

# WIGHT SQUIRREL PROJECT

Autumn Bulletin 2023

## Wight Squirrel Project 30th year (Helen's 32nd) has been as busy as usual

A photo book with a diary was printed to celebrate 30 years of Wight Squirrel Project work. There are 34 pictures of our Isle of Wight red squirrels plus a list of events for each of the 30 years. The price is £12 each and there are only 12 left, so don't delay if you want like a copy. Please email or ring Helen: wightsquirrels@hotmail.com or 01983 611003



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### Monitoring

We have been to a few shows and this is where most of the sightings are collected. The app and online pick up sightings too. The online form which is on the website: [www.wightsquirrels.co.uk](http://www.wightsquirrels.co.uk) or use this QR code to go straight to the form.



Monitoring is the most important aspect of red squirrel work, so thank to those sending in their sightings - and please keep it up!

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### Garden squirrel survey

Can any of you who have red squirrels in the garden please help PhD student, Alyson, by filling out her questionnaire about red squirrels visiting gardens on the Isle of Wight? She is aiming to work out how much difference this supplementary feeding is making to red squirrels numbers. Of course there is a downside as cats, rat poison, ponds etc take their toll. Here is the link to download the form:



<https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/red-squirrel-feeding-survey>

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### Volunteering

If you have bit of spare time, there are a number of posts to choose from if you would like to help us. Please ring or email Helen if you are interested.

Marketing

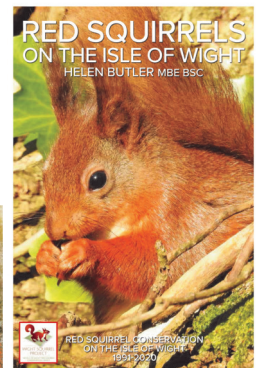
Facebook

Shows

Picking up sick/injured squirrels

## Books

These three books should cover all ages and will make a good Christmas present for red squirrel fans. The pocket book is for those who just want the facts whilst the A4 book covers 30 years of red squirrel work and goes into depth. The latest book is the newly published story for young children.



The Museum of Ryde in Union Street has copies of the large book and so does Medina Books in Cowes. Otherwise, Nighs are distributing the books around the Island, although I do not have a list of outlets.



If you are on the mainland they can be sent out by post, so please contact Helen re costs.

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## Calendars

There are so many difficulties to overcome with calendars I did not want to do them anymore and the celebratory book was intended to replace the calendar. However, regular supporters were upset, so after a monumental struggle, 50 calendars are available with regulars booking their calendars first.



If you would like a copy, please contact Helen. The cost is £7.99 for the calendar plus P+P.

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## The IOW Red Squirrel Trust Christmas auction. 24 November to 3 December

We would like to thank Jumblebee for their wonderful platform and customer service and of course all of the wonderful businesses and individuals who have so generously supported us once again and we hope that you will enjoy the Lots that we have waiting for you!

[www.jumblebee.co.uk/iowrstchristmasauction2023](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/iowrstchristmasauction2023)



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## Post mortem examinations

After examining over 800 dead red squirrels, I am hanging up my scalpel, at least for a while. The results of 2023 post mortem examinations will be in the spring newsletter.

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