



Red Squirrel Project

Actions:

- Each year, live catch traps are placed around the campus to monitor and assess the numbers of both Grey and Red Squirrels
- Links with Ponteland Red Squirrels and Red Squirrels Northern England
- Fundraising events and awareness weekends to raise awareness of the projects

Results so far:

- Up to 2009 not one Grey Squirrel had been seen or caught on the Kirkley Hall Estate, ensuring the Red Squirrel has the best chance of survival in this pocket of their natural habitat
- Greys have been spotted and controlled since 2009
- We are part of the monitoring programme working alongside Red Squirrels Northern England and Ponteland Red Squirrels
- In 2013 a large fundraising project was launched and we are now in developments to create a Red Squirrel Trail along the woods surrounding the zoo
- We continue to monitor the reds and greys we have on site
- We have risen over £1500 so far for the trail and plan to have the new Forest Trail ready for Easter 2013