



New Course: Shooting Grey Squirrels for **Red** Squirrel Conservation

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Northern Red Squirrels



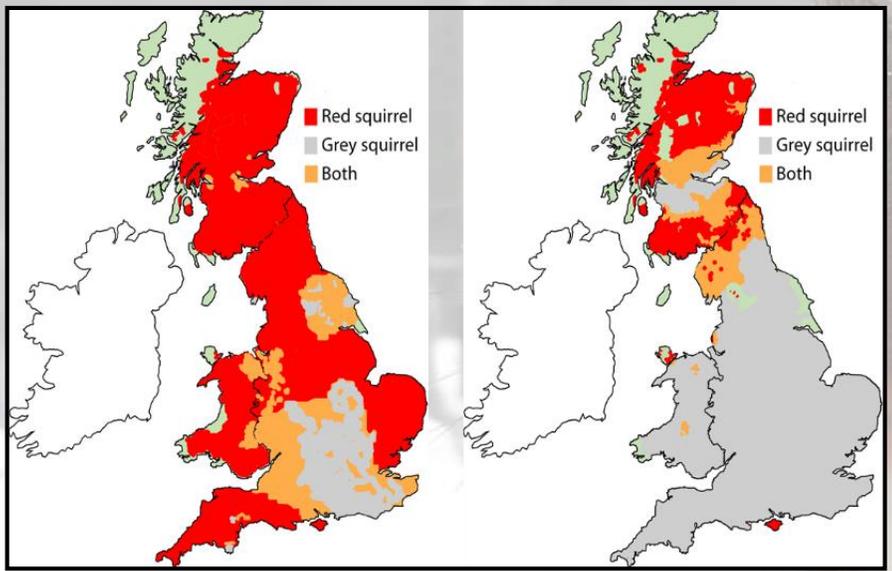
New Course: Shooting Grey Squirrels for Red Squirrel Conservation

- The only registered accredited air rifle shooting course for grey squirrel management in the UK which gives land owners proof of competency on the part of the shooter.
- Course is suitable for those with shooting experience whose primary interest is in red squirrel conservation.
- Introduction to squirrels, air rifle safety, best practice & competency delivered by a Lantra Firearms Instructor/Assessor & his approved assistant.
- Offers qualification following assessments.
- £90 for full day.



Brief course content: Assistant provision

➤ Squirrel history



➤ Squirrel ID



➤ Threats to reds



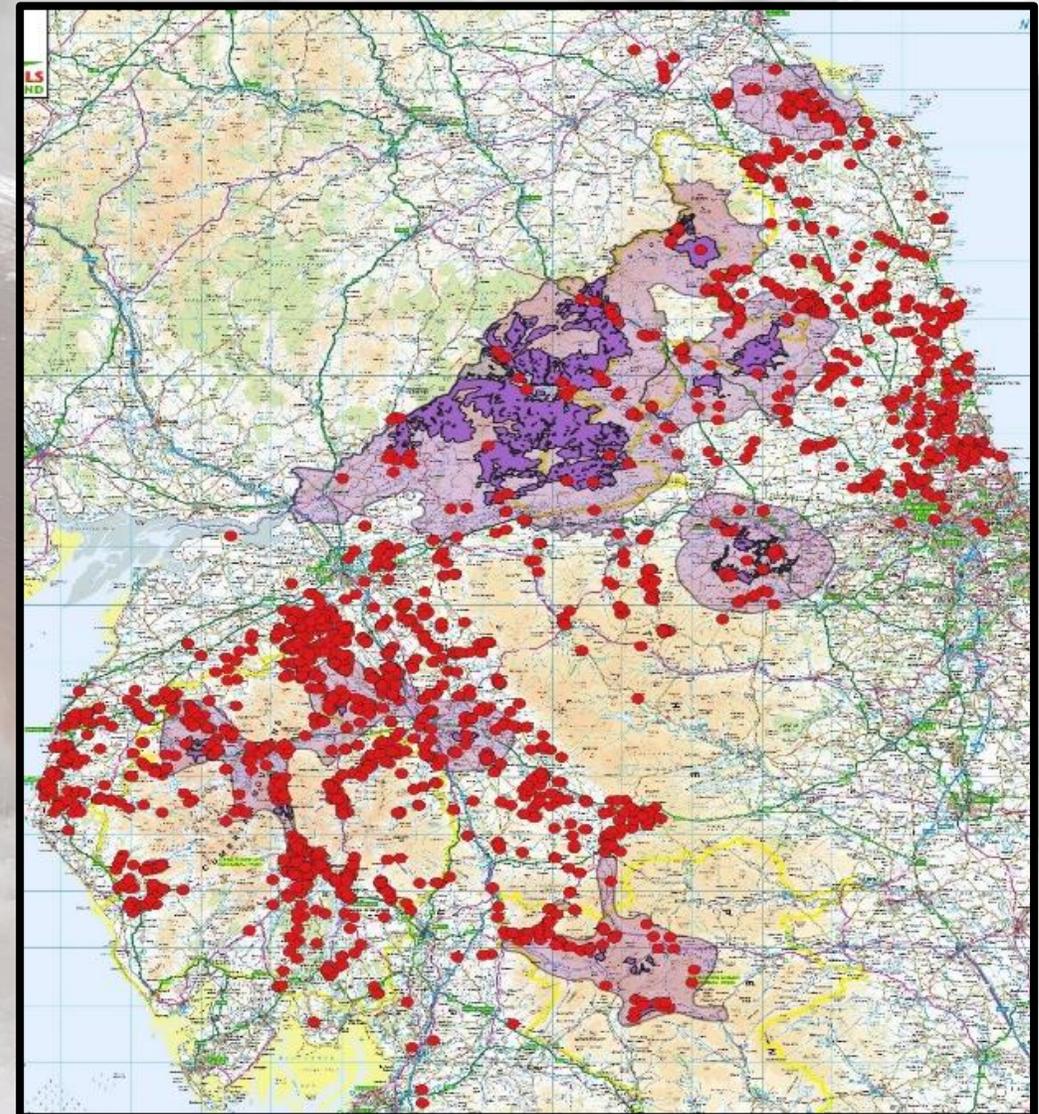
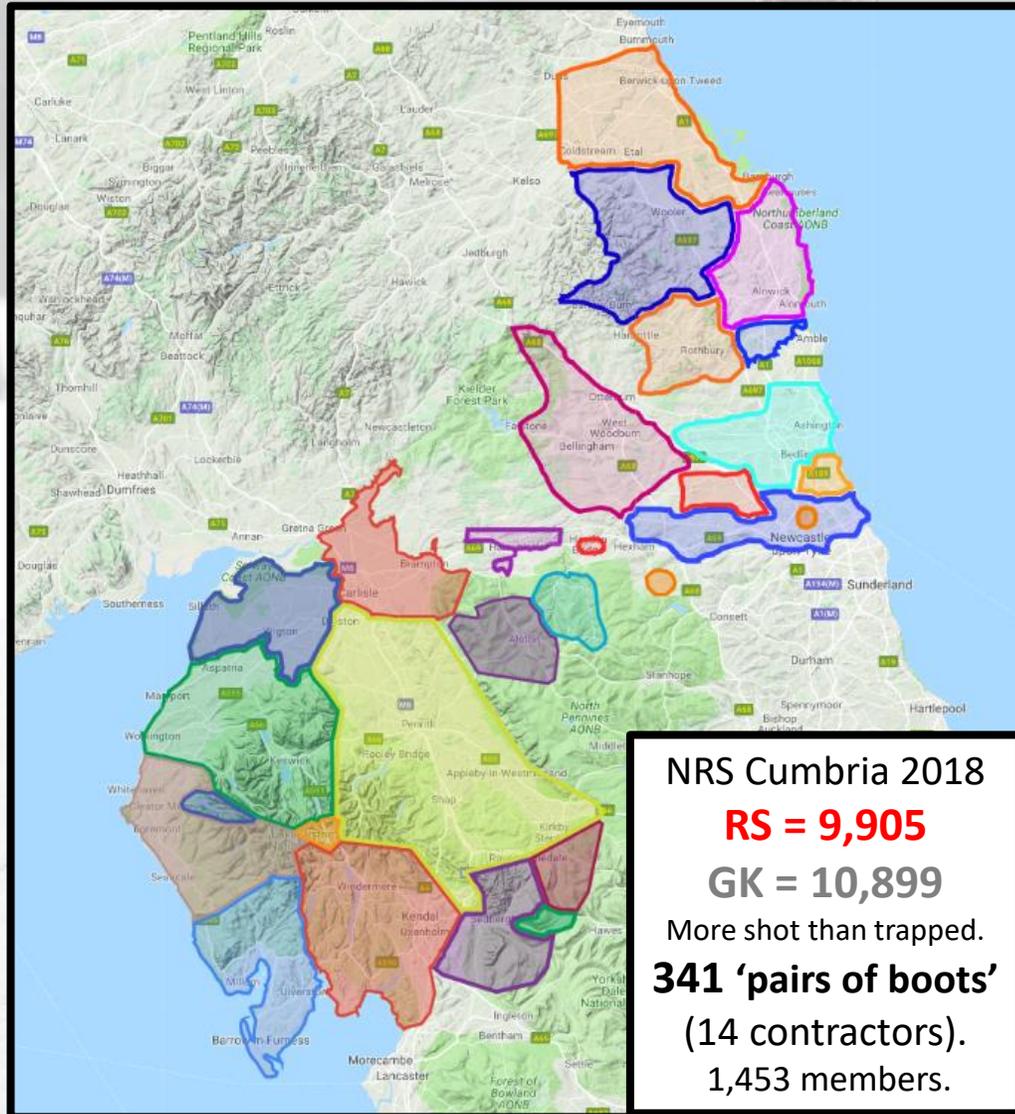
➤ Squirrel Law



Brief course content: Assistant provision

➤ Collaborative working

➤ Conservation successes



Brief course content: Assistant provision

- Best Practice;
Method = precision shooting at fixed feeding stations at 25 yards using air rifles
- Records.



Name & organisation:															
Phone or email:															
WHO	WHERE	METHOD				WHEN		RESULTS						NOTES	
Name (surname first)	Woodland name & name of nearest village or estate (woodland name first)	OS Grid Reference (6 figure, for example NY977586) (8 or 10 fig grid ref can also be entered)	(C) Camera, (FH) Feeder Hair, (FL) Monitoring with FLIR, (FM) Feeder Monitoring, (HT) Hair Tubes, (T) Trap, (TP) Trap Pre-bait or (S) Shoot	No. of Cameras, Hair Tubes or Traps	No. of live trap, shoot or monitoring days (part day = 1)	Control or monitoring start date OR date of sighting (DD/MM/YYYY)	Control or monitoring end date (DD/MM/YYYY)	GREY No. of grey kills	RED No. of rads caught	GREY No. of greys seen	RED No. of rads seen	GREY No. of cameras, feeders or hair tubes with greys	RED No. of cameras, feeders or hair tubes with rads	Notes (e.g. age and sex of animals caught, non-target species caught etc)	
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Bailey's	Eden Brows Wood/Armathwaite	NY4919350342	S		1	15/02/2019	15/02/2019	1						AM	
Bailey's	Triangle Wood/Armathwaite	NY4770051531	S		1	05/02/2019	05/02/2019	1						JM	
Bailey's	High Stand Farm/Armathwaite	NY4862449376	S		1	07/02/2019	07/02/2019	1						AM	
Bailey's	High Stand Plantation/Armathwaite	NY4884249323	T	1	6	23/02/2019	28/02/2019	6						4AM/1JM/1AF TOP PONDS	
Bailey's	High Stand Plantation/Armathwaite	NY4874649522			1	08/02/2019	08/02/2019				1				
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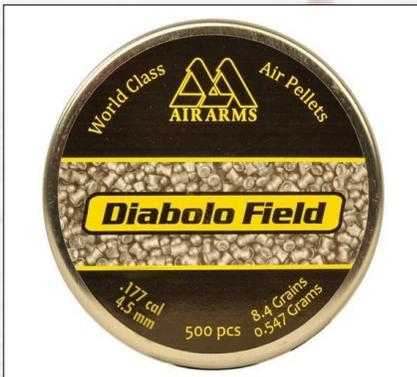
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- Considerations/restrictions.
- Land owners, keepers, deer stalkers, shoots.
- Topography, feed, feeders, resources.
- Back stops, kill zones



Brief course content: Lantra provision

- Firearms law & air guns (38).
- Air gun safety.
- Security & transport.
- Planning a shoot.
- PPE, Risk assessments/mitigation.
- Shooting in the field.
- Types of air rifle.
- Air gun ammunition.
- Sights & zeroing.
- Despatch & disposal.



Assessments

- Written assessment;
Multi-choice
80% pass rate
- Practical assessment;
5 pellets placed within a 25mm target
at 25 yards





Course feedback quotes

“The course was excellent; being experienced with shooting with a sub 12, I thought it may get a bit tedious but it certainly didn't, I can't believe we sat there for hours, it just flew by! The legal bits were very informative and it's always good to have them refreshed and explained to you by an expert with vast experience in the subject! All in all it was a very good day and to earn an accredited certificate at the end was well worth it! Shame we don't have to do a refresher every year!”

“Basics covered to ensure any candidate was catered for plus the essentials thoroughly covered. Academic and practical made enjoyable and informative”

“I enjoyed it, well worth attending and well done to everyone involved in putting this course together. If possible offer courses at different locations to enable more people with the interest of red squirrel protection and grey squirrel control to be able to attend”

“Given the practical test the venue was entirely appropriate and perfectly adequate for its needs”

“I feel that the course was very well run and great value for money. If anything, I think you could increase the price somewhat and even add say a £10 donation to “The Red Squirrel Rangers” from each certificate. After all, we all want to see the reds saved. ”

“It was a great experience to take part in your course. I found the presentations very informative and friendly. It was great to discuss different aspects of the job we all love to do saving the red squirrel populations with likeminded people from different parts of the country. I wish you great success in the future with all your teams' hard work”

“Julie Bailey is so passionate about reds it shines through all the time in her presentation. Keith Snow excellent, very knowledgeable, his covering of the law was excellent. Also knows when to throw a bit of humour into his presentation”

“The shooting assessment; I know I could do 10 times over no problem at home but on the range adrenalin made me feel my own heart beat - felt on the shoulder and rifle making it harder than expected. I wish we had a bit more time to go through the written assessment in detail afterwards, the day just flew by”

Ideal next steps

- Candidate commitment to red squirrel conservation
- Qualification increases landowner/group confidence in these practitioners
- Ideal natural progressive next steps ?
- Increase course uptake by offering alternative venues
- Develop & offer a new customised course (Lantra processes) for short range shotgun shooting (to previous successful students of air rifle course) for red squirrel conservation
- Develop & offer a new customised course (Lantra processes) for long range rifle shooting (to previous successful candidates of air rifle and shotgun courses) for red squirrel conservation



Northern Red Squirrels

Shooting Grey Squirrels for Red Squirrel Conservation

Available 2019 dates - Mar 17th Apr 28th May 26th June 16th

Gardner's Guns, Longtown, Carlisle CA6 5ST



**Lantra accredited air rifle,
best practice, safety and
competency course**

Full Day Course at £90 per candidate includes:

Introduction to red squirrel conservation

**Understanding the law, best practice, risk assessment
and methodology**

Written test and range air rifle competency test

To book your place email

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Course developed in partnership between Northern Red Squirrels,
Red Squirrels Northern England & a Lantra Instructor/Assessor

Sponsored by Gardner's Guns



Certificate of Competence

Philip Bailey

has successfully completed training and assessment in

Shooting Grey Squirrels for Red Squirrel Conservation

This is a Customised Provision approved by Lantra Awards

Refresher training is recommended within 5 years to keep your skills current

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