

Lyvennet Red Squirrels

Spring 2022



Well Head, Crosby Ravensworth – Photo: Andrew Wallis

The main news being:

- Number of greys dispatched early in this period, but none for a while – however, there are still several to deal with in the woods around Flass.
- Greys in the Crabstacks area (Littlebeck) (between the end of Brackenslack Lane and Kings Meaburn).
- I've not yet seen any young
- No reports of greys other than those above
- Reds are still numerous and active
- Pheasant season to start a month earlier than normal (July) which will limit access to some woods



General

X6 Greys Dispatched Year Total = 7

No reports of S/Pox cases.

Road Deaths – none Year Total = 2

Other Deaths – none Year Total = 0

Reds with S/pox dispatched this year in locality = 0

Report

Overall the situation would appear to be holding steady and generally positive – reds remain plentiful and seemingly in good health ... but there are still some greys knocking about in the woods around Flass and seemingly well settled.

I've had periods when I don't see a grey for a few days (such as in Orchard Wood and Longhill Wood) and then they put in an appearance - but for some reason they really seem to like Three Cornered Wood.

This is just a small wood, not very big and to have a pair of reds and numerous greys in there (living or visiting) is curious. With its proximity to both Maulds Meaburn and Crosby Ravensworth, the concern would be that eventually the greys may very well spill out.

Early in this period Gary managed to dispatch another three greys from Three Cornered Wood and Orchard Wood (to make four in total), but the little rascals are still there.

Both Gary and Jerry have had some success up at Crabstacks and a number of greys have been dealt with there – but it is good news that in this period I've had no reports of greys outside of those we already know about.

I've not yet seen any young, but hope to do so in the next few weeks.

At times some of the feeders go quiet but a few 'core' ones are constant.

Hopper Hill has been a curious case of this and after a good period of inactivity I stopped feeding there, but will return at the end of the summer.

Due to bird flu in France the local pheasant shoot are expecting to get their poultis a month early this year (now July) and this will have the knock on effect of giving us less time in those woods.

My thanks to Brian Bowness who has built a new feeder to replace the somewhat decrepit one that stood at 'The Bank, coppice' in Crosby Ravensworth.

Finally, just my usual plea to keep sightings coming in and to send me any photographs – any of reds that are not sat on feeders are especially welcomed.

Keep up the good work.





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Fund-raising



Fundraisers to help our reds!

A message from Sally Jagger who helped organise a fundraiser, thank you Sally (and all!):
I would like to say a big thank you to my fellow members and friends of the Lyvennet Art Group for letting me 'ambush' our weekly art afternoon and supporting me in my fund-raising efforts.

In total we raised £270 on the day for the tutorial, lunch, and afternoon tea and together with donations from my 'kitchen treacle tin', card sales and donation from hubby I am happy to say the Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group will receive a bank transfer of £300 which I hope goes some way to help the dear little red squirrels.



Enter our P&DRSG 2022 Raffle!

Prizes are as follows:

- £200 Cash
- Lowther Castle – 1 Year Family Pass
- Queens Head – Dinner for 2
- Roundthorn Hotel – Deluxe afternoon tea for 2
- Penrith Golf Club – Footgolf 4 Ball (family of 4)

For details on how to help sell/purchase tickets, please contact Jill on 07845 644035 or email: jep.high@gmail.com



On the 9th June I was at the Crosby Ravensworth Luncheon Club to give one of My tea tastings/presentations and the ensuing whip-round raised £24.00

Below is a chronology of **sightings of greys** over these last three months:

Also refer to the relevant section within the report for more details

1st Mar – *GREYS DISPATCHED*****

A male in Orchard Wood and a female in Three Cornered Wood

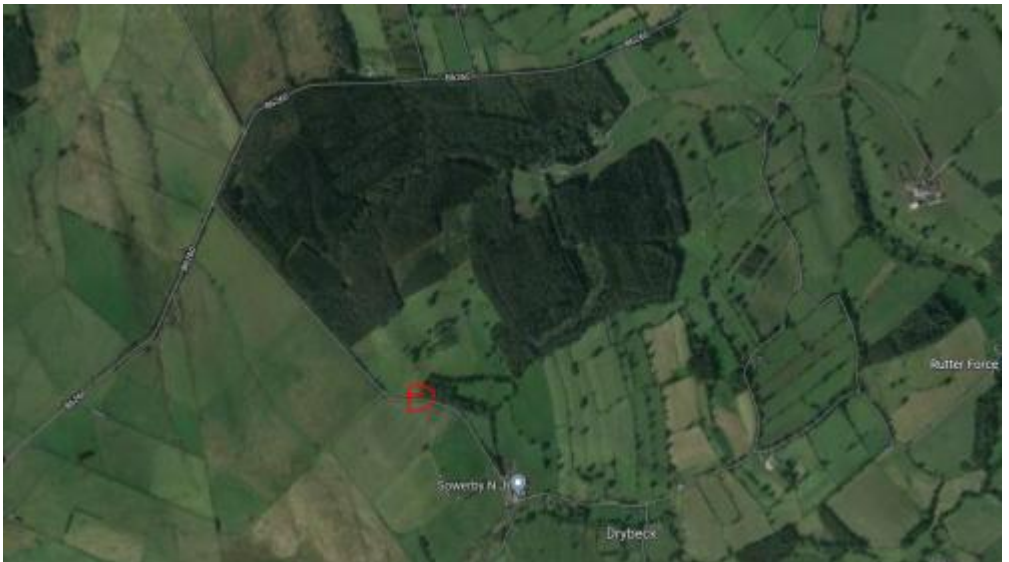
16th Mar – *GREY DISPATCHED*****

A male in Three Cornered Wood

22nd Mar – at least one grey left that is floating about Orchard Wood and Three Cornered Wood

13th Apr – position in Three Cornered Wood remains the same with x1 grey making regular visits, early and late.

Map below is the road to Drybeck – this morning after the long straight has it turns left and goes up hill, x2 greys on the road – Gary informed



13th Apr – *x 3 GREYS DISPATCHED***** Crabstacks (Near Kings Meaburn)

21st Apr – grey back in Longhill Wood this morning

12th May – grey back in Three Cornered Wood for the last 2-3 days and with (possibly the same one seen on occasion in Longhill Wood.

At 0830h this morning saw a grey on the avenue leading into Orchard Wood - have let Gary know.

End of period – still grey(s) in Three Cornered Wood

Maulds Meaburn



Flass Wood, Maulds Meaburn Photo: Darren Rogers

Lyvennet Bank

X1 feeder looking out over the green

X1 feeder on a tree in the main garden next to the river.

Feed goes constantly from both of the feeders – fairly good chance of spotting a red feeding.

At the start of the period all was well – the main feeder is visited daily, less frequent visits to the one looking out over the green

24th Mar – feed goes every day and after a spell of the ‘Green feeder’ not being visited that often, the feed is now going daily as well.

13th Apr – position remains the same and the ‘Green feeder’ is getting visited more. On my return from my rounds this afternoon a red was on the Green Feeder – as been a long time since I’ve seen one on there

16th Apr – both feeders going well and have now seen a red on the ‘Green Feeder’ a couple of times.

12th May – feeder looking over the green has gone quiet.

End of period – feed is now going daily from both feeders

Flass



Feed goes constantly from the three feeders – all being very popular.

At the start of the period all was well with daily visits from reds and no greys had been seen on any of the feeders for some time.

Garden - on a yew tree to the left of the swimming pool – not viewable to public.

Pump House – (was previously the ‘Tunnel Feeder’)
on a tree, just on the high ground immediately next to it

Folly – up at the folly and not viewable to the public

MARCH

14th – have noticed that the feeders at the Pump House and in the garden still have some feed in most days

21st – Red on the pump house feeder at 0930h this morn' – food going from all the feeders

24th – Feed going daily from all feeders

APRIL

Feed taken daily from all feeders

MAY

12th – after having been away for some 10 days the Folly Feeder has gone quiet after topping it back up.

The Garden feeder likewise, but the Pump House feeder is still active.

End of period – all appears well with feed going daily from all the feeders and no greys seen, in spite of their proximity to Orchard Wood.

Key to map below:

F – Flass

1 – Orchard Wood

2 - Three Cornered Wood

3 – Longhill Wood

4 – Ewe Close



Three Cornered Wood

MARCH

At the beginning of the period – we knew from both the camera and my own sightings that there was at least one grey in the wood.

There is also a red, but its visits have become quite rare and fleeting.

1st – **GREY DISPATCHED - x1 female**

Further grey seen on camera – there was two!!

2nd to 5th – just the same grey visiting

5th to 7th – a trap was put in the wood – the grey kept up its x2 daily visits, but was not interested in looking inside the trap!

8th – a new grey has turned up with x2 caught on camera at the same time this Morning -- my thinking is that it could be the Orchard Wood grey that is now on its own.

9th – second grey still there on occasion

10th – Grey maintains its early and late visits

12-14th – occasional visit from a red, but still a grey both early and late

16th – *GREY DISPATCHED*** - x1 male**

Red on the feeder 0845-0930h

From the camera though, a grey on the feeder at 1735-1750h!!

17th – a RED actually spent some time on the feeder this morning 0835-0915h, but included this below, although that is the only photo of a grey so far today:



18th – grey had been on the feeder again last night and today (up to 1520h) it has been a mix of both grey and red from 0620 to 1050h

19th – no grey last night and no grey today either (up to 15h)
Red this morning and still a little feed left

20th – a red from 0640h with a few visits through to early p.m. – No grey

21st – only a red today and its visits are becoming more frequent and for longer.

22nd – grey back today. X2 brief visits this a.m.

24th – last two days has seen regular visits by both a red and a grey, the grey slightly more prominent.

26th – both red and grey have been visiting regularly over the last two days – still tends to be early and late in the day.

31st – Still a mix of visits from both a red and a grey (and crows)

Photo below: cute when a red does it ... not when a grey does.

That little is just waiting to be dispatched



APRIL

10-13th – position remains the same

15th – as above – trap set in the evening – by the fence where the grey is sat on the post in the photo above.

I've now seen a few photos with the grey entering/exiting from that way and I'm beginning to wonder if it is coming across from Orchard Wood.

Always early and late when it is here.

Although no grey picked up on the camera in Orchard Wood since the 12th.

16th – checked the trap this morning ... empty.

But as I was in the field walking towards it saw the little bugger further into the wood – both the grey and red had already been on the feeder early on

Will be checking the trap again at lunch-time ... empty

Only a red this afternoon and trap checked again tonight ... empty.

17th – well, yet again check the trap x3 today and then when I view the camera – no grey has been at all today ... just a red! This really is a frustrating game.

18th – trap and camera checked this morning and up to 0940h it had only been crows that had visited – a bit cooler this morning.

Reds arrived after 10h and were there on and off all day – no greys.

I wish I knew what was going on – either it's a male and it's now moved on to find a partner or it's a female and pregnant and bedding down.

Either way, the trap comes out tomorrow a.m. as apart from this, for the first time ... x2 reds in the same photo (below).

Always heartening to see two at the same time.

And with the grey not being picked up on the cameras in Orchard Wood and Longhill Wood ... where is it?



19th – no grey and trap removed

20th – no grey and have removed the camera (to go to Brackenslack)

21st – all the food gone and a grey was up at Longhill Wood this a.m.!

29th – camera back in-situ

May

9th – I've been away awhile and from checking the camera there hasn't been that many visits by squirrels, albeit the food would have gone on the 30th.

Mainly reds, but a grey visited very briefly during the mornings of the 4-5th and 7th.

The red has been visiting every day and has probably got fed up with finding an empty feeder.

10th – red feeding all this morning and at 0840h when I was there it was back on the feeder within minutes of me leaving.

12th – I was back this morning and when checking the camera for the last few days ... greys are back.

A red was on the feeder all day on the 10th and then the grey turned up at 1640h and has been back on the 11th and also this morning.

16th – my new shift pattern is awful, so, I haven't been here since the 12th, but it remains a mix of x1 grey and x2 reds.

Gary was here on the 13th but to no avail.

Both are actively and regularly visiting – but after several years in this wood, finally a great photo!



End of period – the grey(s) are still there, more prominent than the reds, but who still make some appearances

Orchard Wood

MARCH

At the beginning of the period – x1 grey had been dispatched during January, but we knew that there was still another to go.

There is also a pair of REDS in the wood and which make fairly regular visits to the feeders – the ‘new’ second feeder that was put up in January has only recently started to get visits

7th – Grey has been less prominent up to date, but still there with the reds making daily visits to the main feeder - camera moved to the second feeder

8th – **Grey** on the new feeder at 0733 hrs – I think this grey is moving in between here and Three Cornered Wood.

The red also makes the occasional visits to this second feeder as well

9-10th – GREY again early morn’

12-13th – just a red on the second feeder



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14th – Red on the main feeder at 0830h when I attended

Both a grey and red had been on the second feeder this morn'.

16th – some things can be good ... but also annoying ... 4 reds.

We had both Gary and Jerry here today, early as well. Gary got a grey in Three Cornered Wood whilst Jerry 'sat up on a feeder' in Orchard Wood and whilst he didn't see any greys he did see ... 4 reds.

Undoubtedly good, but why is that annoying ... because after several years going into this wood I've only ever seen one at a time, even on camera.

He comes here, first time in ages (he used to be the ranger for these parts), sits up and sees four; I demand a recount!!!

Seriously though ... what good news.

19th – feed is going and camera brought back to the main feeder

20th – a red on the main feeder throughout the morning – no grey

21st – a red on the main feeder early – the second feeder, whatever is visiting it only takes the monkey nuts!

22nd – grey on the main feeder this morning (0730-45h)

Moved the camera to the second feeder

24th – just the odd visit by a red to the second feeder – camera moved and up to Longhill Wood



An action photo from a static camera

APRIL

2nd – food always gone from the main feeder, less saw from the new one

10th – camera brought back to the main feeder.

12th – grey had 30 mins on the main feeder this morning

15th – only reds on the main feeder and they are arriving very early in the morning
Now -- feed still going from the second feeder as well.

16th – still only reds on the main feeder – doesn't look like the second feeder as
been touched

17th – as the 16th

18th – as 16/17th, but with this today



19th – still only reds and camera remove to Longhill Wood

May

9th – whilst I've been away and there are no cameras in here, it does generally seem to be OK in here at present.

10th – food all gone when I visited at 0830h

12th – at 0830h as walking down the avenue a grey ran across me from right to left about 50 yards further down.

End of the period – haven't had a camera in here for a while, but I've not seen any greys.

However, I have no doubt that they are putting in the occasional appearance.

Longhill Wood

MARCH

At the end of February I hadn't seen a grey for a while and it was just red(s) visiting the feeder.

On the 7th I put up another feeder – further up the bank about 150 yards further into the wood (effectively directly behind the main feeder slightly left).



I've never known a feeder have so many birds visit it, they've been a right nuisance.

1st to 9th – position remains the same with just reds on camera – 7th moved the camera to the new feeder

8th – Red on the new feeder this morning for a while

9-14th – has only been red(s) that have visited the new feeder, albeit there are probably as many photos of woodpeckers as there are reds!

See the 'And Finally' at the end -- Still corn left in the original feeder



15th – having not seen a grey for a few weeks in this wood – one turned up to day on the new feeder



And it spent some time there as well, across numerous visits beginning at 0740h through to 1810h.

This new feeder is proving to be well liked – woodpeckers galore, plenty of other birds, but surprisingly not many Jays and then today, a pheasant.

This little exchange between the grey and the pheasant resulted in the pheasant remaining where it was.

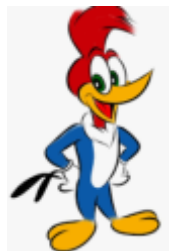
16th – up to 1530h just a red today.

17th – It's the Woody Woodpecker show!

Do the woodpeckers like this feeder or what? And I have now seen them with a peanut in their mouth, so full marks for the ingenuity at been able to get them out from the feeder.

The pheasant has been back as well – but no grey today.

Red has been a couple of times during the day.





18th – another ‘*Day of the Woodpecker*’, but a red has been here for most of the day as well; sometimes they were there at the same time.

So now we have:

- a.) A grey with a pheasant
- b.) A red with a woodpecker

Will there be a ‘c’?

So long as it doesn’t involve a grey.

19th – grey for 3 minutes this morning at 09h.

Red has made a few visits, but the number of birds!!

20th – grey was on the second feeder this morning although only briefly at 0605h, otherwise a red.

21st – just a red today.

22nd – a red throughout the morning, including this:



24th – this new feeder is proving too popular, over 300 photos a day!

And those are mainly of birds.

However, no grey the last two days and a red is visiting regularly, including the off visit to check if the feeder has been topped up. Camera put up on the original feeder.

26th – not sure why, but only two photos from the camera on the main feeder – but the new feeder is a pain, over 880 photos in two days and mainly of birds. However, visits by a red, but not from a grey

30th – red(s) on both feeders, but no greys for the last few days

APRIL

2nd – still only red(s) visiting to both feeders and no greys (at present).

The feeders are only 100 yards apart, but virtually no birds visit the original one, but the new one is plagued by them – therefore, due to this and no greys having visited, I have removed the camera - but an 'aah' photo to be going on with.



Do you think it could be the same red?

16th – position remains the same, no greys Seen.

18th – only red(s) visiting the original feeder. Will bring a camera up from Orchard Wood to put on the second feeder.

19th – reds to the original feeder (inc' two at the same time)

Camera put on the second feeder





20th – still plenty of birds visiting No.2 feeder, but also only reds

21st – but today a grey! Briefly visited both feeders

½ hour in total at 0920h

29th – no greys in the intervening period -- but over the last week:



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Nice to see, but not on a squirrel feeder



However, I'm fairly certain that it didn't catch anything

We want a bit more of this though:



And this:



MAY

9th – a long weekend away and the new shift pattern!

Only got back today and from the cameras it is generally positive, but a grey was seen briefly on both feeders on the morning of the 6th.

It's not been seen since.

Oh and the Buzzard has been back hunting as well.

This afternoon when I attended, took the rucksack, looked back up and there was a red on the right hand side of the tree, obviously coming to see if there was any food (must have thought that I was giving a poor quality service).

We had a quick chat and he popped up the tree until I had topped up – that's the chap below and I was only a matter of feet away from him.

And from the second feeder, which was empty – all apart from a big ball of moss! Wondered what might have been contemplating building a nest and it was a red ... see photo below.

The camera shows it bringing two good mouthfuls, but then no more – wonder why it gave up?



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10th – a grey visited the second feeder for a short while this morning, but not the original feeder

12th – no greys 11th or up to 09h today

The photo below is purely for the blue bells which are out at present.

Curiously they populate this side of the wood very well, but not so much on the other side of the ravine where the pheasant pens are.



End of the period – it has generally remained the same with reds prominent, but with the occasional appearance from a grey.

The new feeder is blighted with birds of all varieties and a woodpecker that can sit on it for hours, it has to be stupid!

Food isn't always taken from the original feeder which is slightly curious

Edge Close - Wood above Flass Pasture NY 632 146



At the end of February all the feed was going daily and that included the corn, which is a slight worry.

March

6th – position remains the same

14th – position remains the same and camera now located here

You may remember me having previously mentioned that it is a slightly awkward feeder for getting photos, but in the past, the adjacent wall has proved quite productive.

16th – not this time though! Plenty of photos of birds, many of which are Jays with a piece of corn in their beaks (that might explain why the corn is going – in spite of me having double-pinned the Perspex screen so that they can't lift it up!).

Anyway, only one picture of a squirrel and at least it was a red – camera re-positioned to hopefully get the view as above.

Still, the photo below is quite ...eery?



17th – it would be easy to get annoyed ... but the new camera position hasn't Worked - back to it being on the nearest tree.

18th – some success, but not a lot of photos and I think that might be because the red is going inside the feeder and staying for lunch -- anyway, no greys.



19th – can you shoot Jays (legally)?

More than any other feeder, do I have problems with this one – the screen had been forced up again and one of the pins that was in place to prevent it was missing; you do have to admire their determination and ingenuity, but how annoying.

Anyway, we try again, but if that fails I will replace the feeder with one of the black ones.

Has with many wooden feeders the grooves into which the screen slides are quickly disappearing – mice and rats trying to get in.

A red a couple of times through the morning and no grey – camera moved to Orchard Wood

21st – red on the tree today when I arrived.

Not the best of photo's, but I took it and I just hope that when it gets back down to the feeder and sees that it is now full it thinks hmmm!

22nd – seem to have sorted the issue with pinning the screen and stopping the Jays from getting in and **24th** fairly confident that it is just reds here.



May

9th – all still seems good.

Corn isn't going, but the feed is, but it does seem strange that despite its proximity, greys don't seem to venture here.

Why do greys love Three Cornered Wood, to a slightly lesser extent, Longhill Wood, but not here?

End of the month – the same. Feed always goes and appears no issue with greys

GREEN ENDS + THWAITES COTTAGES

April - I saw my first little red dancing along the riverbank full of the joys of Spring near the beginning of April.

He came into our garden, as they all appear to do, and climbed up our large cedar tree then disappeared.

He was too quick for me to get a decent photograph.

Since then the same little chap has done the same journey twice, the last time being yesterday (**2nd May**).

He's small and very russet in colour with a cream chest and tip to his tail.

Pennie



Here's my squirrel Darren but photo blurred as camera was grabbed and it was taken in haste. Not one for sharing I think this time! Pennie

ED: but it's good to share

ROWANS

15th Apr – it's been quite a wait, but I always knew that they would return, but today:

Saw a Red squirrel in our garden this morning.

Red back this afternoon and feeding from our box -- Bob.

I've now set Bob two tasks:

- 1.) photos
- 2.) found out from whence they came

But at the end of the period the reds appear to have stopped visiting

Other sightings from the village:

March

30th – lovely little sighting on the road down to Flass opposite Lyvennet Bank.

Walking from Flass back towards the village and a red was running up the lane – it jumped up onto the wall on the right hand side and the realised that there was already a second red sat on the wall.

They ran along the wall and jumped up onto the tree opposite the gate to LB

April

No Reports

May

No Reports

Brackenslack Wood

APRIL

21st – last week I visited and the food that I had put out some time ago had gone.

Today when I visited, that what I had put out last week had also gone

Camera placed here -- red or grey?

22nd – no visitors since yesterday.

29th – nothing. Camera removed.

I've always thought this to be a 'dead wood' with very little living in it and that any food that is taken is from those 'passing through'.

Position remains the same at the end of the period

Brackenslack Lane

the feeder here remains un-visited

Trainlands Wood

This is the wood at the point where '*Little Beck*' rises.

From MM – when you go past the entrance to Holesfoot and go down into the dip, the wood is on the left.

Feeder is on the R/hand side of beck, 50 yards in.

I top the feeder up every 3rd/4th day and the food is always gone

22nd Apr – red on the feeder this morning when I attended

17th May – popped the camera up here

18th May – reds back this morning and cleared the feeder in double quick time.

As I was topping up a red came down the tree, saw me, chatted away and went away.



19th – the two reds visiting this feeder do like to have the occasional squabble, but not in this photo:



This to me looks like a game of 'peeka boo'.



End of period – x2 reds actively feeding on a regular basis

Morland Bank Wood

Just the usual sightings of reds on or near the road

Caravan Wood -- no updates from Jerry.

I did go with the intention of removing the feeder, but it is now so 'welded' to the tree and with being an old feeder it would probably disintegrate if I tried to take it down

Crosby Ravensworth



Nest Making (towards Oddendale) -- Photo by David Thompson

Well Head + Anna Well

10th Mar – red on the feeder at Well Head

16th Mar - Sighting yesterday and 2 today! Dorothy

28th Mar – I have seen a red squirrel on 7 days out of the last 11 – not Saturdays and Sundays as I have been watching the rugby!

They seem to come along the rear fence except today's which skipped along the front path and then returned from Andrew's feeder to scabble in the soil below our bird feeders, at least twice whilst I was watching.

I cannot say for certain that they are the same RS.

Apart from on two occasions they have arrived between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Today's was in action at 11.30 am.

They have kept me sane during the past two years alongside the wonderful array of birds which frequent our feeders – what a lucky girl I am! Dorothy

11th Apr - red squirrels every day now and 3 sightings on Saturday.

Two were playing (?) in our front garden at the same time so I know they are different ones, not sure about the other since it came at a different time.

One already this morning, frolicking in the tree on our boundary before continuing its journey to Andrew's feeder -- Dorothy

8th May - Hi Darren, I have been a bit lax in forwarding my sightings but here goes. During the last 14 days I have seen nine Reds - five singles and two on two separate days.

Interestingly two of the sightings were in new places – one about 200 metres on the roadside below Haberwain Cottage and the other traversing the field gate opposite the Methodist Chapel in CR.

Dorothy

End of the period - We have a couple of squirrels feeding daily at Well Head, both on the feeder and the bird table.

Crosby Ravensworth South – Gilt

23rd Mar – feeder full of rotted food – cleaned and just a few monkey nuts put in.

16th Apr – someone has very kindly topped up the feeder since my last visit and from what is at the foot of the tree it looks like feed is going.

12th May – some food had gone, but some left – topped up

Summer House

23rd Mar – empty and topped up.

16th Apr – empty and topped up

12th May – empty and topped up

And for both, unfortunately I've not been able to get back in the rest of May

The Bank Coppice (by River)

15th Mar – feeder empty – topped up

23rd Mar – still a little food left, but topped up

16st Apr – feeder now damaged beyond repair – when I was given it, it was an old and need of repair – it's done well to have lasted this long.

Will have to speak with the land owner to see if they are happy for a replacement.

17th Apr – have had a reply back from Shirley

“Hi Darren, Brian realised this morning when he went to fill up that it had fallen to bits.

He couldn't find the front of it but left some nuts so the squirrels wouldn't go without.

He will either get a new one or make one.

I actually saw a squirrel this morning on the Stoneworks site beside our car. Shirley”.

12th May – the new feeder looks good – topped up.

Other Sightings:-

March -- No Reports

April -- No Reports

May -- No Reports

Hopper Hill / Wood

X2 feeders here – both are on the opposite side of the river to the footpath along the river, but quite visible.

- 1.) Feeder 1 is just in the copse further along from the bend in the river. Look for the white bag on the fence
- 2.) Feeder on a lone tree standing just outside the copse on the bend of the river

At the start of the period it was a continuation of the end of January ... not getting visited by anything

15th Mar – no feed as been taken

31st Mar – no feeder has been taken and hence today I emptied the feeders out.
Will re-commence feeding summer/autumn

Oddendale

13th Apr - It is a shame about Bramleys closing, I'm OK for the moment for food for the birds & squirrels but will have to find another source in a month or two.

Oddendale seems to be OK, touch wood - I was a bit worried last week as not so much food had been eaten, but things seemed back to normal today and I had one very healthy looking mature squirrel on the feeder before I left.

I tried to take a photo though to send you, which was a step too far - it shot up the tree at a very rapid pace! Liz

Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck + Sleagill + Newby

NO REPORTS

Morland

No Reports

Reagill

11th Mar' – Dunkirk



20th – Beech Tree Farm – now have x3 reds visiting regularly

End of the period –

Dunkirk – reds still visiting – see photo below



And Finally

A little selection of some ad-hoc photos that I have captured



Frogs at Dunkirk, Reagill – Photo Jacqui Ashton-Taylor



The new feeder at Longhill Wood – the woodpeckers really like it.
But then so do the Jays!



Preparing to land



Mating games

Mating ... or as my daughter said ... Dancing



And another one from Three Cornered Wood – not sure how common it is to see two at the same time:



Darren Rogers 13th May 2022