

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102058

Details

Known as	FRSG
Status	Overdue
Registered	2015-06-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	30 Kilnarainey Road Corradovar Derrylin Enniskillen County Fermanagh Bt92 9ht BT92 9HT
Phone	07789221011
Email	contactus@fermanaghredsquirrelgroup.com
Website	www.fermanaghredsquirrelgroup.com

Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to protect and conserve red squirrel populations in Co. Fermanagh and its environs (hereinafter called "the area of benefit"). The Association will endeavour to protect the Red Squirrel and to provide whatever assistance possible to enable it to thrive in the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2023-04-01	£102	£146	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Dunlop		
Ms Rose Cremin		
Ms. Velma Mccullagh		

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Accounts

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group
Northern Ireland Charity number: NIC102058
Annual Accounts 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023



Opening bank balance at 1st April 2022: £80.65

Income:

Lodgements/memberships/donations	£102.00
Bank interest	<u>£0.00</u>
	£102.00

Expenditure:

Bank fees	£30.61
Insurance	<u>£115.61</u>
	£146.22

Opening Balance:	£80.65
+ Income	+ £102.00
less Expenditure	- £146.61

Closing balance at 31 Mar 2023: £36.43

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Accounts

Fernanagh Red Squirrel Group (FRSG)

Charity Number: 102058

AGM Financial Statement 31 January 2020

2 April 2018 - 1 April 2019

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Bank Balance:	2 April 2018	£355.23
Lodgements: Membership, cash:	13 Dec 2018	£85
Bank Interest:		£0.38
Deductions: Bank fees:		£19.63
Balance:	1 April 2019	£422.44
Discrepancy:	Plus £1.46	

Expenditure: Other than bank fees no expenditure

Treasurer: Laurence Speight

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Annual report

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: BRADAN DUFFY

Relevant professional qualification or body: Poultry Meetings
Address: 52 TENNAGEH DEREYGHUNNELLY BUNISKICGW
BT 93 LR

Date: 30th JANUARY 2020.

Bradan Duffy

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Annual return

Minutes of AGM of FRSG 13th December 2018, 2:30pm at Happiness Trapp, Enniskillen

Any Other Business:

Training and Skills for Committee was discussed. Fermanagh Rural Community Network and Rural Skills. Laurence to visit Fermanagh House to find out what sort of help there is for small charities eg First Aid, Social Media and Computer literacy, Governance

FRSG Succession:

Rose discussed succession in the group ie other committee members stepping-up into Chair or Secretary roles. People did step forward although the majority of the committee are happy to be ordinary committee members. This is something that will need to be looked at going forward as Rose advised that with family and work life, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find the time to do the group justice.

Red Squirrels United Update:

Michael Stinson gave the group a brief on the project. There were 50 plus sites surveyed in Co. Fermanagh last year. In 2018, no grey squirrels were recorded. However, greys have had a strong breeding year across other parts of the country and we have seen a little evidence of this in Fermanagh this autumn.

Castle Archdale – grey squirrel sighting December 2018

Crom Estate – grey squirrel sighting August 2018

Ballinamallard garden – 3x grey squirrel sightings December 2018

Michael has set-up grey squirrel control at the Ballinamallard site.

The RSU project ceases in October 2019 and Michael would like to consolidate our work and suggests we run annual events eg: Annual red/grey/pine marten survey. Rose requested some data from UW in this regard including maps and data on forests/woodlands visited including years.

Funding opportunities still exist for wind farms including Brookeborough, Callaheen and Derrilyn.

Attend Enniskillen Show with a partner to avoid costs was discussed.

Red Squirrel United Knowledge Fair at Southport 2019 – 22nd to 24th March. Victor may be interested in attending and Michael will send him some details.

Michael is going to organise a meeting at Ballinamallard as a partnership between RSU and FRSG. FRSG is to bring the banner/tablecloth. A January meeting date was discussed to get people assisting with grey squirrel monitoring. Possibly 21st January 2019. Michael will look into book a room and get back to us.

The meeting ended with Committee agreeing to attend the Ballinamallard meeting and to assist with survey work.

Minutes of AGM of FRSG
13th December 2018, 2:30pm at Happiness Trapp, Enniskillen
Minutes of the AGM of the Fernanagh Red Squirrel Group



Present

Rose Cremin (Secretary)
Laurence Speight (Treasurer)
Jane Dunlop (Committee Member)
Velma McCullagh (Committee Member)
Victor Johnston (Committee Member)
Ken Moore (Committee Member)
Michael Stinson

Apologies:

Malachy Martin
Stephanie Blakely
Michelle McQuigg

Everyone was welcomed and apologies made for those that could not attend.

The Minutes were read and proposed by Jane Dunlop and seconded by Laurence Speight.

Financial Accounts – Proposed Velma McCullagh and seconded by Rose Cremin.

There was some discussion on £0.60 discrepancy (gain) in the accounts. Laurence will look again and could possibly be down to credit interest earned on account.

The Committee then stepped down and elections held for the coming year. The following individuals were elected to posts:

- Rose Cremin (Chair) Proposed by Ken and seconded by Jane Dunlop
- Laurence Speight (Treasurer) Proposed by Rose Cremin and seconded by Ken Moore
- Ken Moore (Secretary) Proposed by Rose Cremin and seconded by Victor Johnston
- Ordinary Committee members elected: Velma McCullagh, Jane Dunlop, Victor Johnston, Stephanie Blakely and Michelle McQuigg.

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Accounts

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group (FRSG) Charity No: 102058

AGN Financial Statement: 13 December 2018

01/04/2017 – 01/04/2018

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Bank Balance: £104.72	1 April 2017
Plus Lodgments: £667.90	2 April 2018
Interest £0.41	
Less Withdrawals: £416.49	
Balance: £357.14.	31 March 2018

<u>Income</u>	Entry	Amount
Banking date: 12.04. 2017	Callagheen Wind Farm grant	£500
Banking date: 12.04. 2017	Cash	£10
Banking date: 26.06.2017	Income:	£47.90
Banking date: 19.10.2017	Membership fees	£110
Interest:		£0. 41
Total Income		£688.31

<u>Expenditure</u>	Item	Amount
	Fees	£22.31
Banking date: 23.05.2017	Insurance	£84
Banking date: 21.03.2018	Equipment & supplies	£311.18
Total Expenditure		£417.39

Money spent on 2 x Bushnell cameras, 4 x SD memory cards, 2 x plastic storage barrels, red squirrel feed.

Discrepancy: plus £00. 60

Treasurer: Laurence Speight

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Annual report

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: **BRENDAN DUFFY**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **POULTRY KEEPER**

Address: **52 TONNAGH DERRYCONNELLY ENNISKILLEN BT93 6LR**

Date: **19th JANUARY 2019.**

Fermanagh Red Squirrel Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102058

Annual return

June 2018

- BBC's Countryfile filming with RSU at Ely Lodge with FRSG volunteer
Ulster Wildlife's Michael Shison was interviewed by Countryfile on the project with a specific focus on pine martens using Ely Lodge as site. Veina McCullough kindly agreed to appear with Michael which was press press for the project and our group. Well done all!

July 2018

- Outdoor Adventures' event at National Trust's Crom Estate (1/7/18)
We attended a great event at the property – helped by the good weather. We brought along our mammal track activity tiles which were a great hit. The stand was really busy and demonstrated the real interest people have in red squirrels and mammal conservation.

August 2018

- Red Squirrel's United Meeting - Follow-up from Spring Monitoring Programme
A number of FRSG attended an open meeting for an update on the RSU Project and also handed-back any equipment, data etc we held. We also took receipt of the items purchased on our behalf through the Small Grants Programme.

November 2018

- FRSG/RSU – Grey Squirrel Monitoring Event @ Bawnacre, Irwinestown (7/11/18)
We co-hosted a meeting organised by the RSU to encourage volunteers to in the north/north-east bordering Fernanagh/Tyrone to monitor for greys. This attracted an additional 4 new volunteers to the group and equipment was given to them on loan.

Equipment Use

We have now added another 10 cameras to our current 11 making a grand total of 21 trail cameras that we have for members to use along with associated equipment and feed. A record of these cameras and who they are currently on loan to is held by the Secretary.

Email, Website and Facebook

We continue to respond to queries via our website and Facebook. We have 400 FB followers/likes ☺ Our email account is also monitored regularly and we

Special Mentions

Thank you to our Committee members and members who have volunteered their time to help with the work of the group. We would also like to thank the Forest Service, the National Trust, Ulster Wildlife, NISF, NIEA and Fernanagh & Omagh District Council. We would also like specifically to thank:

- Thank you to all those who put some much effort into the RSU Grant bid.
- Andy Smith, Trenbana for continuing to host and manage our website for free;
- Stephanie Blakely for managing our Facebook page;
- Thank you to our out-going Chair, Malachy Martin for all his support over the years.
