



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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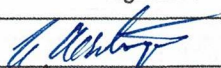
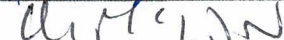
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2022		31/03/2023

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					
	19,123	8,929		28,052	26,661
A6 Cash funds last year end					
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	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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	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	31 st March 2023	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 / 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:  Date: 13th May 2023

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.