



Save our Squirrels project update

Thank you for supporting the Save our Squirrels project. Your fundraising allows crucial conservation work to happen to protect this rare species.

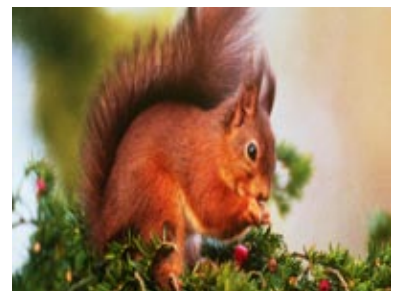
The Red Squirrel is our only native British Squirrel, but sadly is at risk of extinction if population numbers continue to decline. The main cause of this decline is competition with the American grey squirrel, and introduced species which is larger than the red and better able to survive harsh weather and periods of food shortage.

Cumbria is one of the few counties in the country where red squirrels

can still be seen, and the Save our Squirrels staff are working hard to protect and increase numbers. They are working with landowners to carry out conservation work to benefit the reds in 5 designated red squirrel reserves at Whinlatter, Thirlmere, Greystoke, Whinfell, and Garsdale/Mallerstang.

They are supporting networks of volunteers and contractors to carry out grey squirrel control in these reserves and their 5km buffer zones, and training volunteers to assist with population surveys and monitoring. Save our Squirrels staff provide education programmes and web-based teaching materials for schools,

and work to raise the profile of the red squirrel through educational walks, talks and events for the wider community, signs and interpretation



panels at the reserves, their website and local media.

Thank you for your support.

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