

# Lyvennet Red Squirrels

Autumn 2022



Well Head, Crosby Ravensworth – Photo: Andrew Wallis



The main news being:

- It's actually looking quite positive with sightings of reds far out numbering that of greys.
- The odd grey is popping up, but not in the numbers expected.
- Reagill – have done quite a bit of work here in two of the woods and I've only seen ... reds
- Road deaths are totting up
- Monkey nuts are king – seeds and other nuts just seem to go to waste



## General

**X 14 Greys Despatched**

**X 1 Grey found dead**

**Year Total = 55**



Morland

**Road Deaths (Reds) = 4 Year Total = 8**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept – X2** at the junction of the Appleby to Orton road with Meaburn Edge.

This makes three in the same place within a short period of time.

**End Sept** – on the road between Reagill and

**25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reagill** - About half mile out of Reagill, just before you get to the track down to Reagill Grange

**Other Deaths – none Year Total = 0**

**Reds with S/pox despatched this year in locality = 1** (June - Reagill)

## Report

Apart from the caveat of *'we obviously can't know what the position is in the woods to which we don't have access to until February'*, the situation is healthier than expected at present – but February and beyond will be important.

Yes there are greys, but they are not being seen in any great numbers in our locale whereas reds are.

And where greys had been seen at the end of summer, they've not returned.

There is a second caveat that they don't have to come to feeders at present as there is a very good and large source of 'natural feed' – yet reds still present themselves at all the feeders that I have out.

In addition to that second caveat is the food type that the reds will eat – I'm finding that it is monkey nuts or nothing.

Sunflowers seed (black and large striped ones) and peanuts are just left behind, but monkey nuts always go.

A caveat to this though is the **'Reagill Reds'** they eat everything!

Over the last three months and following Jerry's request after a couple of sightings of greys, I've spent some time in Reagill and put feeders up in a couple of the plantations – in this edition the Reagill section is quite long.

I am delighted to say that I have only seen reds – and they eat everything!

I've spoken with some locals and they all tell me that they only see reds.

What wasn't great was a road death along the road going out of the village towards Shap – I've tidied up the sign on the village side and cut back some of the shrubbery that was covering it (see the before and after photos below), but the signs that were once posted along the road coming from Shap into the village are broken or faded beyond the point of being able to read – I will put my hands in my pocket and purchase a pair from P&DRSG.

They come as a set of two and I will probably put the other on Morland Bank.

Note: if you do see a dark blue Skoda car parked up along the wood after midnight it is probably me, topping the feeders up on my way home from work!

Road deaths on the Appleby to Orton Road wiped out one family of reds on Meaburn Edge – but I never get reports of greys having been run over!



I've seen some curious behaviour from reds with my own eyes, how they take monkey nuts and scamper off to hide them then return – it being a case of *'one for me now and one for later'* and I have tried, but failed, to get some photos from the motion cameras of these hiding places.

It would seem that they have lots of hiding holes and when I've seen them going to one they don't necessarily return there the next day.

I did get a photo of a red with its head down a hole though! See 'Reagill'

One person who has succeeded though is Terry Abraham and his new film all about reds is out in the New Year – a trailer teaser can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNhblvd88F4>

Before

Reagill

After



At the end of summer just the top of the sign was visible over the undergrowth

Finally, just my usual plea to keep sightings coming in and to send me any photographs – any of reds that are not sat on feeders are especially welcomed.

**Also if you are not already a member of P&DRSG please join – they really do need more members, follow the link to the website below - thank you**

Keep up the good work.



[www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk/](http://www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk/)

[www.facebook.com/PDRSG01](https://www.facebook.com/PDRSG01)

Below is a chronology of **sightings of greys** over these last three months:

Also refer to the relevant section within the report for more details

**1<sup>st</sup> SEPT - Flass** - up at the Folly

**2<sup>nd</sup> SEPT - Flass**

**4<sup>th</sup> SEPT** – e-mail from Jerry re greys at Reagill

*“Hi both report of grey seen in our hills plantation, Reagill map attached, had a few reports now, Newby, Towcett, etc last few weeks and those areas are and always have been an area that really not been checked out much and a sort of no man’s / rangers land.*

*Really could do with getting something going in these areas but as always it’s time as covering a massive area as is. Any suggestions?”*

Replied to Jerry and await reply (16<sup>th</sup>) wood is Pithills Plantation.

**10<sup>th</sup> SEPT - Flass** – on the feeders at the pump house and also the Folly

**10<sup>th</sup> SEPT - Brackenslack** – on the road near Trainlands

**20<sup>th</sup> SEPT - Appleby To Orton road** - We were coming up towards Crosby from Appleby and one ran across the road into Hoff Lunn.

It was just past Tony Marston’s, the game keeper’s lane end.

**23<sup>rd</sup> SEPT - On the Cliburn to Morland Road** Nr the turn left to Lowfield before you get to Eddy House - went into the hedge down towards Lowfield

**24/25<sup>th</sup> SEPT** – grey back at Flass

**27<sup>th</sup> SEPT’** – **Meaburn Edge** - seen crossing the road at the point where the reds have been running over.

**28<sup>th</sup> SEPT - Reagill (Wyebourne Farm)**

**9<sup>th</sup> OCT** - still making the occasional, but brief, visit to Flass

**1<sup>st</sup> NOV** - still making the occasional but brief visit to Flass.

**2<sup>nd</sup> NOV** - \*GREY DESPATCHED\* - Crabstacks (Kings Meaburn)

**18<sup>th</sup> NOV – FLASS** – Last couple of days have become numerous, although not lengthy – Gary updated

**21<sup>st</sup> NOV** – x2 greys have been seen in Three Cornered Wood

**25<sup>th</sup> NOV** - Grey found dead on The Avenue, Flass

**End Nov** – \*\* X 13 GREYS DESPATCHED\*\* - Woods around Morland

## Maulds Meaburn



**Flass, Maulds Meaburn Photo: Darren Rogers**

The story for the village is that I've not had too many reports of sightings, but in the area around Flass I am seeing plenty of reds, but there is a pesky grey(s?) that keeps making the occasional appearance

I've also discovered the '*drinking hole*' that all creatures seem to flock to – but actually I'll claim that it was I who helped the creatures find it after I had put up a new feeder!

## Lyvennet Bank

X1 feeder looking out over the green (**GF**)

X1 feeder on a tree in the main garden next to the river (**RF**).

Feed goes constantly from both of the feeders – fairly good chance of spotting a red feeding.

At the start of the period all was well – both feeders being visited on a daily basis over the green

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – position remains the same – feed going

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – feed going daily. Topped up this morn' and a red on **GF** when I returned from my rounds.

**17<sup>th</sup> Oct' – Today was quite intriguing!**

Topped up the feeders this afternoon (1515h) and went and did 'my rounds' and on the way back, as I rounded the corner from the road to Flass and the wall of Lyvennet Bank, I saw a red just about to go onto the feeder **GF** – I sat down to watch.

Sat on top of the little bridge over the beck, in my red coat, I looked like a gnome gone fishing!

Anyway, the red took a monkey nut -- went up the tree -- came back down and onto the wall -- ran towards where I was sat and stopped about 3 yards away to look at me.

It carried on – turned right and ran along the wall to the cattle grid – it jumped down and crossed the cattle grid and went up onto the wall on the other side and went down to the left side and out of my view -- it reappeared 10-15 seconds later. It then came back along the wall before going into the garden of LB and reappeared on the feeder.

It had a monkey nut for itself and then took another monkey nut, but this time ran off along the wall to the river, turning left at the end.

**8<sup>th</sup>** – all still fine, red on the GF this afternoon.

I did move the RF feeder back to a tree nearer to the bridge as it was always permanently wet inside and rotting the food.

Seems that the rain just flows down the trunk of the tree – nice and dry now!

**End of period** – position remains the same, all good and no issues



# Flass



Feed goes constantly from the four feeders - all being very popular.

There is an on-going issue with greys though.

They are visiting the feeders around the tunnel on an ad-hoc basis and usually for no more than a minute at a time.

The four feeders are:

**Garden** - on a yew tree to the left of the swimming pool – not viewable to public.

**Pump House** – (was previously the 'Tunnel Feeder')

on a tree, just on the high ground immediately next to the building

Go through the tunnel into the field and immediately look right

**Folly** – up at the folly and not viewable to the public

**The Avenue** – on a tree, just on the high ground on the field side of the tunnel

Go through the tunnel into the field and immediately look left and up

At the beginning of the period a grey(s?) were making occasional visits to the feeders.

With there being greys 'left-over' in both Orchard Wood and Three Cornered Wood and their proximity to Flass, we could see either or reds and greys visiting.



## SEPT

1<sup>st</sup> - **GREY** up at the Folly this afternoon

2<sup>nd</sup> - **GREY** at the Pump House

10<sup>th</sup> – **GREY** at the Folly this morning and then at the Pump House this afternoon  
Otherwise it is reds all the way!

16<sup>th</sup> – no greys seen – have been seeing a red within Flass wood as I walk through



The new feeder at 'The Avenue'

23<sup>rd</sup> – reds feeding daily and no greys

24<sup>th</sup> – grey is back. On The Avenue feeder and broke the Perspex screen as well.

25<sup>th</sup> – grey again – curiously did not go on the Pump House feeder though.

26<sup>th</sup> – grey – in just one photo about 1720h

27<sup>th</sup> – Had a hour here tonight – red came down the tree to The Avenue feeder, but did not go to the feeder and went over the canopy to Flass – then ...!

As I was leaving saw a grey about 50yards along The Avenue jump up from the ground onto a tree!

## OCT

2<sup>nd</sup> – grey in x1 photo only at 1530h

I've never had a photo of a red taking a drink before ... I have now!



That little hollow fills up with water and both birds and squirrels use it on a regular basis for a drink – I bet that in drier spells I'll end up topping it up myself!!!

4<sup>th</sup> – grey back for 10 mins at 1150h.

8<sup>th</sup> – grey back for one minute at 1700h

14<sup>th</sup> – update – grey was here on 10<sup>th</sup> (1645h) and the 13<sup>th</sup> (1430h) each time just the one photo, so, for less than one minute.

Not really sure what's going on ... I thinking that it's been 'out' for the day and is on its way back home to Orchard Wood or Three Cornered Wood.

16<sup>th</sup> – it's so odd. Grey here at 1745h and took a drink out of the hollow in the tree and that was it! The red that is visiting is certainly quite young.

23<sup>rd</sup> – grey at The Avenue feeder 1005h. Again just the one photo – it had a drink!

30<sup>th</sup> – got to the feeder at the Folly this morning, had been there a while and suddenly a red raced out of the feeder and up the tree.

I think that neither of us had realised that the other one was there and I'm not sure who was the most surprised!



And up at the Folly ...



## NOV

**1<sup>st</sup>** - saw a **grey** this morning on The Avenue.

As I was topping up the feeder, I saw it run across the fence at the start of The Avenue, go into The Avenue and up a tree.

Thing is with a large and easily available source of food available in the adjacent woods, it doesn't have to come out looking for something to eat.

**5<sup>th</sup>** - **update on greys:**

There on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 0915-20h -- 4<sup>th</sup> at 1100h just for a drink

Today it actually spent some time here 1220-50h – I wonder if it has anything to do with the fact that the pheasant shoot was on today?

Cleaned out the 'drinking bowl' on the tree at The Avenue

**6<sup>th</sup>** - no grey today – was a red on the Avenue feeder and the shortly after another red further along The Avenue.

**8<sup>th</sup>** – saw a red on The Avenue this afternoon – with all the leaves on the ground, they really do blend in very well (obviously when they are on the ground as well!)

**11<sup>th</sup>** – grey for just one minute at 1605h

**15<sup>th</sup>** – grey today at The Avenue 1430-45h

**16<sup>th</sup>** – looks like the reds up at The Folly are now starting to eat food other than just monkey nuts.

However, grey was at The Avenue twice today, very briefly at 0820h and again 1155-57h

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Last couple of days a grey has been on the Avenue feeder – the visits aren't for long, but are becoming numerous – Gary informed

**21<sup>st</sup>** – 0845h this morn' a grey was making its way down the avenue towards Flass Had been on the feeder 0840h on the 19<sup>th</sup> – and I gather there are greys in Three Cornered Wood.

**25<sup>th</sup>** – **Well that doesn't happen every day!**

I was last here on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) and then due to work not back until today.

There was a Red on the 'Avenue' feeder, which let me get quite close before jumping off and then shortly after I saw another red down The Avenue (could have been the same one) and then I **almost stood on a dead grey squirrel**.

It had no marks on it and nothing to suggest how it had died, but it was dead (maybe 24+hrs), but not as long as I had last seen one on Monday.

There hasn't been any greys on the camera either.

I then I saw another red where Orchard Wood starts – so saw at least two reds, maybe three in 100 yards **and one dead grey**.

**27<sup>th</sup>** – the reason I like this photo is that there is another red on The Avenue feeder at the same time



But below is a slightly better to show x2 ...





**30<sup>th</sup>** – grey was back this afternoon

**End of period** – the grey continues to pop up at the PH

**However**, moving into December, greys have become an issue.  
Over the 6+7<sup>th</sup> December Gary despatched x2

The fuller story will follow in the next edition – out early March!!!!



Key to map below:

F – Flass

1 – Orchard Wood

2 - Three Cornered Wood

3 – Longhill Wood

4 – Ewe Close



## Three Cornered Wood



**In many ways this photo sums up the position in this wood**

However, due to the pheasant season the wood is out of bounds to us until the 1<sup>st</sup> February – **21<sup>st</sup> Nov**, saw Callum who stated that he had seen x2 greys here!!!

## Longhill Wood

This wood is the main one used for pheasant rearing – there is a ravine that runs through it with the main pheasant pens on the hill to one side. The X2 feeders are on the other side of this ravine, about 125 yards apart. The original feeder (F1) is lower down the second feeder (F2) is further into the wood.



However, due to the pheasant season the wood is out of bounds to us until the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## Edge Close - Wood above Flass Pasture NY 632 146



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## Orchard Wood

Due to the pheasant season the wood is out of bounds to us until the 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Curious is that both gates in and out of The Avenue (this leads from Flass down to the wood) are always open (access for the horses from stable to the field).

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Saw a red at the entrance to Orchard Wood from The Avenue

## GREEN ENDS + THWAITES COTTAGES

### **Sept**

**16<sup>th</sup>** – x2 reds in our garden over a week ago each on a different day.

Today one was seen running along Charmian's wall (Old Forge). Pennie

**20<sup>th</sup>** - On the day of the Queen's Funeral the often seen slim little squirrel, very deep red with a full cream tail, came bouncing along The Green and into our garden for his customary forage.

He was full of beans, or something, as he leapt around and ran at great speed between having a dig into the lawn in one area then bounding around looking for another spot.

But the crows were on his case, they didn't like some creature near the Victoria plum tree, one of their own favourite foraging patches and they chased the little red away.

He dived up the Bramley Apple tree but that too didn't please the hungry crows so he was moved on from there too.

Sorry no photos, the camera wasn't around and this all happened so fast.

I knew if I left the window and came back with camera in hand then the action would have finished and the little red gone once more -- Pennie.

**21<sup>st</sup>** - the same squirrel has been enjoying our garden again, this time earlier in the day -- of course he may visit, and his friends and relations (!), much more often as I don't spend my days staring out of the window!!

I'll try to look out more often -- Pennie.

**30<sup>th</sup>** - Late morning I espied a different small red squirrel than usual running into our garden.

He was very dark red with an even darker tail but bright white chest.

He had a quick forage, looked around, saw something that spooked him then charged out of the garden and along the river bank.

Seconds later he charged back towards our garden with a large tabby cat in hot pursuit.

Luckily he was able to shoot up our fir tree to safety -- Best wishes, Pennie

## October

End of Month - Sorry Darren been busy and forgot to report a red doing the usual Flass to our garden dash a week ago.

No time to grab a camera before it had disappeared. No sightings since then though -- Pennie

## MEABURN EDGE

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Appleby to Orton road **x2 Reds run over**

This makes three in the same place within a short period of time.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept** – **Appleby to Orton Rd** x2 reds seen crossing the road in the same place where the previous three have been run over -- X MARKS THE SPOT.



**27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – **GREY** – seen crossing the road at 'X'.

Why is it that reds get run over and greys don't?

## Other sightings from the village:

### SEPTEMBER

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Appleby to Orton road with Meaburn Edge **x2 Reds run over**

This makes three in the same place within a short period of time.

**Far Lankaber** - visit by one red squirrel this morning at 0720h.

Just a brief inspection, probably looking for food - Hilary.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Appleby to Orton Rd** (as above) – x2 reds seen crossing the road in the same place where the previous three have been run over.

### OCTOBER

**5<sup>th</sup>** – **Far Lankaber** - Another update for your records, red squirrel bounded up to my patio window at 0800 hours this morning. Unfortunately, the dog saw it and his barking sent it off.





## Trainlands Wood

This is the wood at the point where 'Little Beck' rises.

From MM – when you go past the entrance to Holesfoot and go down into the dip, the wood is on the left.

Feeder is on the R/hand side of beck, 50 yards in.

I top the feeder up every 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> day and the food is always gone – mice are a bit of an issue.

## September

10<sup>th</sup> – grey seen nearby, on the road at Trainlands  
Camera brought here

16<sup>th</sup> – as only been REDS on the feeder





22<sup>nd</sup> – reds all the way

End of the period – the position remains the same



## **Colby/Hawkrigg**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – after the x11 greys that Gary despatched here over the summer – he saw x2 reds here last week!!

**Mid Nov** – x1 grey despatched (This is not added to the running total)

## **Morland Bank Wood**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – when returning from Pithills in Reagill, a red ran across the road from my left at the top of the hill before dropping down to the little chicane

**16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – have been getting sightings of reds quite regularly from here and most seem to be in the same place as described above.

Popped some monkey nuts into the feeder at 'Caravan Wood'

**19<sup>th</sup> Oct** – those monkey nuts are still in the feeder

But I saw x4 deer this morning and the largest hare that I've ever seen.

**27<sup>th</sup> Oct** - spotted one crossing the road on the hill at the far end of Morland Bank

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - those monkey nuts were still in the feeder.

## Crosby Ravensworth



Well Head, Crosby Ravensworth – Photo Andrew Wallis

## Well Head + Anna Well

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - WH** – None have been seen in the garden since 13<sup>th</sup> August.  
**8<sup>th</sup> Nov – WH** – red on the feeder this morning  
**12<sup>th</sup> Nov' - WH** – red on the feeder this morning

## Crosby Ravensworth South – Gilt

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – attended today and someone has very kindly topped the feeder up  
**23<sup>th</sup> Sept** – either the feed hasn't been touched or someone is still topping it up  
And then has I walked north about 200yards away I saw a red running along the footpath!  
Then I bumped into a chap from Staveley, said that he hadn't seen a red in years – only greys out there!  
**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Visited and as per 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept (but not the bit in para's 2 and 3!)  
**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – visited and cleaned out, just a few monkey nuts left

## Summer House

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – visited today and still some food left from August.  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - visited today and still some food left from August.  
**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** - visited today, maybe a little more food has gone, but not much.  
**18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – visited today, a little food had gone, but not much.  
**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – visited and cleaned out, just a few monkey nuts left

## The Bank Coppice (by River)

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – visited today, feeder empty – topped up.  
**20<sup>th</sup> Oct'** – visited today and still some food left.  
**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – visited today and the feeder was full to the brim – thank you to whoever for filling it up.

**18<sup>th</sup> Oct** - visited today and a reasonable amount of food had gone, but some was still left.

However, this had gone past its use by date, so emptied and topped up.

Then see 'sighting' below

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – visited and topped up – food had been taken.

## Other Sightings:-

### **OCTOBER**

**18<sup>th</sup>** – having just been to the feeder at The Coppice as I was walking through 'the cut' from the river to Silver Street, a red was running along the wall (of No.4) towards me.

Upon seeing me it stopped, turned and crossed over and went into the garden on the opposite side

### **NOVEMBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Dalebanks** – I haven't seen the squirrels as often lately but there was one red on the feeder yesterday, I probably see them every few days.

No greys spotted thankfully.

**Silver Street** - I'm sorry for the 'radio silence' at this end as I completely support your work.

Squirrel sightings have been up in the last few days in Crosby.

I've seen the 'Silver Street Squirrel' for the last three mornings (very dark tail) and another one with a much lighter tail in my garden (Weston House).

Best regards -- Mark

## Hopper Hill / Wood

X2 feeders here – both are on the opposite side of the river to the footpath along the river, but quite visible.

- 1.) Feeder 1 is just in the copse further along from the bend in the river. Look for the white bag on the fence
- 2.) Feeder on a lone tree standing just outside the copse on the bend of the river

At the end of August I had topped the feeders up, but it was still there come the 16<sup>th</sup> September

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept – removed feeder 1.** Need it elsewhere and the feed was still in both.

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov'** – still no visits

## Kings Meaburn / Littlebeck + Sleagill + Newby

### KINGS MEABURN

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov'** – Grey Despatched at Crabstacks



## Oddendale

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - I'm trying to find time to wade through this last week's squirrel pics from Oddendale, hopefully I'll make it by this weekend!

No greys so far, the cattle are still in there so I haven't been able to spend much time there, but the food is going well and I've seen a red every time I've refilled the feeders!

I'll update you about the photos as soon as I get a chance - Liz

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Hi Darren - The squirrels are as active as ever, no sign on the pics of any reds. Have attached a few recent photos! Liz



**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** - saw 4 or possibly 5 reds in 2 beech trees up at Oddendale Plantation last Week -- Jane Woodstrover

'It wasn't me!'



**22<sup>nd</sup>** - sorry I haven't been back in touch - it's been a very busy few weeks, but just to say, up to and including today, no greys appearing on the cameras, long may that continue!

Liz

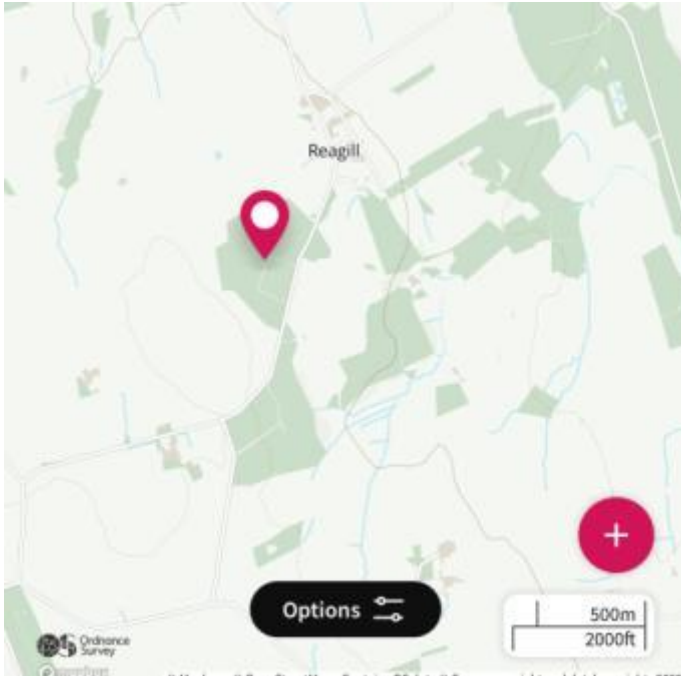
## Reagill

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – an e-mail from Jerry, cc'ed to Gary:

The wood in question is Pithills Plantation (**PH**)

*“Hi both report of grey seen in our hills plantation, Reagill map attached, had a few reports now, Newby, Towcett, etc last few weeks and those areas are and always have been an area that really not been checked out much and a sort of no man's / rangers land.*

*Really could do with getting something going in these areas but as always it's time as covering a massive area as is. Any suggestions? Cheers Jerry”*



Emailed him back and as of 16<sup>th</sup> not had a reply – the wood was mentioned in the summer report, but see aside:

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept – PH**

still not had a reply from either Jerry or Gary ...!?

Tonight I put a feeder and camera up in the wood – based on Jerry having permission from Lowther, who own the wood.

However, whilst putting the feeder up I bumped

into a local walking her dog. She states that she walks the dog in there every day and will see 2/3 reds and has never seen a grey.

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept – PH** – checked the camera and already a red as found the feeder

It had a little look early this morning, but tonight it had a more sustained feed and it surprised me slightly in that it was on the feeder all the way through to 1915 hrs tonight.

Today though every photo is in B+W – it's a little gloomy in there

Have had a reply from Jerry:

*I'm waiting on Andy the head forester for Lowther returning from annual leave and then I want to catch up with him to have a bit of a sort out for that area  
I have got a map printed out of that area and will need to meet up with him and get sorted and then get permission for volunteers to monitor feeders etc.  
Feeders a bit hit and miss at moment due to natural feed but well worth a try.  
So until I have sorted it all please if you check camera and grey on feeder give me a shout and we can then try and sort it.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sept' – PH - x2 reds on the feeder all day**

I might even put a second feeder up on the tree to the left to try and get a gauge of how many reds there might be

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept** – the reds like this feeder, I've put another one up, as above.

**28<sup>th</sup> Sept** – red ran across the road as I was driving along the wood this morning.

All the feed has gone, but the little buggers ... they took all the feed out of the new feeder first (which is beyond the range of the cameras' movement sensor) and then moved on to the existing feeder – so no photos of squirrels on both feeders at the same time, just this:





another grey seen today near Wyebourne Farm – that’s just a little bit further along the road towards Shap

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – still only reds in **PH** and I now have that photo:



Today I put a feeder and camera up in Wyegill Plantation (**WP**) – that being the wood on the other side of the road a little further along towards Wyebourne Farm. Spoke to a chap at the farm (but not the owner), who told me that he hasn’t see squirrels of either colour

**1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Well ... **WP**, feeder was only put up yesterday at 17h and this morning at 07h a ... **RED**.

I returned at 1735h today and in those 10½ hrs a pair of reds had been there all day – in fact they spent as much time inside the feeder as they did out of it, see photo below.

I'm going to have to ask Jerry for some monkey nuts as my feed bill is going to be sky high!

Meanwhile at **PH** – they must have been watching me last night when I topped the feeders up as they had a feast up to 1830h and then were back on the feeders this morn’.

## Wyegill Plantation – guess we could say ... *'are you going to let me out?'*



5<sup>th</sup> – what I like about this pair of reds in **WP** is that they eat everything. At present I'm finding that it is just monkey nuts that are been taken and nothing else, but here they are eating the seeds as well, still spending a lot of time sat inside the feeder.

Whilst at **PH** I'm often seeing a red on each feeder at the same time. This morning saw x2 reds in **PH** and at **WP** I heard one chittering away as I was topping up the feeder – no doubt that within a few minutes of leaving they would have been feasting.

14<sup>th</sup> – **all remains good** – at both **WP** and **PH** they can't half eat their grub and the visits are both regular and long – bow there are x3 reds visiting the feeder at PH



The third red is a little blurry, so I have circled it.

I've now moved the camera to the very base of the tree to try and get a ground shot of them.



19<sup>th</sup> – all remains good -- I have removed the camera today

Had tried a slightly different camera angle – the camera is at the base of a tree on which is the original feeder – I was somewhat curious as on the little ‘lump’ in the photo directly above the ‘MINOX’ there is always a large amount of spent shells from the squirrel feed and in the middle of that mossy lump is a large hole. What is in the hole or what it is used for/as, I know not.



**But there must be something ...!**



And from **WP** you can't help but smile at these type of photos!



25<sup>th</sup> – and then of course some bad news just has to follow:

*“Just to report a dead red on the road today heading out of Reagill in the direction of Wyebourne.*

*About half mile out of Reagill, just before you get to the track down to Reagill Grange I think.*

*Sorry about this - always spoils my day -- Jo Tombs”*

I like the reds in Wyegill Plantation – they eat everything and because of this, even with a trail camera, I get good photo's





**NOVEMBER - 6<sup>th</sup>** – still all good and tidied up the warning sign (below) and made it more visible

The before and after photo's



**16<sup>th</sup>** – all still good. They feed well and regularly in both woods.

**27<sup>th</sup>** – all still good as above

**End of period** – no change with reds visiting the feeders every day and for prolonged periods.

It really has been a pleasure taken on and discovering a little about the reds up here – but if there is moe to know do tell

## Morland

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – GREY** – *“just seen a grey squirrel playing on the Cliburn to Morland Road, near the turn left to Lowfield before you get to Eddy House.  
It went into the hedge down towards Lowfield.  
I phoned Gary to let him know and he suggested I contact you as well.*

*There are a few **REDS** who regularly visit a feeder down **Church Lane in Morland** where a friend lives and they occasionally pass through my garden at Church Villa Jean Scott”*

Jerry was informed and he replied:

*“Yes Gary passed to me yesterday afternoon, I am looking in that area as had a report last week of grey in **Strawberry Wood** which is near there but only seen reds so far.”*

**End of the period** – have had the following from Jerry with an update to the area

**Arthur’s Wood** - despatched two greys

**Crow Wood** - despatched six greys in there few week back

**Cross Rigg** – Despatched another two last week in **Town Wood** and two in **Hagg Wood** (that runs behind morland hall)

**Whittbarrow Wood** – one grey despatched.

Also despatched a grey in Cross Rigg Hall House grounds on Monday – have seen three reds in the grounds as well.

Regularly see 6-8 reds in **Town Wood**

Have seen three reds at one time at feeder in **Whittbarrow Wood**.

Two reds at feeder in **Hagg Wood**.

**Crow Wood** and **Arthur’s wood** reds are regular visitors to feeders.

Where is Strawberry Wood and indeed the woods hereabouts that Jerry is currently dealing with?



1 = Whitbarrow Wood

2 = Cross Rigg (Main House)

3 = Crow Wood

4 = Arthur's Wood

5 = Town Wood

6 = Strawberry Wood

**Darren Rogers 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**