

# NORTHEAST RED SQUIRRELS

England & Wales · Charity number 1162179

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-06-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF NATIVE RED SQUIRREL POPULATIONS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT ACROSS THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS BY:A) SUPPORTING LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUPS ENGAGED IN WORK TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE SPECIES. B) RAISING AWARENESS OF AND EDUCATING THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF THE RED SQUIRREL AND THE THREATS IT FACES AND THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION ACTIVITY TO ENSURE ITS SURVIVAL IN THE NORTHEAST.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Durham
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,485	£5,817	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,551	£7,695	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,864	£8,231	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,339	£12,328	-	-
2020-12-31	£7,748	£29,346	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Worthington		2020-10-24
Antony Metcalf		2020-10-10
Ivan Brown		2020-11-09
Robert William Graham		2023-06-05

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# Accounts

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## North-east Red Squirrels

### Trustees Annual Report Year Ended 31st December 2024

**Charity Name:** North-east Red Squirrels

**Registration Number:** 1162179

**Address:** 18 Wallridge Cottages, Ingoe, Northumberland, NE20 0SY

**Trustees:**

Mr Alan Worthington

Mr Tony Metcalf

Mr Ivan Brown

Mr Rob Graham

**Bank Account held with:**

HSBC 110 Grey Street Newcastle NE1 6JG

**Governing Document:** CIO Constitution Adopted 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Structure Details:** Four charity trustees, appointed for a minimum of between two and four years.

We make trustees decisions at our Charity Trustee Meetings. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no pay or other benefits for their role as trustees.

**Objectives and Activities for the public benefit**

To promote conservation of native red squirrel populations in their natural habitat across the North-East of England for future generations. We do this in two ways. First, by supporting local voluntary groups working to protect and preserve the species. Second, by raising awareness of and educating the public in the red squirrel, the threats it faces and the need for conservation to ensure its survival.

In planning our work, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' Meetings. Our focus is on promoting conservation of red squirrels in the North-East for future generations. We continue collaborating with local volunteer groups to support them in preserving red squirrels. We also raise awareness of and educate the public of the need for conservation to ensure red squirrels survive in the north-east. In the past year we collaborated with landowners and farmers, especially to allow volunteers to conduct conservation on their land.

## **Achievements and Performance**

We were pleased to receive £1,485 in donations, from local supporters. The largest donation came from a landowner who used the Countryside Stewardship (CS) Woodland Improvement Grant. This grant provides funding for grey squirrel control; and the Woodland Supplement, which provides annual funding for grey squirrel control and management. Unfortunately, we were unable to access any grant funding. Like other Red Squirrel groups in Northumberland and Cumbria we were extremely disappointed the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) reneged on its promise to allocate £50,000. This was to be split equally between Northumberland and Cumbria red squirrel groups. We planned to use this grant to leverage other grants, for example from the Postcode Lottery.

## **Plans**

Attracting funding and new volunteers will be the focus of 2025, while continuing as best we can, on controlling grey squirrels and protecting red squirrels in our area.

## **Financial Review Details**

The funds we raised through private donations from supporters, though limited, supported our aims. We continued to support the work of Northern Red Squirrels (NRS Northumberland), the umbrella body for local red squirrel conservation groups.

**Northeast Red Squirrels****Charity No. 1162179****Accounts for Year ending 31 December 2024****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****Income**

Donations	£ 1,485.00
Grants	£ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,485.00</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Equipment	£ 146.49
Feed	£ 842.82
Staff & expenses	£ 4,103.90
Bank charges	£ 60.40
Community and Education events and insurance	£ 662.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,816.59</b>

**Deficit for year** £ 4,331.59**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023** £ 6,731.13**Assets at 31 December 2024**

HSBC account	£ 2,399.54
Cash	£0

**Liabilities**

Accruals	£0
Creditors	£0

**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024** £ 2,399.13

Accounts prepared by Tony Metcalf, Honorary Treasurer.

**HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I hereby Certify the above income and expenditure accounts and Balance Sheets are a true representation of the financial affairs of Northeast Red Squirrels, as evidenced by the books, vouchers and other information supplied to me.

Date. 28 October 2025.

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## **North-east Red Squirrels**

### **Trustees Annual Report Year Ended 31st December 2023**

**Charity Name:** North-east Red Squirrels

**Registration Number:** 1162179

**Address:** 18 Wallridge Cottages, Ingoe, Northumberland, NE20 0SY

**Trustees:**

Mr Alan Worthington

Mr Tony Metcalf

Mr Ivan Brown

Mr Rob Graham

**Bank Account held with:**

HSBC 110 Grey Street Newcastle NE1 6JG

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In planning our work, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' Meetings. Our focus is on promoting conservation of red squirrels in the North-East for future generations. We continue collaborating with local volunteer groups to support them in preserving red squirrels. We also raise awareness of and educate the public of the need for conservation to ensure red squirrels survive in the north-east. In the past year we collaborated with landowners and farmers, especially to allow volunteers to conduct conservation on their land.

## **Achievements and Performance**

In March 2023, NeRS received a generous grant of £5,000 from the Branch Out fund, which is a charitable funding mechanism in the Northumbrian Water Group. The grant was to fund our work on 'Red Squirrels and Trees,' which combined conserving red squirrels with protecting forestry.

In 2023 we recruited another trustee, Mr Rob Graham.

During 2023 we preserved red squirrel numbers with populations increasing in our project areas. Local groups and volunteers, who we support, work cooperatively towards our aims, with 'adopt-a-wood' areas in place. During that year, we developed a close partnership with a local Primary School. This enabled us to reach a young audience, when we visited the school, three times during the that year. The three presentations given by two volunteer Squirrel Rangers were to the Reception Class and two full-year groups during Science Week and Geography Week. The field work conducted by the children in the school garden during the geography week, was successful. We loaned the school trail cameras and gifted bags of different baits, animal feeders and bird feeders. Using this equipment, the children captured photographs of birds and mammals, including hedgehogs and foxes, visiting the garden.

It remains a priority to encourage and nurture engagement and an increased love of the red squirrel and nature in general.

## **Plans**

The UK government offers a variety of funds and programs to help control grey squirrels, including Countryside Stewardship (CS) Woodland Improvement Grant, which provides funding for grey squirrel control; and the Woodland Supplement, which provides annual funding for grey squirrel control and management. We are working with local estates and landowners to a) apply for these government grants and b) to share this funding to enable NeRS to continue.

We are conscious that Red Squirrel groups must stress in our messages to partners and the public the gene therapy, grey squirrel contraceptive and vaccination for red squirrels are national long term aims but are nowhere near being available. Nor are there specific plans to implement a programme, should there be a scientific breakthrough.

We hope to continue delivering our long-term strategy. If funds are available, we will expand the range of our red squirrels through engagement with local communities. Build on our volunteer base and deliver training and information to local schools and community groups.

## **Financial Review Details**

We have continued to raise funds through private donations from supporters. The income we raise is to support our aims. We support the work of Northern Red Squirrels (Northumberland), the umbrella body for local red squirrel conservation groups.

**Northeast Red Squirrels****Charity No. 1162179****Accounts for Year ending 31 December 2023****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****Income**

Donations	£ 100
Grants	£ 5,020
Red Squirrels groups income	£ 431.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5,551.36</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Equipment	£ 698.45
Feed	£ 1,055.81
Volunteer expenses	£ 5,156.62
Red Squirrel Group outgoings	£ 431.36
Community and Education events and insurance	£ 288.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,694.53</b>

**Deficit for year** £ - 2,143.17**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022** £ 8,874.30**Assets on 31 December 2023**

HSBC account	£ 6,731.13
Cash	£0

**Liabilities**

Accruals	£0
Creditors	£0

**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023** £ 6,731.13

Accounts prepared by Tony Metcalf, Honorary Treasurer.

**HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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Date. 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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**Northeast Red Squirrels****Charity No. 1162179****Accounts for Year ending 31 December 2022****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****Income**

Donations	£ 264.28
Grants	£ 1,500
Red Squirrels groups income	£ 0
HSBC compensation	£ 100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,864.28</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Equipment	£ 1,493.91
Feed	£ 1,600.66
Staff & expenses	£ 4,566.89
Red Squirrel Group outgoings	£ 0
Community and Education events and insurance	£ 508.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,230.65</b>

**Deficit for year** £ - 6,466.37**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2021** £ 15,240.67**Assets at 31 December 2021**

HSBC account	£ 8,874.30
Cash	£0

**Liabilities**

Accruals	£0
Creditors	£0

**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022** £ 8,874.30

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Date. 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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## **North-east Red Squirrels**

### **Trustees Annual Report Year Ended 31st December 2021**

**Charity Name:** North-east red Squirrels

**Registration Number:** 1162179

**Address:** 29 Woosington Gardens, Woosington, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 8AP

**Trustees:**

Mr Steven Barrett

Mr Keith Brooks

Mr Alan Worthington

Mr Tony Metcalf

Mr Ivan Brown

**Bank Account held with:**

HSBC 110 Grey Street Newcastle NE1 6JG

**Governing Document:** CIO Constitution Adopted 17/5/2015

**Structure Details:** Five charity trustees, appointed for a minimum of between two and four years.

Mr Steven Barrett - 4 years (continuing for an extra 2 years.)

Mr Keith Brooks - 4 years (continuing for an extra 2 years.)

Mr Alan Worthington - 4 years

Mr Tony Metcalf - 4 years

Mr Ivan Brown - 4 years

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and preserve the species. Second, by raising awareness of and educating the public in the red squirrel, the threats it faces and the need for conservation to ensure its survival.

In planning our work for 2021 we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' Meetings. Our focus is on promoting conservation of red squirrels in the North-East for future generations. We continue working with local volunteer groups to support them in preserving red squirrels. We also raise awareness of and educate the public of the need for conservation to ensure red squirrels survive in the north-east. In the past year we recruited new volunteers who promote and carry out conservation. Working with landowners and farmers, especially to allow volunteers to carry out conservation on their land, has been a priority in the last year.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Following the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 had a major impact on the charity's work. Lockdown rules delayed conservation work, including trapping of grey squirrels. However, over the last year landowners and homeowners have welcomed our volunteers back on their property and a full trapping and conservation programme resumed. Now able to meet in person, Trustees meet four times over the year.

The grant we received in 2020 from the Postcode Lottery, will fund our work until April 2022, though we may seek an extension as the pandemic had such an impact on our work. We have a Senior Ranger supported by Rangers and other volunteers. This project covers from the western fringe of Newcastle to the North Tyne at Hexham. The project successfully covers woodlands owned by large and smaller landowners. Our work with large estates still in private hands is important, especially where they share boundaries.

Over the last year we preserved red squirrel numbers with populations increasing in our project areas. Local groups and volunteers, who we support, work cooperatively towards our aims, with 'adopt-a-wood' areas in place. Among other impacts, the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our plans to present information to local community groups and schools. It remains a priority to encourage and nurture engagement and an increased love of the red squirrel and nature in general.

### **Plans**

We continue to deliver our long-term strategy and consolidate our achievements so far. We will expand the range of our red squirrels through engagement with local communities. Build on our volunteer base and deliver training and information to local schools and community groups. We continue to fund raise to continue our efforts.

### **Financial Review Details**

We have continued to raise funds through private donations from supporters. The income we raise is to support our aims. We continue to supply funds and materials to support volunteer conservation work. This includes Cramlington Red Squirrels and other Northern Red Squirrels Volunteer Groups. These groups work with a dedicated Ranger and support the efforts of our volunteers.

## **Northeast Red Squirrels**

**Charity No. 1162179**

### **Accounts for Year ending 31 December 2021**

#### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

##### **Income**

Donations	£288.72
Grants	£19,050
Red Squirrels groups income	£1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,338.72</b>

##### **EXPENDITURE**

Equipment	£1,087.99
Feed	£1,697.89
Staff & expenses	£8,276.10
Red Squirrel Group outgoings	£1,000
Community and Education events and insurance	£266.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,328.38</b>

**Surplus for year** **£15,240.67**

**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2020** **£7,230.33**

##### **Assets at 31 December 2021**

HSBC account	£15,240.67
Cash	£0

##### **Liabilities**

Accruals	£0
Creditors	£0

**BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**£15,240.67**

Accounts prepared by Tony Metcalf, Honorary Treasurer.

HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Date. 13 October 2022.

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## **Northeast Red Squirrels**

### **Trustees Annual Report Year Ended 31st December 2020**

**Charity Name:** Northeast red Squirrels

**Registration Number:** 1162179

**Address:** 29 Woolsington Gardens, Woolsington, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 8AP

#### **Trustees:**

Mr Stephen Barrett  
Mr Keith Brooks

Mr Alan Worthington

Mr Tony Metcalf

Mr Ivan Brown

#### **Bank Account held with:**

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### **Achievements and Performance**

The Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 had, and still has, a major impact on the charity's work. Lockdown rules delayed conservation work, including trapping of grey squirrels. Landowners and homeowners were reluctant to allow volunteers on their property, although this improved after lockdown rules relaxed. Unable to meet in person, trustees met virtually in Zoom meetings.

Nevertheless, we continue to build on our achievements in previous years. Our south-east Northumberland project continues to support and work with volunteers at Havannah Nature Reserve and with Northumberland volunteer group members. We provided small grants and essential equipment and supplies for their red squirrel conservation work.

The second phase of our longer-term strategy, 'Red Squirrels back on Tyne', HLF funded, started in 2018 and continued until October 2020. We have a Senior Ranger supported by Rangers and other volunteers. This project covers from the western fringe of Newcastle to the North Tyne at Hexham. The project successfully covers many woodlands owned by large and smaller landowners. Our work with large estates still in private hands is important, especially where they share boundaries.

Over the last year we preserved red squirrel numbers with populations increasing in our project areas. Local groups and volunteers, who we support, work cooperatively towards our aims, with 'adopt-a-wood' areas in place. Among other impacts, the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our plans to present information to local community groups and schools. These settings were, and some remain, closed to us, so we are developing IT based presentations, to share information and teaching materials electronically. It remains a priority to encourage and nurture engagement and an increased love of the red squirrel and nature in general.

### **Plans**

We continue to deliver our long-term strategy and consolidate our achievements so far. We will expand the range of our red squirrels through engagement with local communities. Build on our volunteer base and deliver training and information to local schools and community groups. We continue to fund raise to continue our efforts.

### **Financial Review Details**

We have continued to raise funds through private donations from supporters. The income we have raised is to support our aims. We continue to supply funds and materials to support volunteer conservation work. This includes Havannah Nature, Cramlington Red Squirrels and other Northern Red Squirrels volunteer Groups. These groups work with a dedicated Ranger and support the efforts of our volunteers.

### **Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st December 2020**

**Northeast Red Squirrels Charity no 1162179**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ending 31 December 2020**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME**

Donations	£3,028.50
Public collections	£57.66
Heritage Lottery Grant	£3,162.00
Red Squirrel Groups Income	£1,000.00
Gift Aid	£500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,748.16</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Equipment and Feed etc	£5,725.39
Staff	£17,639.39
Expenses	£2,394.00
Red Squirrel Group outgoings	£3,113.68
Community and Education events and insurance	£473.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>£29,346.39</b>

**Deficit for year** £21,598.23

**BALANCE at 31 December 2019** £29,032.97

**Assets at December 31 2020**

HSBC Account	£7,434.74
Cash	£0.00

**Liabilities**

Accruals	£0.00
Creditors	£0.00

**BALANCE at 31 December 2020** £7,434.74

Accounts prepared by Steve Barrett Honorary Treasurer

**HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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Date....28 October 2021.....

Signed.....