

SUMMER 2019



# NEWSLETTER

## WEBINARS

Red Squirrels United and Red Squirrels Trust Wales webinars:

**Invasive species management in New Zealand - Bruce Warburton - 21 October:**

<https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/8677788170456133900>

**Woodland management & red squirrel breeding - Charles Dutton - 13 November:**

<https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/5962640962665447435>

## N. IRELAND

**Help shape a new Northern Ireland Environment Strategy.**

The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has launched a public consultation asking people what they think Northern Ireland's environment should look like, and have developed four possible themes: engagement, prosperity, efficiency and quality.

**The deadline for responses is 17:00 on 23 December 2019.**

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-neq/esni/>

## NEW WEBSITE & PHOTO CONTEST

The new UK Squirrel Accord website is now live: <https://squirrelaccord.uk>

### New features

**Blog:** we now have a blog section where we will be publishing regular posts from various UKSA signatories and stakeholders.

**Donate:** you can now donate online via PayPal to help us reach our target and deliver the grey squirrel fertility control research.

**Image gallery:** various images are available for use via the gallery, providing the photographer or source is credited.

**Resources library:** this section promotes useful documents created by UKSA and links to those created by others.

### Photography competition

We are running a competition to add images to [our new gallery](#) - where credited images can be used royalty-free for media purposes. **Deadline for entries is midnight on 04 October 2019.** Winners will be announced the following week and prizes allocated. See our blog for details on how to enter and terms and conditions:

[https://squirrelaccord.uk/news/blog/new\\_uk squirrelaccord\\_website\\_launch/](https://squirrelaccord.uk/news/blog/new_uk squirrelaccord_website_launch/)

## HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE POSTPONED

The debate on threats to our native trees from pests and diseases secured by the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the UK Squirrel Accord and the Red Squirrel Survival Trust, was postponed from its original date of 05 September 2019.

**The debate is now likely to take place on 07 November 2019.** We hope this will be a productive debate on the current situation and positive changes that could be made, and will keep you posted via our website news section and Twitter feed:

**News:** <https://squirrelaccord.uk/news/news/>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/SquirrelAccord>



## ISLE OF WIGHT

The Wight Squirrel Project has a new app available on EpiCollect5. Help them collect sightings of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight.

If you live or are travelling there, you can submit data on the location and health of the island's red squirrel population to support conservation:

<https://five.epicollect.net/project/wight-squirrel-observations>



## VIDEOS

Red Squirrels United's website has a set of guidance and best practice videos made with various experts.

<https://redsquirrelsunited.org.uk/news/videos/>

Discover:

- What red squirrels eat
- How they move from Anglesey to mainland Wales
- What squirrel pox is and how to detect it
- How dogs can help red squirrel conservation

Also, learn how to:

- Use wildlife camera traps
- Identify grey squirrel presence
- Use GIS



## RED SQUIRREL AWARENESS WEEK



Red Squirrel by Gary Bruce Highland Photographer

**Red Squirrel Awareness Week is on 23-29 September 2019.** This annual celebration of red squirrels offers an opportunity to focus on the conservation efforts taking place to ensure their survival and the threats that must be managed. It is also a time for everyone to enjoy being in nature and spot a red squirrel or two.

The UKSA Facebook page is collating events from various organisations and projects that are taking place during this week:

<https://facebook.com/pg/UKSquirrelAccord/events/>

Here are a selection of events but do keep your eyes open for more:

**Cumbria Wildlife Trust - squirrel walk - how to help the red squirrels - 23.09.19**

<https://cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/events/2019-09-23-squirrel-walk-how-help-red-squirrels>

**Red Squirrels Trust Wales - evening with Iolo Williams - 24.09.19**

<https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/red-squirrel-trust-wales-evening-with-iolo-williams-tickets-65518279939>

**National Trust Wallington - meet the red squirrel ranger - 27.09 - 01.10.19**

<https://nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington/features/red-squirrels-at-wallington>

**Glens Red Squirrel Group - Cregagh Wood red squirrel safari - 28.09.19**

<https://facebook.com/events/110173029334079/>

## GREAT SCOTTISH SQUIRREL SURVEY

Join Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels for their **Great Scottish Squirrel Survey** during **Red Squirrel Awareness Week**. They are 'calling on people all over Scotland to get outdoors, explore nature and be on the lookout for tufted ears and bushy tails'.

Please report your sightings of both red and grey squirrels, 23-29 September, at:

<https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/great-scottish-squirrel-survey>

