## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

**FOR** 

THE RED SQUIRREL SURVIVAL TRUST LIMITED

Martin and Company 25 St Thomas Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9HJ

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

TRUSTEES The Earl of Kinnoull

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NUMBER

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REGISTERED CHARITY

NUMBER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Martin and Company

25 St Thomas Street

Winchester Hampshire SO23 9HJ

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### Objectives and aims

The Red Squirrel Survival Trust (RSST) is a national charity established to ensure the conservation and protection of the red squirrel in the United Kingdom. The principal activity of the charity is the provision of grants and support to partner organizations that carry out work in line with our core objectives.

The charity has six core objectives that drive its programme of work:

- 1. Raise awareness of the plight of red squirrels
- 2. Protect red squirrels by keeping red and grey squirrels apart
- 3. Fund research on how to secure the long-term future of the red squirrel in the UK
- 4. Encourage successful populations of red squirrels
- 5. Reintroduce red squirrels within the UK where conditions are right
- 6. Secure the red squirrel's natural environment by ensuring our woodlands are healthy

#### Public benefit

In setting its programme each year RSST has regard to the Charity Commission's revised general guidance on public benefit. The long-term aim for the public benefit is the restoration of the red squirrel to its natural habitat throughout the United Kingdom.

#### Grantmaking

To ensure that the charity maintains a robust and transparent approach to grant making and partner support, RSST operates a standardised grant application system. A Grants Committee comprising two trustees and a conservation adviser processes grant applications on behalf of the board of trustees.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

RSST has continued to pursue its objectives and principal activities at a national level, working with government and agencies to promote red squirrel conservation and the critical associated issues of grey squirrel and woodland management at a strategic level, to the benefit of those red squirrel conservation organisations working regionally in the constituent parts of the United Kingdom.

The principal focus in 2022 has again been RSST's leading role in supporting the work of the UK Squirrel Accord, the coalition of 43 national signatory organisations including the Government, devolved national governments and the major voluntary and private sector bodies active in all aspects of squirrel and squirrel habitat conservation. RSST continues to provide the Chairman, Secretary, and an additional member of the Accord's governing committee, while the part-time Accord Director is a conservationist with a national charity background, funded largely by the Forestry Commission and subordinated to RSST for the purposes of line management and administration.

A significant fruit of RSST's broad, collaborative, and all-inclusive approach is the five-year programme of research into fertility control of the grey squirrel population at Defra's National Wildlife Management Centre (NWMC) laboratories at the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), now in its fifth year having successfully met its objectives thus far. A safe, effective, commercially available, and affordable means of fertility control will offer a non-lethal supplement to shooting and trapping greys in those areas where overpopulation is causing displacement into already threatened red habitats as well as devastation of native woodland, which will have disastrous consequences for biodiversity across the British Isles unless checked. Grants totalling £222,500 were made to APHA in the period from money set aside for this purpose. RSST has taken the leading part in the UK Squirrel Accord's successful fundraising campaign to raise £1 million over 5 years.

In all, grants totalling £276,910 were made in the year. RSST has continued to expand its work with volunteer groups and in public information, including the revived Volunteer of the Year award, and a photography competition (in collaboration with the Royal Photographic Society) to promote good practice in wildlife photography. Notable impact has been achieved by the work of RSST's Ambassadors, the wildlife photographer and film maker Dani Connor, whose work has achieved wide circulation through social media and online, and the gardener, author and broadcaster Alan Titchmarsh. In 2023 we will continue our work with the UK Squirrel Accord while developing our educational mission and our support to red squirrel volunteer groups

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

At 30th September 2022 the charity had funds of £694,129 of which £583,188 were restricted in nature.

#### Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds are retained to meet the following:

- four months' operating costs
- firm commitments to specific projects or partnerships
- working capital requirements

This policy is to be reviewed annually.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

We shall:

- 1. Continue our work with the United Kingdom Squirrel Accord, especially in the field of fundraising for the important and exciting research at APHA.
- 2. Continue to work with volunteer groups to improve awareness of red squirrel conservation activity across the UK and to provide readily accessible information to the wider public.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governing document**

The RSST is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 22nd June 2009 as listed on the Companies House Register. It is also registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales and with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Registered charity number: 1116947 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number: SC039959 (Scotland)

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Details of changes to the trustees during the year can be seen on the legal and administrative information (page 1).

#### Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets every six months and more frequently if required. The trustees are also directors of The RSST for the purpose of company law. The appointment of trustees is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Induction and training of new trustees

Newly joining trustees are inducted by existing trustees. All new trustees are provided with governance information outlining their responsibilities and duties as a trustee.

#### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have a risk management strategy that comprises:

- regular reviews by the trustees of the risks the charity may face
- the implementation of systems and procedures to mitigate identified risks

The key risk areas and the systems and procedures that are in place to mitigate these risks are reviewed periodically.

To ensure that the charity maintains a robust and transparent approach to grant making and partner support, the charity operates a standardised grant application system. A Grants/Project Committee comprising two trustees and a conservation adviser process grant applications on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

The Earl of Kinnoull - Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RED SQUIRREL SURVIVAL TRUST LIMITED

#### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Red Squirrel Survival Trust Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the \*\*ERROR - relevant professional body must be completed\*\*, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lucy Dixon FCA

Martin and Company 25 St Thomas Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9HJ

15 May 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	30.9.22 Total funds	30.9.21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	3	174,775	259,264	434,039	442,646
Other trading activities  Total	4	303 175,078	<del>-</del> 259,264	303 434,342	<u>212</u> 442,858
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		35,177	-	35,177	31,894
Charitable activities	5				
Red Squirrel Survival		59,073	264,729	323,802	225,113
Total		94,250	264,729	358,979	257,007
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		80,828	(5,465)	75,363	185,851
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		30,113	588,653	618,766	432,915
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		110,941	583,188	694,129	618,766

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### **BALANCE SHEET 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

CIVED ACCETS	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	11	5,777	-	5,777	7,053
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank		111,904	584,744	696,648	618,357
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,740)	(1,556)	(8,296)	(6,644)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		105,164	583,188	688,352	611,713
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		110,941	583,188	694,129	618,766
NET ASSETS		110,941	583,188	694,129	618,766
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds TOTAL FUNDS	13			110,941 583,188 694,129	30,113 588,653 618,766

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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### **BALANCE SHEET - continued 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

The Earl of Kinnoull - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Red Squirrel Survival trust is a charity registered in England and Wales and also Scotland. The charity's registered number and registered address can be found in the Trustees' Report.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Awards and trophies have been capitalised in the accounts at market value at the time they were donated. The current value of the awards and trophies is equal to, or in excess of, the amount at which they were capitalised and no provision for depreciation has therefore been made.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

3.	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		30.9.22	30.9.21
			30.9.22 €	30.9.21 £
	Donations		195,387	368,600
	Gift aid		10,638	17,046
	Legacies		40,014	
	Grants		188,000	57,000
			434,039	442,646
4.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES			
			30.9.22	30.9.21
			£	£
	Sale of merchandise		<u> 303</u>	212
5.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
٥.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS	Grant		
		funding of		
		activities	Support	
		(see note	costs (see	
		6)	note 7)	Totals
	P 10 1 10 11	£	£	£
	Red Squirrel Survival	<u>276,910</u>	46,892	<u>323,802</u>
6.	GRANTS PAYABLE			
			30.9.22	30.9.21
			£	£
	Red Squirrel Survival		<u>276,910</u>	176,302
	The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:			
			30.9.22	30.9.21
	UK Squirrel Accord		£ 53,000	£ 50,664
	Animal and Plant Health Agency		222,500	120,000
	Red Squirrel Northern England		222,300	4,000
	Red Squirrels South West (Dorset)		1,410	-
			276,910	174,664
	The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:			
			30.9.22	30.9,21
			£	£
	Dr Craig Shuttleworth			<u>1,638</u>

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

SUPPORT COSTS				
	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Red Squirrel Survival	<u>44,819</u>	<u>273</u>	1,800	46,892
Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:				
Management				
			30.9.22	30.9.21
			Red	
			Squirrel	Total
			Survival	activities
			£	£
Insurance			394	366
Office costs			1,610	986
Sundries			368	-
Secretarial services			5,417	5,000
Bookkeeping			2,064	2,718
Administrative support			7,484	9,838
IT & website expenses			1,538	7,932
Volunteer administration			24,667	18,573
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets			1,277	1,277
774			44,819	46,690
Finance			30.9.22	30.9.21
			Red	
			Squirrel	Total
			Survival	activities
			£	£
Bank charges			273	321
Governance costs				
			30.9.22	30.9.21
			Red	
			Squirrel	Total
			Survival	activities
			£	£
Independent examiner's fees			1,800	1,800

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

## 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(erediting):

	30.9.22	30.9.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,276</u>	1,277

#### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

#### 10. STAFF COSTS

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

#### 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Awards & trophies £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022	<u>4,500</u>	3,830	8,330
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 October 2021	-	1,277	1,277
Charge for year	<del>-</del>	<u>1,276</u>	<u>1,276</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>-</u> _	2,553	2,553
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 September 2022	4,500	<b>1,277</b>	5,777
At 30 September 2021	4,500	2,553	7,053

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			30.9.22	30.9.21
			£	£
	Other creditors		2,900	1,250
	Accrued expenses		5,396	5,394
	·		8,296	6,644
13.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net	
		At	movement	At
		1.10.21	in funds	30.9.22
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	30,113	80,828	110,941
	Restricted funds			
	Core costs fund	2	-	2
	Red Squirrels South West (Dorset)	1,199	-	1,199
	RSNE (incl. Merseyside & Cumbria)	8,074	378	8,452
	Red Squirrels Trust Wales (formerly			
	Anglesey fund)	3,193	_	3,193
	Cornwall Red Squirrel Project	1,410	845	2,255
	Isle of Wight fund	114	_	114
	Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	3,943	314	4,257
	Red Squirrels in South Scotland	653	299	952
	Website fund	974	_	974
	Scientific research fund	56,825	-	56,825
	Scottish One Community Group	2,200	_	2,200
	Argyll-based group	1,000	_	1,000
	UK Squirrel Accord	509,066	(7,301)	501,765
	-	588,653	(5,465)	583,188
	TOTAL FUNDS	618,766	75,363	694,129

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

### 13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

Unrestricted funds General fund	Incoming resources £ 175,078	Resources expended £ (94,250)	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds RSNE (incl. Merseyside & Cumbria) Cornwall Red Squirrel Project Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Red Squirrels in South Scotland UK Squirrel Accord  TOTAL FUNDS	378 845 314 299 257,428 259,264 434,342	(264,729) (264,729) (358,979)	378 845 314 299 (7,301) (5,465) 75,363
Comparatives for movement in funds			
	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds	~	<b>~</b>	~
General fund	47,116	(17,003)	30,113
Restricted funds Core costs fund Red Squirrels South West (Dorset) RSNE (incl. Merseyside & Cumbria) Red Springel Treet Weles (formerly)	2 1,199 7,696	- - 378	2 1,199 8,074
Red Squirrels Trust Wales (formerly Anglesey fund) Cornwall Red Squirrel Project Isle of Wight fund Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	3,193 506 114 3,583	904 - 360	3,193 1,410 114 3,943
Red Squirrels in South Scotland Website fund Scientific research fund	324 974 56,825	329	653 974 56,825
Scottish One Community Group Argyll-based group UK Squirrel Accord	2,200 1,000 308,183	200,883	2,200 1,000 509,066
TOTAL FUNDS	385,799 432,915	202,854 185,851	588,653 618,766

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### 13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,615	(96,618)	(17,003)
Restricted funds			
RSNE (incl. Merseyside & Cumbria)	378	-	378
Cornwall Red Squirrel Project	904	-	904
Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	360	-	360
Red Squirrels in South Scotland	329	-	329
UK Squirrel Accord	361,272	(160,389)	200,883
	363,243	(160,389)	202,854
TOTAL FUNDS	442,858	(257,007)	185,851

#### 14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Donations amounting to £53,000 (2021: £50,664) were made to the UK Squirrel Accord project in the year. The Earl of Kinnoull and Sir Bertie Ross (trustees) are both members of the UK Squirrel Accord.

#### 15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The following funds are held as restricted funds in these financial statements:

#### Red Squirrel South West (Dorset)

Funding for support for the Red Squirrel South West group, who are considering options for red squirrel reintroductions in Dorset.

#### Red Squirrel Northern England (including Merseyside & Cumbria)

Funding for the costs associated with RSST's line management of the Project Manager, research and development of the project and marketing of RSNE.

### Red Squirrels Trust Wales (formerly Anglesey fund)

Funding for support for local red squirrel conservation group support on Anglesey.

#### **Cornwall Red Squirrel Project**

Funding for support for local red squirrel conservation group support in Cornwall.

#### Isle of Wight Fund

Funding for support for local red squirrel conservation group support on the Isle of Wight.

#### Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels

Funding for the support of Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels who operate throughout Scotland.

#### Red Squirrels in South Scotland

Funding for support of establishing a grey squirrel free zone along the border between England and Scotland in order to protect Scotland's red population.

#### **Website Fund**

Funding for the new website.

#### Scientific Research Fund

Funding to support scientific work, including the development of a vaccine for squirrel pox virus.

#### **Scottish One Community**

Funding to support setting up a community group in Scotland.

#### **Scottish Borders**

Funding to support groups in the Scottish Borders.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

## 15. RESTRICTED FUNDS - continued

#### Argyll-based group

Funding to support Argyll-based group.

### **UK Squirrel Accord Fund**

Funding for the fertility control research project conducted by Animal and Plant Health Agency and for the post of Accord Director.

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