

Red Squirrel Sightings – September 2019



Green Ends – photo by Pennie Bennett (25th)

General – whilst slowly increasing, especially at the month's end, it is still quiet in terms of sightings, but with a healthier looking picture in terms of greys and S/pox.

16th – **x1 Grey shot – Crosby Ravensworth** (by river Nr. Holmes Bridge) seen over previous days by local farmer as far away as The Bank. Lone female, has not been pregnant – no cause for concern.

Reagill - reports of a grey in the village middle of the month.

Gary was looking for it but on 23rd but x1 grey was found dead having been hit by a car – hopefully this was the same one that had been seen previously and also the only one.

Road Deaths – x1 Bolton – on bridge over R. Eden (a known accident hotspot)
Young, looked in good health

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

Green Ends – a ‘new’ squirrel has now been seen in the garden (25th).

This little squirrel, with a black tail and white tum, has been leaping in and out of the garden and up the pine tree over the last week.

The observer was able to get quite close to him for the photo above.

Month’s end - second red now visiting the garden – has a paler dark tail and smaller and thinner

There’s been no sign of the other squirrels photographed over the summer.

Rowans – appears a resident population and now being seen again (x4 reds?)

Lyvennet Bank – 6th no signs of any at present.

Monkey nuts put out 22nd – still there 23rd - gone a.m. 24th

30th now having to re-stock feeders every day

Flass - feed still been taken from feeders

Walk through Orchard wood beginning and end of month – none seen, but signs of nuts on trees having been eaten

Thwaites Cottages – x1 has started to visit daily from 26th

Other Sightings:

13th – 3 p.m. Morland Bank Wood - ran across the road - Seemed fit & well

17th – 5.30 p.m. Morland Bank Wood – sat left side as going to Morland.

26th – 9 a.m. on lane towards Flass - came from Lyvennet Bank and then returned
Slim, small, but healthy – possibly the one seen at Green Ends.

Crosby Ravensworth

General –

Reports of a large and numerous population within the confines of the river leading south from Holmes Bridge, up to and past Crosby Lodge into Crosby Gill and area around Gilts Bridge.

School – put the feeder back out on 4th – come the 30th none of the x8 monkey nuts had been taken.

Well Head - none seen since July.

Tenter Row – have had regular visits from one very healthy looking red over the past 3 weeks (26th)

Other Sightings

2nd – Weston House – morning, in the garden.

A very healthy individual, high up in the trees.

This one had an almost black tail, unlike the ‘blondie’ seen before.

8th – 1819 hrs - Dale Nook (Low Dalebanks)

Just watched a lively squirrel run through my garden and up the dale.

There is no food in the bird feeders so it didn't stay long.

13th – 1450 hrs Coach House (opposite Monks Bridge)

X1 returned to the garden.

Had been visiting - only occasionally – previously seen a couple of times each year, although believed to visit at other times.

Previously last seen end of spring/beginning of summer.

Arrives from the garden wall onto a particular apple tree, then over to another & down its trunk into the garden - he exits in reverse!

He also has a particular zigzag route across the garden - today he had a little dig at the bottom of the ‘arrival tree’, clearly expecting to find something!

He has an alternative favoured location for hiding his treats, in the roots of another apple tree, too.

He looked to be in excellent health & full of the proverbial beans.

30th - One seen crossing the lane to High Dalebanks just outside Low Dalebanks.

Hopper Hill / Wood

Gary has liaised with Keith and resident population still appears healthy

Harberwain

No Reports

Reagill

General –

still getting a couple of regulars around Dunkirk and in the garden, but at the moment they're mostly on the wild harvest and don't really feed much here.

Still seeing a couple reds at least once a week in the woods south of village.

Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck

General – High Whitber

occasional sightings in fields adjacent to the river near stepping stones

Morland

No reports