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Red Squirrels Northern England Project Update 2015/16

Thank you for your support for Red Squirrels Northern England.

The red squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*) is the only species of squirrel native to England. As a native species, the red squirrel is an integral part of our countryside and our natural heritage.

Red Squirrels Northern England (RSNE) is a red squirrel conservation partnership working right across northern England.

The project is principally based in Cumbria, Northumberland, Merseyside, Lancashire, north-west Durham and the Yorkshire Dales, in and close to areas where red squirrels are still living free in the landscape.

Last year, thanks to your donations, RSNE delivered 290 surveys, finding red squirrels in 44% of sites, and grey squirrels in 46%. Around 150 people were involved in carrying out this massive undertaking.

Monitoring is a key part of this conservation project. The bigger and more long-term the dataset, the more confidence we have that the results are a true reflection of what is happening to both red and grey squirrels here in northern England.

The surveys record presence or absence of both red and grey squirrels which help give a picture of their distribution. This in turn helps RSNE to carry out conservation work in areas where it is most needed.

Looking forward

Work has now started on the 2016 squirrel surveys and this year, RSNE are aiming to visit over 300 sites throughout the red squirrel range. RSNE continues to focus on ensuring habitat space for red squirrels is maintained



Your fundraising contribution allows for vital conservation work to happen, helping to protect this wonderful species.

Thank you again for your amazing support!