



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1/10/2024 To 30/9/25**

**Charity name: Newcastle and District Beekeepers Association**

**Charity registration number: 1204039**

## **Objectives and Activities**

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | <b>To advance the education of the public and beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promote the importance of bees in the environment.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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 | <b>Beekeeping beginners course ran, open to anyone to apply to attend to learn more about beekeeping.</b><br><b>Attendance at public events included Newcastle allotment show open to members of the public, Northumbria Water Innovation Festival allowed engagement with many businesses large and small. Talks to schools and other community groups about beekeeping and pollinators in the environment.</b><br><br><b>Members have collected swarms of bees from public locations for the protection of the public and welfare of the bees.</b><br><br><b>Enquiries from members of the public have been answered. Topics include information provided about how to manage bees in buildings, identification of insects causing concern to householders such as bumblebees and education on their value, where to source local honey and many others.</b> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | <b>We confirm that Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## **Achievements and Performance**

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| 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><b>Beekeeping beginners' course and apiary training sessions have contributed to education about beekeeping and the benefits to the environment, how to responsibly manage hives to avoid nuisance to the public and contributes to protecting bees for generations to come.</b></p> <p><b>Attendance at public events: Newcastle allotment show has also provided education to the public about bees, bee-friendly gardening, the role of bees as pollinators and general environmental issues such as pesticide use.</b></p> <p><b>Our Facebook page and website also contribute to public awareness of bees and environmental issues, including identification of bees and swarms.</b></p> <p><b>The association has also contributed to education about an invasive predator of pollinators (including honey bees) called the Yellow legged Asian hornet.</b></p> <p><b>Members have collected swarms of bees from public locations for the protection of the public and welfare of the bees.</b></p> <p><b>Bee swarms left uncollected can be a nuisance to the public due to risk of stings but also bees can enter buildings and other spaces to form a nest which can then damage buildings and be costly to remove. Collecting swarms also reduces the risk of the swarm dying in unsuitable weather by rehoming them.</b></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 |  |
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| Other |  |  |
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## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | <b>The charity holds a balance of £11832 at the end of the financial year, which represents rise of £1342 compared to the balance at the beginning of the financial year.</b> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | <b>Reserves are held so that if in future the charity income falls the charity will be able to continue it's aims as long as possible</b>                                     |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | <b>£11832</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 | <b>Nil</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <b>No current uncertainties.</b>                                                                                                                                              |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <b>Funds are mainly from memberships, donations and proceeds from running educational courses.</b> |
| 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

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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | <b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | <b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 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 | <b>Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, any member may stand.<br/>If a Trustee resigns mid-year then the committee may elect a new trustee mid-year but then this person must be voted in at the AGM to continue in the role.</b> |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Newcastle and District Beekeepers Association |
| Other name the charity uses |                                               |
| Registered charity number   | 1204039                                       |
| Charity's principal address | 13 Heatherhope, Ashington, Northumberland     |
|                             |                                               |

**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  | Annette Campbell | Treasurer       |                                   |                                                               |
| 2  | Vincent Cassidy  | Secretary       |                                   |                                                               |
| 3  | Steven Kay       |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 4  | Roberto Balzi    |                 | 19 <sup>th</sup> March 24 on      |                                                               |
| 5  | Valerie Hawley   |                 | 19 <sup>th</sup> March 24 on      |                                                               |
| 6  | Michelle Wilde   |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

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| Director name  |  |  |
| Not applicable |  |  |
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**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

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| Trustee name   | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
| Not applicable |                                   |  |
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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                                                                               | nil |
| 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 |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| Nil             |      |         |
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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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| nil |
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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)**

Annette Campbell

**Full name(s)**

Annette Campbell

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Treasurer

**Date**

4.3.25

# Newcastle and District Beekeepers

## Income and expenditure 2024-25

|                               | 2024-25         | 2023-24         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash in hand c/F              | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Lloyds TSB Treasurers account | <b>11832.19</b> | 10489.76        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>11832.19</b> | <b>10489.76</b> |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                 |                 |
| Memberships                   | 4431.15         | 4730.35         |
| Sale of badges                | 0.00            | 60.00           |
| Tea and coffee donations      | 57.11           | 93.07           |
| Raffle                        | 366.00          | 452.00          |
| Miscellaneous donations       | 22.98           | 10.00           |
| Sugar donations               | 45.00           | 135.78          |
| Extractor deposits            | 30.00           | 0.00            |
| extractor hire                | 20.00           | 40.00           |
| HMRC Gift aid payment         | 739.97          | 1451.87         |
| Course fees                   | 1608.81         | 1499.45         |
| Bank Interest                 | 132.45          | 0.00            |
| Sale of bees                  | 200.00          | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>           | <b>7653.47</b>  | <b>8472.52</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>            |                 |                 |
| BBKA capitation               | 2588.50         | 2702.00         |
| BDI                           | 456.25          | 491.65          |
| Speakers                      | 280.00          | 514.50          |
| Member event costs            | 380.00          | 141.82          |
| Refreshments                  | 323.81          | 374.14          |
| Postage/stationery/office     | 120.85          | 5.85            |
| Apiary Equipment              | 337.78          | 42.71           |
| Library books/supplies/fees   | 245.43          | 94.87           |
| Raffle prizes                 | 44.80           | 20.50           |
| Gifts                         | 45.00           | 25.36           |
| Apiary insurance              | 243.28          | 202.50          |
| Shed                          | 0.00            | 698.15          |
| Workwear                      | 120.00          | 0.00            |
| Apiary supplies               | 181.64          | 48.99           |
| Website costs                 | 72.00           | 0.00            |
| Zoom Subscription             | 0.00            | 15.59           |
| HMRC repayment                | 0.00            | 693.91          |
| extractor hire refunds        | 0.00            | 0.00            |

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| Room hire                           | 1050.00             | 1000.00             |
| Refunds                             | 47.50               | 0.00                |
| miscellaneous expenses              | 0.00                | 57.75               |
| Laptop                              | 268.99              | 0.00                |
| Competition prize                   | 10.00               | 0.00                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>            | <b>6815.83</b>      | <b>7130.29</b>      |
| <br><b>Surplus for the period</b>   | <br><b>837.64</b>   | <br><b>1342.43</b>  |
| <br><b>Accounts carried forward</b> |                     |                     |
| Cash at hand                        | <b>10.00</b>        | 0.00                |
| Lloyds TSB Treasurer's account      | <b>515.38</b>       | <b>11832.19</b>     |
| Lloyds instant access savings       | <b>6047.44</b>      | 0.00                |
| Virgin Money savings                | <b>6097.01</b>      | 0.00                |
| <br><b>Balance</b>                  | <br><b>12669.83</b> | <br><b>11832.19</b> |