



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2024

Charity name: Penrith & District Beekeepers Association

Charity registration number: 1170487

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of Penrith and District Beekeepers Association CIO are to preserve the honeybee by promoting the craft of beekeeping and educating the public of the benefit of bees in the environment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	a) The promotion and improvement of beekeeping in Penrith and the surrounding area. b) The control and, where possible, the eradication of diseases and disorders of honeybees. c) The raising of public awareness of the importance of bees to the environment.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees receive the CC Guidance document and receive training as part of their induction as new trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Trustees are volunteers and contribute to the running, monitoring and financial management of the charity. Members also voluntarily support the activities of the charity which enable it to meet its charitable objectives.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Education: The Penrith and District Beekeepers Association (PDBKA) 2024 Calendar was sold and distributed across the local area and beyond. It contained information about bees, beekeeping and bee friendly plants.</p> <p>An information table, manned by trustees with handouts about the Asian Hornet was used at Acorn Bank during weekends throughout the summer season, to raise the awareness of the general public to the dangers of the Asian Hornet and how it should be reported as a non-native invasive species if spotted.</p> <p>Resources were sourced and purchased so that 50 Asian Hornet Watch Kits could be compiled and distributed to PBKA members at the AGM and other local interest groups. The information in the kits was in duplicate so that recipients could retain one set and pass the documents onto someone else.</p> <p>Handouts supplied by the National Bee Unit (NBU) were also available for PBKA Trustees to give out to visitors at Acorn Bank on the afternoons of the Branch Meetings.</p> <p>Grant funding was used to design and produce a set of five A1 information boards. These were used to develop a display and information table at Penrith Library during April and in Carlisle Library during May.</p> <p>A school project about the value of honey bees and their life cycle were undertaken at Warcop Primary School (62 pupils) during June.</p> <p>A group of members from Penrith Lions visited the apiary for a presentation about bees followed by an opportunity to visit the apiary and observe the bees while the apiary managers carried out a bee inspection.</p> <p>Oral History Trail: 3 beekeepers were interviewed by a Community Development officer about the setting up of the apiary and the value of bees to the environment.</p>

		<p>The recorded transcript of this conversation will be included in an oral history trail for access by the general public on visits to Acorn Bank.</p> <p>Training for aspiring beekeepers: Introducing Beekeeper Course: June 2024. 14 attended. 100% recorded excellent to all aspects of the course. Course participants included two students.</p> <p>PBKA Stall and Observation hive at local events: Kirkby Stephen Westmorland Dales Arts Event 28th July. Approximately 30 people visited the stall during the day. Apple Day at Hutton in the Forest (29th September) Approximately 40 people visited the stall during the day.</p> <p>Swarm collection: Swarm collection: Total of 15 swarms were collected by team of 11 swarm collectors in response to requests received from the general public. The swarm collection process and the conversations that take place when inappropriate call outs are made, helps to educate the general public about how to identify bees and deal with them. 5 call outs related to bumble bee and wasp nests. There were more incidences of advice being given through telephone conversations and in some instances these led to 'call outs' being avoided.</p> <p>Three visits were to properties where bees had nested within the building. These included bees that had established themselves in the building following the removal of other bee nests earlier in the season. There is an absence of builders in Cumbria who are available to deconstruct sections of properties to remove bees from inaccessible places and this is a growing concern to property owners where colonies inhabit sites where other bees have been because the residue of old frames and pheromones remain and attract newcomers. Unlike the south of England, there are no companies in Cumbria offering hive removal service which involves dismantling part of a property. This issue has been reported to the BBKA.</p> <p>There was a higher incidence of advice provided and unnecessary call outs avoided. A swarm catcher box was provided to the Buddhist Temple. Sometimes swarm collectors receive calls</p>
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		when they are away on holiday and out of the area. The establishment of a 'Whats App' Group for the swarm collectors might enable them to speedily pass caller's request/s to other swarm collectors to deal with if they are not available.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>All the achievements recorded in the PDBKA Development plan 2024 were achieved in the various sections except that the Long Hive could not be used for bees because of the delays in the path construction followed by poor weather.</p> <p>Pollinator Mural Project: progress was made towards the further development of an arts project: the feasibility study was completed and plans for contacting the community groups to assess them for future involvement was agreed for action in January 2025.</p> <p>A course designed to help members of the public learn more about pollinators and the way that they can be supported in order to reduce their further decline was developed in collaboration with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Cumbria Beekeepers Association and the British Beekeepers Association. It featured as one of the programmes offered by Higham Hall Education Centre during July 2024, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of applicants.</p> <p>The Training Apiary continues to be a valuable training resource for both beginners and established beekeepers. It is managed by a team of four volunteers and the branch meetings held at Acorn Bank over the summer months were well attended, mainly by beginners.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>£1,145 sponsorship raised to support the development 2024 PDBKA Calendar.</p> <p>£3,250 in grants was raised to pay for the construction of a pathway to ensure access to the long hive, but due to the landowner's decision to fund and resource this from the estate, these funds were diverted (with the permission of the grant providers) and used to purchase equipment, (in particular, specialist bee suits for wheel chair users) and future fund the Pollinator Mural Project.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a healthy financial position- having adequate reserves (see below) and £8,455 in the current account and £5,379 in the Building Society account which includes £2,000 to support the development of the Pollinator Mural Project.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to maintain the apiary in good repair in case of storm/ general wear and tear and to have funds available to replace colonies of bees and equipment in case of colony loss through disease etc. To purchase new/ up to date equipment for specialist bee husbandry purposes.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Current reserves are £11,834 which is made up of £13,834 of cash held less £2,000 designated as described in para 1.21.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No going concern issues.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Member subscriptions Fund raising at events and activities such as raffles, 'bucket collections' and through initiatives such as the annual calendar, honey sales. Applications for grants/ funding awards from other charitable trusts for specific projects.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Destruction of bee hives, colony losses due to adverse weather conditions or disease, destruction by non-native species, e.g. Asian Hornet; hive beetle; reportable viral diseases e.g. American Foulbrood which would require all colonies and equipment to be destroyed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution for CIO as recommended by the Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by members at the AGM. The eligibility of the elected individuals are checked out against the Charity Commission criteria.

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	An induction pack is provided and this is followed up by an Induction Meeting with the Chair and another experienced Trustee, subject to their availability, prior to the new trustee attending their first board meeting.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	PDBKA is affiliated to Cumbria Beekeepers Area Association (which comprises 5 branches from across north Cumbria) CBKAA is a regional constituent of the British Beekeeping Association – of which PDBKA is also a member.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Linked through the renewal of annual subscriptions from the PDBKA Membership to both Cumbria Beekeepers Association and the British Beekeepers Association.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Penrith and District Beekeepers Association
Other name the charity uses	Penrith Beekeepers Association
Registered charity number	1170487
Charity's principal address	16 Byrnes Close Plumpton Penrith CA11 9PE



Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Margaret Riches	Chair		
2	Clive Nigel Riches	Treasurer	Appointed 07/04/2024	
3	Dominic Rhodes	Apiary Manager Vice Chair		
4	Davina Solomon	Minutes Secretary		
5	Mark Gerrard Dasey	Web site Manager + Membership Secretary		
6	Pat Norris	Programme Development		
7	Richard Grange Backhouse	Apiary Manager		
8	Catherine Bernadette Weightman	Events Co-ordinator		
9	Owen John David Morgan	Safeguarding Officer		
10	Peter Andrew Morgan	Equipment Officer		
11	John Campbell Banks	Assistant Treasurer		
12	Kirk Harrison	Apiary Manager	Appointed 07/04/2024	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Margaret Riches	CLIVE NIGEL RICHES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	27/02/2025	



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Penrith and District Beekeepers Association

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	6,069	-	-	6,069	5,319
Brood diseases insurance premiums	481	-	-	481	129
Events	189	-	-	189	478
Training	1,240	-	-	1,240	1,780
Donations	597	-	-	597	171
Fundraising activities	2,893	-	-	2,893	5,062
Grants	1,000	1,250	-	2,250	1,000
Varroa treatment	-	-	-	-	92
Gift aid recoverable	-	-	-	-	1,618
Bank interest receivable	100	-	-	100	80
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,569	1,250	-	13,819	15,729
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,569	1,250	-	13,819	15,729
A3 Payments					
Subscriptions	2,369	-	-	2,369	2,111
Brood diseases insurance premiums	314	-	-	314	293
Equipment, apiary development and insurance	2,003	-	-	2,003	1,832
Apiary travel	436	-	-	436	139
Bee suits	209	1,000	-	1,209	-
Asian Hornet	510	667	-	1,177	-
Long hive beehed	186	-	-	186	-
Events costs	356	-	-	356	376
Training costs	973	-	-	973	905
Meeting, talks and speaker costs	627	-	-	627	441
Postage and printing	745	-	-	745	233
Fundraising expenses	1,794	-	-	1,794	4,461
Stripe fees	72	-	-	72	-
Sundry expenses	165	-	-	165	131
Website costs	66	-	-	66	60
Accountancy	90	-	-	90	85
Sub total	10,915	1,667	-	12,582	11,066
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,915	1,667	-	12,582	11,066
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,654	(417)	-	1,237	4,663
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,180	417	-	12,597	7,934
Cash funds this year end	13,834	-	-	13,834	12,597

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	8,455	-	-
	Building Society Account	5,379	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	13,834	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Penrith and District Beekeepers Association
Chartered Accountants report
for the period ended 31 December 2024

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of the Penrith and District Beekeepers Association for the period, which comprises of the receipts and payments statement and the balance sheet, from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](https://www.icaew.com/membershandbook).

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of Penrith and District Beekeepers Association and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at [icaew.com/compilation](https://www.icaew.com/compilation). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Penrith and District Beekeepers Association for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have reviewed the accounting records supplied and vouched year end bank balances to bank statements.

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Date: 28 February 2025