



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **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	<b>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.</b>
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"><li>• <b>Liaison with landowners and relevant agencies</b></li><li>• <b>Squirrel management</b></li><li>• <b>Recording sightings</b></li><li>• <b>Giving talks and attending shows and other events to promote public awareness</b></li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## 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"> <li>Recorded 309 red squirrel sightings</li> <li>4558 grey squirrels controlled</li> <li>Attended seven local shows</li> <li>Gave five talks to local groups</li> <li>Attended three online conferences</li> <li>Gave two media interviews</li> <li>Attended four external meetings</li> <li>Held eight internal meetings for members or trustees.</li> </ul>

## 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"> <li>Memberships: £6,455</li> <li>Corporate sponsorship: £6,305</li> <li>Donations: £3,414</li> <li>Grants: £3,050</li> <li>Sale of Merchandise: £2,206</li> <li>Additional fundraising (online sales and commissions, collecting boxes, Troutbeck revenue and other sales): £1,963</li> <li>Gift Aid: £1,836</li> </ul>
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"> <li>Reducing membership</li> <li>Reducing corporate support</li> <li>Reducing donations</li> <li>Fewer active volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For practical roles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		○ <b>For administrative roles</b>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

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

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



## Reference and Administrative details

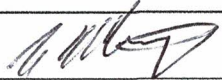
Charity name	Westmorland Red Squirrels Society
Other name the charity uses	Westmorland Red Squirrels
Registered charity number	1144416
Charity's principal address	Sedgwick Cottage Sedgwick Kendal Cumbria LA8 0JP

	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 <sup>th</sup> JULY 24	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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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


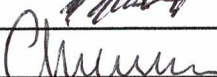
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Memberships	6,455			6,455	6,745
Donations	3,414			3,414	5,220
Corporate sponsorship	5,400	905		6,305	4,664
Online commissions	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
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>24,394</b>	<b>905</b>		<b>25,299</b>	<b>27,617</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24,394</b>	<b>905</b>		<b>25,299</b>	<b>27,617</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,885</b>	<b>3,020</b>		<b>26,905</b>	<b>29,221</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,885</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,905</b>	<b>29,221</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>-2,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-1,606</b>	<b>-1,604</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,818</b>	<b>9,630</b>		<b>26,448</b>	<b>28,052</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,327</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,842</b>	<b>26,448</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	17,274	7,515	
	Petty cash	31		
	Paypal	22		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,327</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		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	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<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1144416

Set out on pages

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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 / 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:

10<sup>th</sup> 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.**