

Red Squirrel Sightings – October 2019



Green Ends – photo by Pennie Bennett

General –

Overall the number of sightings remains low, but those that have been reported are all described as being in good health.

The reports all indicate the natural darkening in colour with the on-set of winter.

No reports of greys and/or S/Pox cases.

Reds have been seen in very close proximity to the road at:

Meaburn Edge (one known to have been killed)

Hopper Hill near to turn up to Crake Trees (signs requested from Ranger)

Morland Bank/Hard Bank

Road Deaths – x1

8th a.m. - top of Meaburn Brow, on the straight stretch towards
The Appleby road – run over by an old 'C' Reg' mini bus.

Near Miss on 21st in the same location

Cat Attacks - none reported

Greys shot this year in parish = 4 (and x1 road death)

Reds with S/pox shot this year in parish = 4

Maulds Meaburn

General – still fairly quiet in terms of the number of sightings

Green Ends – by the end of the month none seen for at least 2 weeks

Lyvennet Bank – using feeders less at the start of month – but back to taking feed
More regularly mid month

Flass - still regular sightings - as with Lyvennet Bank, seen in the wood
Opposite.

26th – lunchtime – x1 seen by the gate to house

Riverside Cottages – seen to make regular forays into the garden and into the fir
Trees – make way there via The Old Mill

Other Sightings:

11th – rear of MMVI

21st – **Midday** – a red nearly hit by a car at the top of the Meaburn Edge road
about a 100m from the Appleby road.

End of Month – most mornings in proximity to road at northern edge of Morland
Bank Wood.

Crosby Ravensworth

School – 11th monkey nuts from beginning of September still there
Feeder moved to the church

Church – sightings have become sporadic
28th at 1430 hrs x1 seen on the north side of the church digging
under one of the Yews
Subsequently Monkey nuts placed on ground under tree and these
Are being taken

Well Head - still no sightings

Other Sightings

1st – Weston House - spotted a healthy red in the garden this a.m.
digging in a few places. I think it is the same one as before with the dark tail.

Red seen running down Silver Street - No activity on feeders yet.

9 a.m. - One small red squirrel with a white tummy seen at the bottom of
Haberwain, it ran between Tenter Row to Willow Croft - looked healthy.

20th – Weston House – x2 reds seen chasing each other through the trees in the
garden.
Both seemed healthy - first time that two have been seen
together since June.

Hopper Hill / Wood

At month's end a young looking red seen in proximity to road most mornings
Ranger contacted Re' possibility of signs to be sited warning motorists

Harberwain

Sightings:

11th – a.m. Nr. To Low Harberwain

26th – 1230 hrs – on the roadside near to Harberwain Farm

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General –

Beech Tree Farm - Still seeing many healthy reds around here.

Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck

No Reports

Morland

No reports

Colby

25th – x1 crossing the road right to left just before Colby (from direction of Bolton)