

Red Squirrel Sightings – January + February 2020



Dunkirk (Reagill) – photo by Jacqui Ashton-Taylor

General –

The number of sightings/reports remains fairly low this month, but those that have been reported are all described as being in good health.

The 'Flass Reds' are taking food every day and are being seen regularly near to the house or from the road/footpath around Flass.

I did notice that following '*Storm Ciara*' no food was taken the following day.

The 'Church Reds' have unfortunately suffered a setback with one having been run over and subsequently the, now re-positioned feeder, has remained untouched since.

On Thursday 13th February we had a successful evening at MMVI when Ian Jack and Gary Murphy from P&DRSG came to give a presentation.

From donations, a raffle and the return of '*Katie's Cakes*' we raised the sum of
£220

Which was presented to Ian on the night.



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

Road Deaths – **One** – 16th January

on the lane between the church and old vicarage going up to the farm

Other Deaths – **One** – 3rd February – found on the lawn near to river in Flass
Had been dead for a few days

Cat Attacks - none reported

Greys shot this year in parish = 0

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

Maulds Meaburn

General – not many sightings reported with most being in and around the area of Flass.

Lyvennet Bank – taking from the feeder, virtually every day.
Occasional sightings in Flass Wood behind.

16th – I actually saw a red on the feeder this morning, have been topping it up for months now and this was the first time (DR) that have seen one on it.

Flass - Cleaned out an old feeder on a tree next to the river on 8th
Over the weekend of 11/12th all the nuts taken from feeder.
Still nuts in on 15th, but all gone on the 16th
From then on, food been taken every day

Orchard Wood – **15th** – all nuts in feeder gone
Thereafter very intermittent.

Other Sightings:

None Reported



Flass – photo by Jodie Cass

Crosby Ravensworth

General

12th Jan' - None to report around Silver Street CR for ages now.

Church – Moved the feeder to the rear of the church and then the day after found the dead red in the lane – none taken since.

CastleHowe Scar - First red seen this year crossing the road 10th Jan'.
One of the very dark-tailed ones reported by Alex.

Other Sightings:-

10th Jan' - crossing the road beyond the bridge near the parish archive – Looked healthy

28th Jan' – Weston House - Saw my first squirrel of the year in the garden.
High in the trees - looked very healthy and energetic.

Hopper Hill / Wood

NO REPORTS

Harberwain

NO REPORTS

Reagill

Dunkirk –

Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck

No Reports

Morland

No reports

Newby

14th Feb -around Newby End Farm morning and afternoon. Looks very chirpy!