,715	2,500		4,215	8,274
Collection boxes	214	-		214	1,520
Other fundraising income	-	-		-	528
Sale of merchandise	413	-		413	2,276
Troutbeck revenue	2,119	-		2,119	2,255
Online sales	421	-		421	618
Other sales	90	-		90	667
Misc income	-	-		-	500
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,416	7,660		29,076	41,377
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-		-	-
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-		-	-
Total receipts	21,416	7,660		29,076	41,377
A3 Payments					
Volunteers' travel & expenses	3,661	90		3,751	3,195
Equipment & consumables	4,151	2,102		6,253	4,296
Rangers	14,492	12,642		27,134	24,605
Merchandise	224	-		224	1,421
Advertising & website	35	-		35	35
Insurance & subs	352	-		352	362
Printing, postage & stationery	291	-		291	517
Show fees, meeting costs	-	-		-	184
Display equipment	43	-		43	304
Supplementary feeding	170	-		170	-
Training	-	90		90	400
Paypal charges	4	-		4	-
Sub total	23,423	14,924		38,347	35,319
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	23423	14924	0	38347	35319
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2007	-7264	0	-9271	6058
A5 Transfers between funds	-650	650			0
A6 Cash funds last year end	24714	11218		35932	29874
Cash funds this year end	22057	4604	0	26661	35932

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

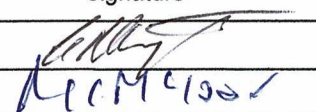
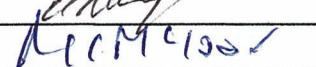
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	22,000	4,604	-
	Petty cash	18	-	-
	Paypal	39	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,057	4,604	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	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
		G Hetherington	24/06/2021
		RIC Mclvor	24/06/2021



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Independent Examiner's Report

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Westmorland Red Squirrel Society

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021

Charity no (if any)

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24 June 2021

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