



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2025

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 Charity Commission 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>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. 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>A PBKA Trustee provided space for beekeepers to provide information to the general public about bees, beekeeping and the Asian Hornet at a monthly market at Kirkby Stephen. National Surveys have shown that it is the reports from the General public that have been the most significant in reporting the presence of the Asian Hornet and which has led to its nests being destroyed- so educating the general public to know how to identify and report sightings is of both national and local importance.</p> <p>Attendance at local events: PBKA also had a stall at the Kirkby Stephen Westmorland Dales Arts Event in July. . Approximately 30 people visited the stall during the day. Apple Day at Hutton in the Forest Approximately 40 people visited the stall during the day. PBKA was invited by the Cumbria Wildlife Trust to provide information at the opening of the Cold Springs Nature reserve in October.</p> <p>Presentations to local interest groups, including gardening clubs and allotment owners, were provided by PBKA Members in Dalston, Shap and Stainton.</p> <p>During July, a 'Young Carers' group of 12, 10-13 year olds attended a session at Acorn Bank to learn more about bees and other pollinators. This provided a valuable educational as well as recreational activity to young children/ teenagers who are often deprived of these opportunities due to their caring responsibilities.</p>

		<p>In November and December, four information sessions were held for all the beneficiaries and support volunteers at the 'Growing Well' charity's base at Tebay Services. These sessions particularly focused on the ways in which bees aid pollination and the support that they need from gardeners because the charity's beneficiaries learn horticultural skills to help them combat mental health issues.</p> <p>Introducing Beekeeper Course: June 2025. 12 attended. 100% recorded excellent to all aspects of the course. Course participants included two volunteers from Acorn Bank who learnt more about the ways in which, they as volunteer gardeners, should tend the plants to encourage healthy bee and pollinator development.</p> <p>Swarm collection: Although our swarm collectors generally commented that it seemed as if less swarms took place last summer, a total of 21 swarms were collected by our team of 11 swarm collectors, six more than in 2024.</p> <p>Swarm collectors continue to receive requests to remove bumble bee and wasp nests (ten in total) , but the number of visits to properties are now less due to the requirement to provide photographic evidence prior to a swarm collector visiting the site.</p> <p>Bees were supplied to members from the stocks at Acorn Bank to ensure that local beekeepers have colonies with strains of healthy bees which will survive the Cumbrian winters and foraging conditions.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	All the achievements recorded in the PDBKA Development plan 2025 were achieved in the various sections except that the Long Hive could not be used for bees because the poor weather conditions produced a drone laying queen so the
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		colony identified for transfer to the long hive died out. 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.
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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. This includes funds approved for the Mural Project which will no longer go ahead. This has since been re-designated for the purchase of more information boards and display screens to promote public awareness of the Asian Hornet threat.
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	The charity holds unrestricted reserves of £13,342.

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, honey sales and other bi products such as honey mustard. . 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. If beekeepers were widely effected by these events, then there would be fewer members and the continuing viability of the organisation would be uncertain.

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)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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 Association (which comprises 5 branches from across north Cumbria) CBKA 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	Norman English	Treasurer	Appointed 13/04/2025	
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	Michael Ryan	Equipment Manager	Appointed 13/04/2025	
9	Ramiz Idriz	Safeguarding Officer	Appointed 13/04/2025	
10	Clive Nigel Riches	Policy Advisor		
11	Catherine Bernadette Weightman		Resigned 13/04/2025	
12	Owen John David Morgan		Resigned 13/04/2025	
13	Peter Andrew Morgan		Resigned 13/04/2025	
	John Campbell Banks		Resigned 13/04/2025	
14	Kirk Harrison		Resigned 13/04/2025	

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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



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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

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

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	4,211	-	-	4,211	6,069
Brood diseases insurance premiums	246	-	-	246	481
Events	146	-	-	146	189
Training	1,325	-	-	1,325	1,240
Donations	339	-	-	339	597
Fundraising activities	1,836	-	-	1,836	2,893
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,250
Sale of equipment	714	-	-	714	-
Bank interest receivable	73	-	-	73	100
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,890	-	-	8,890	13,819
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,890	-	-	8,890	13,819
A3 Payments					
Subscriptions	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,369
Brood diseases insurance premiums	357	-	-	357	314
Equipment, apiary development and insurance	1,229	-	-	1,229	2,003
Apiary travel	153	-	-	153	436
Bee suits	20	-	-	20	1,209
Asian Hornet	794	-	-	794	1,177
Long hive beeshed	-	-	-	-	186
Events costs	366	-	-	366	356
Training costs	1,075	-	-	1,075	973
Meeting, talks and speaker costs	403	-	-	403	627
Postage and printing	467	-	-	467	745
Fundraising expenses	1,443	-	-	1,443	1,794
Stripe fees	55	-	-	55	72
Sundry expenses	239	-	-	239	165
Website costs	66	-	-	66	66
Accountancy	95	-	-	95	90
Sub total	9,382	-	-	9,382	12,582
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,382	-	-	9,382	12,582
Net of receipts/(payments)	(492)	-	-	(492)	1,237
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,834	-	-	13,834	12,597
Cash funds this year end	13,342	-	-	13,342	13,834

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	7,890	-	-
	Building Society Account	5,452	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	13,342	-	-

	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

**Penrith and District Beekeepers Association
Chartered Accountants report
for the period ended 31 December 2025**

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.

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. 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.

APB Bookkeeping Services Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 11 March 2026