

North Tyne and Redesdale Red Squirrels

Trustees' Annual Report 2023

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Trustees:

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Structure and Management:

The Group is administered by a Management Committee, which includes the Trustees and any group member who wishes to be attend a meeting. Decisions are taken by vote, as laid down by the constitution. Trustee selection o fill a vacancy is by majority vote at an AGM. Group members may also be co-opted onto the committee for s short period.

Objectives

North Tyne and Redesdale Red Squirrels (NT&RRS) works to promote the conservation of red squirrels in the North Tyne and Redesdale area, through fieldwork, public information and cooperation with other groups with similar or related objectives.

Summary of Activities

Field work continued throughout the year, despite the lack of new volunteers. We had one or two expressions of interest in doing squirrel work from people moving into the area.

Unfortunately, these didn't lead to any formal involvement with monitoring activities, which requires a level of commitment to regularly check train cameras for the presence of grey squirrels. We continued to work in two areas of woodland on the edge of the Otterburn Ranges and continued to see only red squirrels. Volunteers responded to sightings of any grey squirrels seen in the area, which continued to remain low.

Development work to refine the oral fertility control for grey squirrels, which requires feed dispensers to be able to detect the weight of the difference between red and grey squirrels to prevent the contraceptive being delivered to the red squirrels, is ongoing. Alongside that, a gene drive for grey squirrels, which causes treated females to produce only female young is also under development. The increasing presence of pine martins in the area could also favour the red squirrel population as evidence suggests that they predate on grey squirrels and help to keep the grey population down. However, the monitoring and trapping of grey squirrels will need to remain the main method of control for some time while other methods are being refined.

This year North Tyne and Redesdale Red Squirrels hosted the AGM for the Northern Red Squirrels group at Otterburn Memorial Hall. The meeting was attended by representatives from groups working in other areas of Northumberland and this provided an opportunity to share experiences and advice.

We continue to have a presence on the Northern Red Squirrels web site and our own website, where the public can access information and contact details for anyone to get in touch if they would like to get involved or to report sightings, particularly of grey squirrels.

Financial review

We were successful in gaining funding from the MOD for our work on the Otterburn Ranges. This provided sufficient income to cover our operational costs. These include group insurance, purchase of food for feeders, replacement of old and broken equipment such as feeders and tools, and to renew our stock of rechargeable batteries and SD for trail cameras.

This document has been read and agreed by the following Trustees as being an accurate description of the Charity's work over the year.

A D Rawlins

S Underwood

P Chard

Dated 16th November 2025

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	Year End
Income	31-Dec-23
R1 Membership	0.00
R2 Donations	50.00
R3 Sale of plants	50.00
R4 Grants	999.37
R5 Sale of feed	0.00
Total	<u><u>1099.37</u></u>

Expenditure	
P1 Stationery	0.00
P2 Website hosting	0.00
P3 Purchase of feed	-101.27
P4 Equipment	-80.00
P5 Purchase of sundries	-209.93
P6 Room hire	-30.00
P7 Publicity	0.00
P8 Cost of sales	0.00
P9 Insurance	-307.84
P10 Miscellaneous expens	0.00
Total	<u><u>-729.04</u></u>

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-23		
	Year End 31-Dec-23	Last Year
	Total	Total
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Membership	0	0
Donations	50	20
Sale of plants	50	116
Sale of feeder / trap food	0	0
Grants	999	1,350
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,099	1,486
PAYMENTS	£	£
Stationery	0	0
Website hosting	0	0
Purchase of feeder / trap food	-101	0
Purchase of sundries	-210	-59
Purchase of Equipment	-80	0
Room hire	-30	0
Publicity	0	0
Travelling expenses	0	-15
Insurance	-308	-303
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-729	-376
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS	370	1,110

Movements in Funds for the Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-23					
	Bt'Fwd at 31-Dec-2022	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-23
Cash Assets					
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, Current Account	3,771	1,099	-729	0	4,141
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Investment/Deposit Accounts	Bt'Fwd	Deposits	Withdrawals	Net Transfers	Cd'Fwd
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Assets	3,771				4,141
Total Funds	3,771				4,141

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Dec-23				
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total at 31-Dec-23
Cash Assets	4,141			4,141
Other Monetary Assets				0
Investments Assets				None
Assets Retained for Own Use	1,309			1,309
Liabilities				None

Assets as at 31-Dec-23	
Description	Value
Thermal Imager	1146
Microscope	163
Total	1309

Note: The value of assets retained is based on assets being written off over 1 years.