



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/08/2024** Period start date To **31/07/2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Praise Bee**

Charity registration number: **1195622**

## Objectives and Activities

|  | SORP reference     |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document  | Para 1.17          | <p>(1) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively, through the re-introduction of solitary bees and the establishment of wildflower meadows with a view to improving biodiversity.</p> <p>(2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively, by focusing on the role of solitary bees and wildflower meadows and their impact on ecosystems and promoting research and sharing and disseminating the useful results thereof for the benefit of the general public.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Pollinator research has continued and collected pollens from bee nests are now being analysed for identification.</p> <p>Preparations are now being made for precision and track sowing of selected pollinator-friendly wild flowers and plans are being laid down for a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to develop the moat into a research reserve for further education of students.</p>  |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit   | Para 1.18          | All charity trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and have taken this into account when deciding what activities to carry out this year.   |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|  | SORP reference |  |
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| Policy on grant making   | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
| Other  |                |  |

**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>Additional field work has been carried out to develop the trials plots, now growing new varieties of clovers, lucerne, linseeds and chicory to assess their suitability for pollinators.</p> <p>Other selected pollinator friendly species have had their seed collected in preparation for precision sowing trials starting in 2026 and further species have been sown and planted within the moat compound itself.</p> <p>Our public engagement has continued and a further 1,500 osmia bicornis have been released from the Countess of Chester hospital into the surrounding environment.</p> |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other  |           |  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | The trustees have approved the financial statement as at 31/07/2024 |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 |   |
| Amount of reserves held  | Para 1.22 | Nil   |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves  | Para 1.22 | Funding received is used for day to day running of the charity      |
| Details of fund materially in deficit  | Para 1.24 | N/A   |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | N/A   |

### 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 | Grants from military suppliers and other donations. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |   |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |   |
| Other   |           |   |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|   |           |   |
|---|-----------|---|
| Description of charity's trusts:  |           | Charitable Incorporated Organisation  |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)  | Para 1.25 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation  |
| 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 appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the charity trustees. |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties   | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other   |           |  |

**Reference and Administrative details**

|                             |  |
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| Charity name                | Praise Bee   |
| Other name the charity uses |  |
| Registered charity number   | 1195622  |
| Charity's principal address | Hunkington Lodge, Hunkington Nurseries<br>Walford Heath<br>Shrewsbury<br>SY4 2HT |
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**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 | Vivian Charles Watson Marsh | Chairman        |                                   |   |
| 2 | Lee Sanderson               | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 3 | Maureen Formby              | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 4 | Rev Paul Firmin             | Trustee         |                                   |   |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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| Director name |  |  |
|               |  |  |

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

|              |                                   |  |
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| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity   | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |     |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |     |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

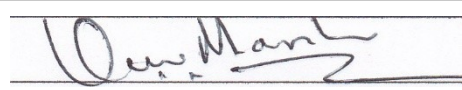
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## Declarations

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

#### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

|                             |  |
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| Vivian Charles Watson Marsh |  |
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| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chairman |  |
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| <b>Date</b> | 17/04/2026 |
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| Praise Bee Charity - Accounts from 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025 |                    |            |                                  |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
|--|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|--|--|
| 01/08/2024   | Balance in bank    |            | £1,334.83                        |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
| INCOME   |                    |            | EXPENDITURE                      |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
| Date   | Received from      | Amount     | Date                             | Paid to            | Details                           | Amount     | Invoice |  |  |
| 31/01/2025   | Wynn Foundation    | 1000.00    | 21/03/2025                       | Mercian Masterplan | Welfare Unit                      | 1000       | ✓       |  |  |
| 25/02/2025   | Veolia Envirogrant | 1000.00    | 14/05/2025                       | Viv Marsh          | Chq 000003 23/24 & 24/25 expenses | 1271.23    | ✓       |  |  |
| Income since last statement  |                    | £ 2,000.00 | Expenditure since last statement |                    |                                   | £ 2,271.23 |         |  |  |
| 01/08/2024   | Brought forward    | 1334.83    |                                  |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
| PLUS   | Income             | 2000.00    |                                  |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
| LESS   | Total Expenditure  | 2271.23    |                                  |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |
| 31/07/2025   | Balance at bank    | £ 1,063.60 |                                  |                    |                                   |            |         |  |  |

Signed 

Date 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Signed 

Date 16.4.26