

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 Arnsdale 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
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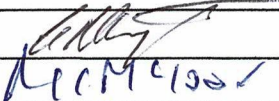
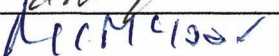
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2020		31/03/2021

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
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	24/06/2021
			RIC McIvor	24/06/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Westmorland Red Squirrel Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1144416

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

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:

24 June 2021

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.