

## Lower Coquetdale Red Squirrels



We are delighted to welcome 2 new members to the group , one based near Burgham and one in Longframlington , monitoring squirrel activity in both places.

Thank you for reporting recent sightings, mainly grey, sadly, but also some reds reported from Swarland, Felton and Rothbury and further up the valley. Please keep them coming!

Fingers crossed I am making a grant application for construction of a website for our group which will allow us to inform you regularly and take sightings online. Very exciting! I am not really a technophobe, but pretty much a novice at these things, so I am learning fast!

Thanks to all who supported us at Newton on the Moor and Swarland show, we have some lovely cards ( and Christmas cards, yes I know it only September) and beautiful wildlife books which all go towards helping fund the group. If you are interested in these please email or phone me.

Our biggest outlay annually is on an insurance policy in case we fall over our own feet while walking the woods, bizarre but true! All our volunteers are self- funded and give their time willingly.

Around Newmoor Hall the crop of hazelnuts this year are still green but I see the grey squirrels and the woodpeckers have had a go at them already. No wonder there is little left for the Reds who being smaller can't take them until later in the season. I sincerely hope we will have some left for the kids to enjoy in their adulthood.

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