

Red Squirrel Sightings – March and April 2020



Orchard Wood – photo by Darren Rogers

General

The number of sightings remains fairly low, but there has been a slight increase on the previous months.

On a regular basis they continue to be seen and are taking food in around Flass, Hopper Hill, Reagill, Morland Bank Wood and Dalebanks.

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

Road Deaths – one – 26-27th April in Morland Bank Wood

Year Total = 2

Other Deaths –

Year Total = 1

Cat Attacks - none reported

Greys shot this year in parish = 0

Reds with S/pox shot this year in parish = 0



Nr. Lyvennet Bank - photo by Darren Rogers

Maulds Meaburn

General

Not too many sightings reported with most being in and around the area of Flass, which appears to be the one sure place to see them (it?).

Apart from 'Rowans', most sightings just involve having seen the one squirrel at a time.

All appear healthy.

Lyvennet Bank – still taking from the feeder every day.

Tried some apple, but like the carrot didn't seem keen.

Best time to see them on the feeder is between 9-10 a.m.

Flass - **10th March** – the feeds was been taken less frequently first half of month, but then back to daily and continuing.

Orchard Wood – **2nd March** – all nuts in feeder gone and x1 large and healthy red seen nearby – sightings becoming more frequent.
However, the feed is only sporadically taken.

Morland Bank Wood – regular sightings as people drive through the 'wood'.

Some of the sightings place the squirrels virtually 'road-side'.

Indeed one red run over at the end of April
will enquire Re erection of road signs



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Other Sightings:

MARCH 16th – garden of Rowans

23rd - crossing the Orton road at the top of Meaburn Edge evening.
and x2 together in the garden of Rowans.

APRIL

2nd – tea-time across the green going back to Flass via trees at the side of the river.

Possibly same date as when seen in the garden of Green Ends.

Crosby Ravensworth



Dalenook (Crosby Ravensworth) – photo by Paul Shufflebottom

General

Church – no sightings and no food taken from the feeder

Low Dalebanks - 17th The squirrels are doing fine although I have only seen two but they look very healthy.

Other Sightings:-

March:-

1st - one squirrel running up the road past the Butchers Arms!

25th – Dalebanks a.m.

Two Squirrels playing, running around a tree having great fun...

28th – Red squirrel on the bird feeder, Low Dalebanks - afternoon.

Looked healthy but didn't want to frighten it away so didn't get close enough to be sure.

April

4th – Low Dalebanks (Dale Nook) - young red squirrel sat on the wall at 18:30 and which returned a little later – see main photo

6th – a.m. Northways – came onto the windowsill

14th – Dalebanks – “The Squirrel yesterday was bombing around the Sycamore Tree in next doors garden, but I couldn't see his mate.”

29th – a.m. Northways – back on the window sill and with excellent video footage
Available of local (Crosby Ravensworth) Facebook page

Hopper Hill / Wood

Keith reports that his two feeders are in continual use and that during the week of the 6th he also one visit the garden.

Harberwain

NO REPORTS

Reagill

Dunkirk – 3rd April - Still seeing a couple of squirrels around the garden.

Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck

A new road sign has been erected on the north side of the village

Early March - Reds have been seen in the village 3-4 times since the beginning of the year and down along the beck, north from Well Tree + just north of the Littlebeck entry into the Lyvennet.

Morland

No Reports

Newby

No Reports