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Happy New Year to all from your local Red Squirrel Conservation Group

Our youngest volunteer has been busy at work over Christmas making feeders which we are putting up in strategic woods to see which squirrels are around.

Joe Shipley Smith aged 11 already has his own wildlife camera and has some lovely pictures of the local roe deer. He has made 4 feeders and we are about to install one in woods close to the village with his camera trained on it to see who visits.

Fingers crossed we will see a red visitor or two.

In the meantime there is a parliamentary petition on change.org to try to get landowners who are within 100 miles of Red squirrel populations to control Grey squirrels on their land, with a view to creating a strong buffer zone to protect the reds. if you're able to sign this it would be much appreciated.

https://www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-all-landowners-within-100-miles-of-red-squirrels-to-control-grey-squirrels?recruiter=310317789&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&recruited_by_id=a130fd70-0a97-11e5-9509-5997cc3b942f&share_bandit_exp=initial-19777760-en-GB&share_bandit_var=v2&utm_content=fht-19777760-en-gb%3Av11

Research continues into the administration of sterilising hormones which would help control the grey squirrel population and also into gene selection in greys to address their ability to breed much faster than the native reds.

There is more information on our Facebook page " Squirrels in Coquetdale" on all the subjects above.

Please help us care for our Red Squirrels.

Many thanks

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One of Joes feeder boxes in position

