



Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group

Newsletter

Summer 2010



Challenging and Exciting Times

Welcome to our forth newsletter which we hope you will find full of interesting news. A great deal has been happening since the last edition from international press recognition to the appointment of our two new squirrel rangers.

Save Our Squirrels Heritage Lottery funded project ended in June and much uncertainty surrounds what the future holds for this organisation and it's staff. We are thankful that here in Cumbria it seems that both Simon O'Hare and Charlotte Widgery are remaining with us.

One of the most exciting things last year was the launch of the **Red Squirrel Survival Trust** by Prince Charles, this has galvanised the many organisations who have been working in their own ways individually to join forces to create a co-ordinated strategy to save our red squirrels. More details of this below...

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North England Red Squirrel Conservation Framework

At long last, the lead organisations in red squirrel conservation have come together to plan a long term and co-ordinated approach to the conservation of red squirrels in northern England. Lead by **Natural England**, the **Forestry Commission**, the **Red Squirrel Survival Trust** and **The Wildlife Trusts/SOS** but in consultation with **Northern Red Squirrels** as well as volunteers, landowners and other organisations including LDNPA, NT, RSPB and Woodland Trust this ambitious project aims to ensure that squirrel 'strongholds' are protected whilst activities in the wider countryside to control greys are stepped up and co-ordinated.

The scale of the project is unprecedented and spans 5 years in recognition of the enormity of the task and for the first time there appears to be real 'centrally funded' money on the table, though final figures are yet to be confirmed, it is likely that the project will employ staff to manage, liaise, record and undertake grey control.

The project is in the early stages and we are delighted to report that our own chairman, Robert Benson, has been appointed as one of the interim project managers along with Corrie Bruemmer and Miriam Baines from Natural England who have the remit of working with a steering committee to prepare plans and assess tenders for the different parts of the project.

This is a daunting task but it would be hard to find a better man for the job as Robert has over 30 years of voluntary involvement with red squirrel conservation and is ideally placed to pull together all the interested parties to ensure that the project begins as planned, later this year.

It will be amazing to get all of these diverse organisations working together in defence of our red squirrels, it is also satisfying that they have at last recognised the vital work undertaken by volunteers, not just here in Penrith but across the north.



**Thanks
to our
Sponsor**

A massive thank you to Centre Parcs who have most generously sponsored the cost of printing this newsletter

It costs us between £250 to £400 to print each edition (dependant of quantity) so if you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor a future edition/s please let us know.



Introducing our two newly appointed Red Squirrel Rangers

JOHN LISLE - RED SQUIRREL RANGER - NORTHERN EDEN VALLEY

Acting in partnership with Save Our Squirrels we are pleased to announce that John Lisle of Melmerby has been appointed as the Red Squirrel Ranger for the Northern Eden Valley.

Funded by the Red Squirrel Survival Trust and local landowners the position was advertised in the Herald and received a tremendous response. Naturally we had to disappoint a lot of people but the most heartening thing for us was that the majority genuinely wished to help protect red squirrels and several offered volunteer support to whoever was chosen for the job.

We are delighted that John has joined us and are confident that he will be a tremendous success. He already has experience of red squirrel conservation as our volunteer grey controller for Melmerby and Skirwith, where he currently keeps a shoot and well understands the sensitivities of working with land owners and game keepers and one of his first tasks will be to meet them and create good working relationships.



John has only been in post for 2 months but has already made an impact with 79 grey kills for him and his local volunteers:

Armathwaite area = 28

Kirkoswald area = 35

Lazonby area = 6

Melmerby = 10

This is much higher than anticipated and is a credit to John who we know has already put in many extra voluntary hours.

The core area that John will initially be concentrating on runs from High Stand and Armathwaite in the north down the river corridor through Kirkoswald, Lazonby and Salkeld to Edenhall but eventually we hope he can cover the whole area bounded by the A69 in the north, the M6, the Pennine Fells and the Whinell Forest reserve and buffer in the south.

Equally vital to the success of this project is for him to engage with the local community, work with, co-ordinate and support existing volunteers and recruit new ones to take responsibility for their village, a specific wood or a squirrel habitat that they are familiar with.

Volunteers are needed to help monitor red squirrels, report grey squirrel sightings and undertake grey squirrel control and if anyone is interesting in helping with this or simply supporting us please get in touch.



GARY MURPHY - RED SQUIRREL RANGER UPPER EDEN VALLEY

We have long been indebted to Gary for his voluntary grey squirrel control work and the invaluable contribution he makes to red squirrel conservation throughout the huge area we now describe as the Upper Eden Valley. In recognition of the value of this work we had been developing plans to involve him on a more formal basis when quite suddenly these plans were accelerated forward by a most magnificent donation of funding from the Cheshire based Oglesby Charitable Trust.

Trustees, Michael and Jean Oglesby's generous contribution has allowed us to engage Gary's services on a part time twelve month contract but despite the euphoria this brings, we must now turn our attention to raising the necessary ongoing funding from 'local' sources to ensure that the project continues. The Oglesby's have thrown down the challenge for us to do this and we will be arranging a meeting, with them, for local landowners, businesses and interested parties to learn of our plans and to encourage their support.

We will obviously also be seeking support from the public bodies, national charities and agencies and the news of this appointment has already been widely acclaimed with the **Red Squirrel Survival Trust** being the first to respond by immediately pledging their support and providing 60 traps.

Gary Murphy has been one of our most successful volunteers for a number of years, he already has vast experience of red squirrel conservation and understands the sensitivities of working with land owners and game keepers.

The areas Gary will be covering run from Appleby, down the river corridor through Brough, Kirkby Stephen and across to Tebay, so we would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to assist him.

A big thank you for the continued hard work of ALL our volunteers

However some have volunteered for even more responsibility and a special mention should be made to;

Mal Hilton for coorindating the charity collection boxes

Mike Allison for coorindating the volunteer squirrel data records

John Turner for coorindating the membership records & for design work on leaflets, posters etc.

Charles (the now famous) Orphaned Red Squirrel

In the first week of April 2010 Jerry Moss, Squirrel Ranger for Whinfell Forest, collected a red squirrel kitten from a couple who had rescued him after he and his nest, or drey, crashed to the ground in their garden in Great Ormside near Appleby.

In the wild, an event like this would result in certain death but in this case help was at hand from Sarah McNeil, Jerry's partner, who took on the task of hand rearing him, a job she was experienced in and had undertaken before.

Sarah named the five week old Charles after the Prince of Wales, patron of the Red Squirrel Survival Trust and from whom she had received a letter that very morning.



Sarah said "As of the 11th April Charles fitted into the palm of my hand and is about the size of a tennis ball when curled up. He is being kept in one of my woolly hats lined with pampas grass and leaves to recreate the drey and his mother's body.

The hat is now housed in a large rat cage which keeps him warm enough without overheating and once he's big and strong enough he'll be transferred into a large outdoor squirrel pen and will eventually be released into local woodland, probably when he is 3 months old.

Initially Charles was being fed on syringes full of 'Lactol' milk which comes in powder form and is mixed with warm water to produce a solution high in both protein and fat, with feeds being little and often, about every two hours. In the wild he would suckle until about eight weeks old and then begin to naturally forage for himself.

Currently Charles has moved onto a variety of fruit and vegetables with the introduction of his natural food being gathered for him by Jerry Moss including pine cones, beech mast and hazelnuts.

Les Wilson, who did the squirrel photo safari, was captivated by Charles and sent off some pictures to his newspaper, the Mail on

Sunday, who gave it a full page spread. This opened the floodgates and Charles appeared in all the local papers, several more nationals and the BBC, CBBC & ITV news as well as the BBC world service (producing messages of support from as far a field as Brazil and France).

Recently Sarah received a letter from Clarence House assuring her that Prince Charles was flattered with the name choice for young Charles and not offended in any way.

His Royal Highness was also delighted that we had managed to secure such brilliant coverage for the plight of the red squirrel. Sarah says she didn't quite know how he would feel when the news of young four legged Charles had reached Clarence House via the media. But after Sarah received this reassuring news, she breathed a huge sigh of relief that no one was upset.

Its good to know that we have got royal approval and as always, massive support from Prince Charles.



To follow the progress of Charles visit the Penrith and District Red Squirrel website
www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk

The Red Squirrel Safari and Photography Workshop



Jerry and Sarah with Les Wilson

The sun shone brightly in April for our first ever Red Squirrel Safari and Photography Workshop when six paying guests were escorted deep into the forests of darkest Lowther by Red Squirrel Ranger Jerry Moss and his red squirrel photographer partner Sarah McNeil.

The star of our show Les Wilson, the Mail on Sundays award winning photographer and a specialist in country portraits, was happy to share his wealth of experience with everyone, he not only gave guidance and advice in the field but also used his own computer and equipment to edit and print out the best pictures from our paying guests.

The squirrels behaved, some wonderful images were captured, (see left) and a great time was had by all.

Les donated all his time free of charge and a healthy £300 was raised. Thank you Les, your generosity is much appreciated.

The success of this event generated even more interest and has given us the confidence to run another on our own. The format remains the same. An early start at the village hall for a cuppa and briefing session, split into small groups and go separate ways into the woods to pre-prepared and baited areas offering different backdrops and lighting conditions.

The date of the next event is **Sunday 12th September** and the cost per person is £30. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring your own lunch. At the time of going to press we only have a couple of places left so if you are interested please contact Richard as soon as possible.



by David Cole



by Anne-Marie Collinson

Red Squirrel Picture Corner



This great picture was sent in by P&DRSG member Jackie Ashton-Taylor from Reagill. She regularly has squirrels but tells us that this was a very special morning as seven red squirrels turned up - one even popped into the kitchen to ask for more.

It's fantastic to see so many red squirrels happily feeding together in Jackie's garden but she only managed to capture six in the photo. Can anyone beat that number of squirrels in one picture?

We loved Jackie's pictures from that day and the one that came into the house (see right and our front cover) struck up such a charming pose that we wondered if anyone could up with a suitable caption for this photo?

We've already used "Please sir I'd like some more"

Please send your suggestions by email to Richard Dyke at-
info@penrithredsquirrels.org.uk



**Date for
your
diary**

**Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group - Annual Meeting
Wednesday 14th July (7.30pm) at the Penrith Rugby Club**

All members, volunteers and interested members of the public are welcome to come along to hear, not only how the group is fairing financially in these difficult times but also the very latest news on Pox, the new North England Project and from across our own 500 sq miles of operation. Free entry includes tea/coffee but a pay bar will be open for those wishing stronger refreshment

Raising Awareness - What can you do?



Gary and Diane Dalton of Lakeland Embroidery, Middlegate, Penrith raised the profile of red squirrels recently by devoting a whole window display to red squirrels and a new set of cross stitch designs from local suppliers Derwentwater Designs of Dacre.

So if you're tempted to embroider one yourself or wish to give someone an unusual gift, pop along and see them.

Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group
Protecting our red squirrels
Registered Charity No. 111918

There are only about 20,000 adults left in England - a million great! The chance of reds is directly attributable to the greys, they will compete the reds and carry the deadly *Typhlocyba virus* (TSV) which is fatal to reds.

If you see a grey or a sickly red, take it to the penrithredsg group at Lakeland Embroidery

Penrith, East Cumbria
Judy Moss - 01768 770941
Penrith, South Cumbria
Edward Parker - 01768 684277

Penrith, South
Heather Murray - 01768 713215

Ullockwater North
Catherine Phipps - 01768 86238

Ullockwater South
Alan Kaulife - 01768 82238

Armathwaite/Lamby
James Lane - 01768 681746 (M) 07841 40646

Penrith
Sueve Barker - 01768 52788

Stag
Heather Lewis - 01768 709941

Stag
Dery Murray - 01768 624786 (M) 07874 78634

Skelton
Mal Hillen - 01768 719886

Skelton
David Mann - 01768 719442

Middle Blunton
Chris Murray-Coxon - 01768 23248

Penrith
Frank Chapman - 01768 624200

Please remember that we are a voluntary organisation and we need your support to be able to continue.

You can help us by:
- Spotting greys - if you see a grey squirrel or a sickly red please report it as soon as possible to the penrithredsg group. Currently the only way of protecting our reds is to keep the greys off reds.
- Give your time - Apart from the pleasure you will get from watching them you will help them survive & thrive. By feeding you can monitor them for squirrel pox & send us to any group.
- Become a member and exchange offers to get food.
- Make a donation - either online, by cheque or by standing order - see below.

Can't do this anywhere and can't remember local red numbers, but this does not mean the end, with support their numbers normally recover. However, during any outbreak it is vital that leaders are regularly identified and feeding centres offered to suit the circumstances. Please contact us for advice. Vigilance in the long run is only taken once a year!

Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group
The Exeter Office, Lumbury Street, Exeter EX1 2PL
www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk - info@penrithredsquirrels.org.uk

This information poster has been produced to provide the public with contact numbers for grey and sickly red sightings.

Ideal for village hall notice boards, shops, waiting rooms, pubs, tourist information offices, guest houses, cottages, hotels, etc

A big thank you to the **Lake District National Park**, Blencathra Centre, for most generously printing and laminating them.

Just call if you want some.

A Visit to Little Acre Nursing Home

Jerry Moss was recently invited to do a red squirrel talk at the 'Little Acre' nursing home in Silloth, accompanied by his partner and son (Sarah and Hagen).

The talk went down very well and a good time was had by all, with plenty of laughs along the way! They also took along their new Patterdale Terrier puppy 'Primrose' who stole the show and melted the hearts of many of the residents .

They took along with them some red squirrel goodies, and together in sales and donations the massive sum of £60.00 was made on the day.

Jerry would like to say a big thank you to Dorothy and Mr Hodgson for organising this successful day, and to thank the rest of Little Acres staff for their help and the residents for their interest.



A Visit to Welton School

The future for Cumbria's red squirrels looks bright , if the pupils at Welton School are anything to go by! This, P&DRSG Volunteer Rosemary Bailey, discovered after being invited in to the school one morning in February to learn of the Junior pupils' red squirrel project. Under the guidance of Jenny de Robeck of Sebergham, the children had been writing lovely poems about red squirrels. It was extremely heart-warming to see how enthusiastic the youngsters were for the reds and how knowledgeable. They were all too aware of the threat from the grey squirrels and the best way to conserve the reds.

To help them learn a little more on her visit, the children experienced the difference in weight between a red squirrel and a grey squirrel by holding classroom objects of comparable weights. They also examined some squirrel food mix and some hazel nuts and talked about squirrels they had seen and even fed in their gardens. A feeder box has since been put up in the school grounds and in sight of the classroom window.

Squirrels are gymnasts, looping and spinning
Through the air;
Tight-rope walkers balancing carefully
Along a branch;
Acrobats flipping and diving
From bough to bough
By James Oldham (age 9yrs)

A squirrel is a red bush in the countryside;
A squirrel is a climber, climbing up the tree;
A squirrel is a teddy, left outside overnight;
A squirrel is a tight-rope walker, expertly
marching along the bark;
A squirrel is a brown, orange or ruby
stunning creature

By Lizzy Templeton (age 10 yrs)

Two corporate sponsors who definitely deserve another big thank you are Reeds Printers of Penrith who have once again provided us with 'free' leaflets and only charge the printing of our newsletter at cost. Also to David Gaskell of Cumbria Open For Business for donating our website & continuing to update it. Please use both of these companies whenever you can!!

RED SQUIRRELS HIT HARD BY POX



Too many red squirrels across our area have been lost in localised outbreaks of squirrel pox virus (SQPV). Grey squirrels carry the virus, to which they are immune but once transmitted to the local red squirrel population this dreadful disease attacks the skin, leaving the distinctive lesions around the eyes, nose, ears and paws. These open wounds leave the animals vulnerable to secondary infections and death inevitably occurs within a week or two.

Cases are confirmed by Paul Duff at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency at Calthwaite, Penrith who carries out post-mortems on dead red squirrels as part of the GB Wildlife Disease Surveillance Partnership. Paul reports that in 2010 so far there have been more confirmed cases of SQPV than in the whole of 2009.

Outbreaks have occurred at Armathwaite, Durdar, Caldbeck, Talkin Tarn, Flakebridge near Appleby, Temple Sowerby, Cliburn, Morland and at Lowther Caravan Park.

We are greatly concerned about so many reports of sick reds, and would like to stress the importance of vigilance amongst local communities. The sooner sightings of grey squirrels and sickly reds are reported, the sooner the problem can be dealt with. Contact points such as feeders are likely places where the virus is transmitted, and it may be wise in some areas to remove feeders but in all cases it is essential to disinfect regularly and keep an extra close eye on visiting squirrels. It only takes one grey ... !

Please don't be too down hearted if you lose your local population as overall reds are doing quite well throughout the whole of our area and our rangers and local volunteers are working hard to give them every chance to re-colonise.

New Library Cards

Sarah McNeil has excelled herself ! Again !!

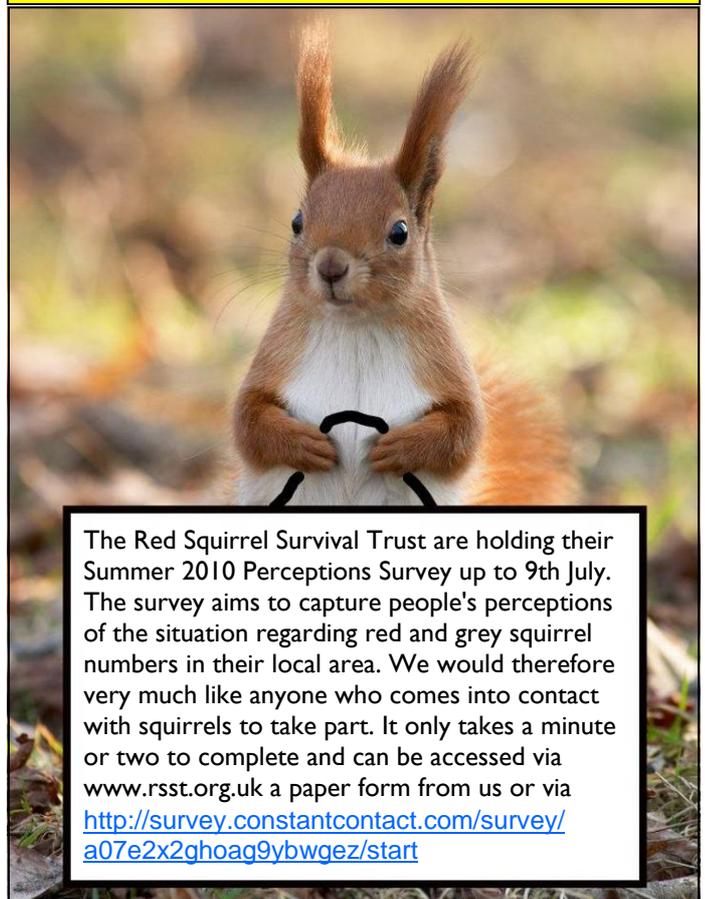
Acting on an enquiry for red squirrel images that might be suitable for Cumbria Library Services to use on their new library cards, Sarah sent off one of her favourite pictures for their consideration. Her only conditions for its use was that they protect her copyright and incorporate our web address - She thinks of everything!

Naturally they loved it and it is now in full use across the county, spreading the word and raising awareness, so get down to your local library and pick up your new card. What nicer card could you carry about in your purse or wallet and show that you are 'well red'?

Well done Sarah, what would we do without you?



RSST SURVEY



The Red Squirrel Survival Trust are holding their Summer 2010 Perceptions Survey up to 9th July. The survey aims to capture people's perceptions of the situation regarding red and grey squirrel numbers in their local area. We would therefore very much like anyone who comes into contact with squirrels to take part. It only takes a minute or two to complete and can be accessed via www.rsst.org.uk a paper form from us or via <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2x2ghoag9ybwgez/start>

**Date for
your
diary**

**Squirrel Fest - Sunday 26th September at Brockhole, Windermere
Courtesy of the Lake District National Park Authority**

A wonderful opportunity for the various groups, their members, volunteers and friends to come together in celebration of the red squirrel and to hear first hand the latest 'squirrel' news, put faces to names and share ideas and experiences in a day of fun for all the family

Working Closely With Other Organisations



IN CUMBRIA
at

Gosling Sike Farm, Houghton Road,
Houghton, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 0LD
Tel: 01228 598799
www.saveoursquirrels.org

Save Our Squirrels has the remit to deliver red squirrel conservation, information, and access projects in Northumberland, Cumbria, North Yorkshire, and North Merseyside.

The project's headquarters are in Newcastle with regional offices hosted by The Wildlife Trusts in Cumbria and Lancashire. In Cumbria our contacts are **Simon O'Hare** - Conservation Officer and **Charlotte Widgery** - People and Wildlife Officer. Both have standing invitations and regularly attend our committee meetings for which we are extremely grateful.

Northern Red Squirrels

Northern England's Independent Red Squirrel Conservation Group



www.northernredsquirrels.co.uk

Northern Red Squirrels is an independent voluntary umbrella group, set up to bring together all voluntary groups and individuals who are interested in saving red squirrels. Our aims are to encourage united voluntary action and cooperative working relationships with all funded groups, organisations and government bodies. As the "voluntary voice" for red conservation we welcome all volunteers to join us! Contact Jackie Foott on 015396 25453

Visit this website for details of volunteers to contact with grey squirrel sightings outside the Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group area.



The Red Squirrel Survival Trust is a national charity, set up under the patronage of HRH the Prince of Wales, for the conservation of the red squirrel in the UK. It actively supports the voluntary groups and can finance projects of merit

P&DRSG are delighted to have received both practical and financial supports from such a helpful partner. Email: info@rsst.org.uk to contact

Joshua Perry – Director, Craig Shuttleworth – Operations Director, Helena Stroud – Programme Administrator
Red Squirrel Survival Trust, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BB Telephone 020 7554 8579

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

We encourage you to raise funds for us and will support you in any way we can. If you'd like to hold a coffee morning, open garden, run a quiz or raffle, undertake a sponsored walk/ cycle ride, jump out of an aeroplane or anything else you can think of - please do get in touch and we'll help you plan it.

Henry Lynch of the **Dukes Head Inn, Armathwaite** had the great idea of having a 'Squirrel Ale' as part of his **Beer Festival** in June and donated 20p for every pint sold. P&DRSG volunteer, Julie Bailey helped by manning the squirrel table and not only sold our merchandise but also was on hand to answer enquiries and promote the RSST Perceptions Survey.

A big thank you to Henry and all at the Dukes Head who together with Julie's efforts raised a very commendable £141.00

P&DRSG Volunteer, Ian Moseley has most generously donated "A Two Night Champagne B&B Break for 2 People" worth £198 at the Old Water View, Patterdale - Many thanks Ian - Do I feel a raffle coming on? Are there any other prizes out there waiting to be donated? **Please do get in touch.**

Ways to help P&DRSG

Members, Volunteers and Supporters may wish to help us achieve our priorities by:-

- ✓ Promoting the view that red squirrel conservation is predominantly about grey squirrel control
- ✓ Promptly report sightings of grey squirrels to group contacts – list on last page
- ✓ Promptly report sighting of sickly red squirrels
- ✓ Report grey kills by you or others in or outside of the group with location
- ✓ Recruitment of new members
- ✓ Encourage donations
- ✓ Fund raising – coffee mornings, garden open days, selling raffle tickets etc. etc.
- ✓ Sponsorship – to help with cash or "in-kind" work
- ✓ Host or find a home for one of our charity collection boxes
- ✓ Raise awareness locally – schools, organisations, parish councils / magazines etc. & talks



Contact Us and Support Red Squirrels



If you see a grey squirrel or a sickly red ... Don't delay!

Please call one of the numbers below immediately

- Penrith East/Whinfell - Jerry Moss - 07736 779965
- Penrith North/Greystoke - Bernard Parker- 01768 484277
- Caldbeck – Rosemary Bailey – 01697 4 78575
- Sebergham – Mal Hilton – 016974 76955
- Ivegill - Adam Wellings - 016974 76076 (M) 07801 078886
- Dalston – David Main – 01228 711342
- Armathwaite/Lazonby – John Lisle - 01768 881744 (M) 07841 449648
- Ullswater North – Charlie Watson – 017684 86266
- Ullswater South – Ken Ratcliffe – 017684 82238
- Penrith South - Wendy Martin - 01931 713215
- Shap - Stuart Lewis - 07528 255861
- Tebay /Upper Eden - Gary Murphy - 01539 624788 (M) 07974 788434
- Appleby – Sarah Banks – 017683 53759
- Kirkby Stephen – Chris Metcalf Gibson – 015396 23336
- Ravenstonedale – Frank Chalmers – 01539 623638

For General Enquiries

Robert Benson, Chairman, Marian Whitwham, treasurer and Richard Dyke, secretary can be contacted via e-mail at

info@penrithredsquirrels.org.uk

or write to us:

**Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group,
The Estate Office, Lowther, Penrith,
Cumbria. CA10 2HG**

In the absence of a telephone our friends at the Birds' Bistro will take messages on 017684 83100

Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group Standing Order Form

To the manager.....Bank/Building Soc Sort code.....—.....—.....

Bank address..... Account number.....

..... Account Name.....

Instruction to your Bank / Building Society to pay by Standing Order

Please pay HSBC Bank , Market Square ,Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7SN, Sort Code 40-36-10 for the credit of Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group. Account Number. 01310968

the sum of £ (Pounds and pence)

commencing on the /..... /..... and thereafter every month/annually* on the same day until further notice in writing and debit my/our* account accordingly. (* delete as necessary)

Signed: Date:

Please return the original completed form to the address above

*Please tick this box if you are a UK taxpayer , the Government will increase your donation by 25p for every pound if you tick the box and sign the form. The Government will also pay to the charity an additional 3p on every £1 you give until 5th April 2011. This transitional relief for the charity does not affect your personal tax position. Please note the reclaimed tax must not exceed the amount of tax you pay this year.

Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group Membership Application/Donation Form (Please tick those that apply)

- I would like to become a member* Individual £10 Family £20
- I would like to make a donation* £5 £10 £20 Other £.....
- Standing Order from my bank* £2 £5 £10 Other £.....

Title:..... First name/s: Surname/s:

Address:.....Postcode:

Phone:..... Email:.....

* Please tick this box if you are a UK income tax/capital gains tax payer and wish PDRSG to claim GiftAid on your donation. The Government will increase your donation by 28p for every pound. Please note the reclaimed tax must not exceed the amount of tax you pay this year.

Signed: Date:

Return this form to: **Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group, The Estate Office, Lowther, Penrith, Cumbria. CA10 2HG**