



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 2025

From 1st January 2025 Period start date
To 31st December 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Cumbria Beekeepers Area Association

Charity registration number: 1212102 PART A: Narrative

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 'To promote and further the craft of beekeeping in Cumbria and the surrounding area.'2. 'To advance the education of the public in Cumbria and the surrounding area, primarily in the importance and role of bees and beekeeping to the environment and the dangers/threats bees face and how the public can assist.'
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>Events and training programmes designed to raise public awareness about the value of bees to the environment and for food production; the threats to their existence and strategies that can be undertaken by the general population to combat their decline.</p> <p>The service of Swarm Collection which is available across Cumbria and provided by CBKAA members.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All CBKAA Trustees receive training from experienced trustees and the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit as part of their induction as new trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on grant making		
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
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. In particular these include the management of the CBKAA web site, social media communications and monitoring and co-ordinating the response to the threat of the Asian Hornet.
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>The general public and beekeepers have been made aware of the threat to bees and pollinators by non native invasive species such as the Asian Hornet through the following events which have taken place at county level :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -July 2025 Bee Health Day (60+ attendees) -Sept 2025 Autumn Convention (25 attendees) -Nov 2025 Honey Show with programme of educational talks and workshops (40+ attendees) -Educational Programmes with schools, Young Carers and 'Growing Well, (a charity which promotes mental health by teaching its beneficiaries horticultural skills,) have been facilitated by the sharing of expertise and resources by CBKAA Board of Trustees with beekeepers in the branches where these programmes were delivered: Whitehaven + Penrith. (277 participants) <p>Attendees and participants at these events and programmes are now aware of the value of bees to their own lives, the plants that they can grow to provide suitable forage and the actions that they can take to report sightings of Asian Hornets and their nests to</p>

		<p>ensure that they can be effectively destroyed in order to protect the lives of bees and other pollinators.</p> <p>Throughout the summer and early autumn, information displays and presentations were also provided at the major rural shows and farmers' markets across the county to raise the general public's awareness of these issues.</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	<p>The Bee Health Day was well attended and the feedback was very positive.</p> <p>The Honey Show provided a programme which, according to the participants was enjoyed and valued by attendees, but there were less people attending than was anticipated.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity achieved a balanced budget and generated a small income above its total expenditure during the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has sufficient reserves which will be needed if there is an influx of Asian Hornets in to Cumbria which will result in the need for training apiaries across Cumbria to invest in protective equipment to preserve bee colonies and the increase in the bait traps and monitoring activities of volunteers whose travel expenses will need to be met.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8011.63
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
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	Membership subscriptions. Fundraising activities e.g. raffles at events. Donations from the general public at stalls where information is provided about the Asian Hornet .
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	If the Asian Hornet and other non native invasive species, such as the <i>Varroa</i> and the anticipated arrival of <i>Tropilaelaps</i> mites, cause wide scale colony collapse, then beekeepers will no longer keep bees and there will be less income generated from member subscriptions.
Other		

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	CBKAA is the 'umbrella' organisation for the five local branches which are based in different areas of Cumbria: Penrith; Carlisle; Whitehaven; Keswick, Cockermouth. It is a conduit for communication between members, branches and the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) The BBKA is the national organisation for all member beekeepers in the UK.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cumbria Beekeepers Area Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1212102

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	Stephen Barnes	President		
2	Stewart Beattie	Vice President		
3	Margaret Riches	Chair		
4	Andrew Smith	Vice Chair		
5	Clive Riches	Treasurer		
6	Debbie Keighley	Secretary		
7	Mike Harper			
8	Robin Macleod			
9	Pat Norris			
10	Rob McGarvie			
11	Charles Payne			
12	Mark Richardson			
13	Dominic Rhodes			
14	Michael Ryan			
15	Peter Weatherill			
16	Sarah Laws			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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

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)	M Riches	C N Riches
Full name(s)	Margaret Riches	Clive Nigel Riches
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	14 March 2026	



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Cumbria Beekeepers Area Association

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

11/02/2025

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					
Transfer from previous entity	6,552	-	-	6,552	-
Subscriptions - Carlisle	2,084	-	-	2,084	-
Subscriptions - Cockermouth	1,263	-	-	1,263	-
Subscriptions - Keswick	650	-	-	650	-
Subscriptions - Penrith	2,620	-	-	2,620	-
Subscriptions - Whitehaven	910	-	-	910	-
Bank interest receivable	253	-	-	253	-
Bank charges refunded	27	-	-	27	-
Donations	397	-	-	397	-
Bee health	1,485	-	-	1,485	-
Honey show / conference	1,398	-	-	1,398	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,637	-	-	17,637	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,637	-	-	17,637	-
A3 Payments					
BBKA capitation	6,222	-	-	6,222	-
Hire of rooms	233	-	-	233	-
Training and education - Assessment fees	120	-	-	120	-
Bee health	1,112	-	-	1,112	-
Honey show / conference	1,332	-	-	1,332	-
Zoom fee	52	-	-	52	-
Printing and stationery	25	-	-	25	-
Accountancy	85	-	-	85	-
Bank charges	23	-	-	23	-
Logo	324	-	-	324	-
Other costs	92	-	-	92	-
Sub total	9,620	-	-	9,620	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,620	-	-	9,620	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,017	-	-	8,017	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,017	-	-	8,017	-

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	1,412	-	-
	Building Society Account	6,605	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	8,017	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	