Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ludlow & District Beekeepers' Association
Other names charity is known by	L&DBKA
Registered charity number (if any)	**1181576**
Charity's principal address	c/o Hillfoot House
	Lushcott
	Easthope, Much Wenlock
	Postcode **TF13 6EE**

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	ALAN JENYON	Chairman		Membership
2	GILLIAN SILVERWOOD MACLEAN	Secretary		Membership
3	HAMISH CRAIG BARBER			Membership
4	CLIFFORD DENNIS BLOOMFIELD	Treasurer		Membership
5	DR MARY JANE ROSS CARSTAIRS		1 Jan 2025 – 8 Mar 2025	Membership
6	PAUL LOGAN	Membership Secretary	1 Jan 2025 – 8 Mar 2025	Membership
7	JENNIFER EMILY POTHECARY			Membership
8	KAREN TAYLOR		1 Jan 2025 – 8 Mar 2025	Membership
9	JON REARDON-SMITH		From 15 July 2025	Membership
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 23 February 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the membership at the AGM and/or co-opted by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

L&DBKA is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA)

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:

A) TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING AND GOOD BEEKEEPING PRACTICES;

B) TO RAISE AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, the trustees aim to make the most of opportunities to educate and inform the public on the importance of honey bees and of the craft of beekeeping when planning the annual programme of activities of the association.

These activities include:

- Provision of information, educational material and advice to members of the public about the importance of honey bees in the environment;
- Provision of information and advice to anyone considering taking up the craft of beekeeping including the benefits of membership of a beekeeping association and the training needed to be a beekeeper;
- Regular attendance at agricultural shows, village fetes, food festivals and other public events in the local area throughout the year to promote the craft of beekeeping and raise awareness of the importance of pollinators in the environment. This usually includes displaying at least one observation hive of live bees at each event. Products of the hive are also exhibited.
- Beekeeper training – an 'Introduction to Beekeeping' course covering theory and practical skills is held annually.
- Answer enquiries and requests for assistance from members of the public made via the Associations' web site.
- Give talks to groups eg WI, U3A, schools etc interested in learning about the importance of honey bees in the environment and the role of beekeepers in supporting honey bees.
- In addition the charity maintains and provides contact details of those of its members willing to help recover swarms of honey bees reported by members of the public, free of charge. This information is accessed via the BBKA website.
- The charity also has an Asian Hornet Action Team, one of a number of teams across the country working with the National Bee Unit and the BBKA in the national effort to monitor and prevent the establishment of this non-native invasive species.

In carrying out the above activities the Trustees of the Association believe they are achieving the charitable aims of the CIIO and delivering tangible benefit to the general public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Membership
Membership numbers 2025: 173 members

Training and education
Beginners' course 2025 numbers: 9 students. The 'Introduction to Beginners' course comprises eight theory sessions followed by weekly practical sessions throughout the active season (subject to weather).

Two members of the Association passed the BBKA Basic Assessment.

Winter talks and Apiary Meetings programme
A full programme of talks and apiary meetings was held throughout the year with the aim of informing and educating members on beekeeping issues and improving practical skills

Asian Hornet
The Asian Hornet Action Team continued to respond to queries and reports of potential sightings of this non-native invasive species. Information was available at all public events attended throughout the year. There were no confirmed sightings in our area.

Shows and Events

The association attended a number of public events where visitors could chat to beekeepers and learn about beekeeping and the importance of pollinators in the environment and information about steps they could take to help. These included:

Burwarton Show (attendance est 20,000)
Tenbury Countryside Show (attendance est 6,000)
Clun Carnival
Ludlow Food Festival (attendance est 15,000)

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	
Details of any funds materially in deficit	none

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Alan Jenyon	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	7 March 2026	

LUDLOW & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CHARITY NUMBER 1181576

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2025

RECEIPTS	2024	**2025**
Direct charity receipts:	£	**£**
Members subscriptions LDBKA	1,328.00	**2,871.50**
Members subscriptions BBKA	2,280.00	**2,175.00**
Bee Disease Insurance	396.85	**604.35**
Donations	133.10	**1,371.55**
Gift Aid	2,805.85	**-**
Raffles	199.00	**424.90**
Miscellaneous	-	**200.00**
Bank Interest	125.39	**80.81**
Subtotal	7,268.19	**7,728.11**
Activities receipts		
Member social events	677.50	**552.50**
Association Honey sales & commission	1,698.40	**596.29**
Training course fees (for 2024)	1,660.07	**1,496.00**
Secondhand equipment sales	480.18	**235.00**
Subtotal	4,516.15	**2,879.79**
Total Receipts	11,784.34	**10,607.90**
PAYMENTS		
Direct charity payments:		
BBKA Capitation fees	2,927.50	**2,673.50**
Bee Disease insurance premium	539.75	**533.45**
BeeCraft Subscriptions	25.00	**-**
Subtotal	3,492.25	**3,206.95**
Activity and asset payments		
Association Apiary maintenance & consumables	837.53	**121.06**
Apiary Building improvements and maintenance	4,452.20	**4,010.31**
Buildings Insurance		**637.88**
Hall Hire	194.00	**-**
Equipment purchase	-	**1,538.00**
Show costs/consumables	581.22	**483.59**
Talk fees & Travel	142.39	**308.33**
Website	-	**191.88**
Training	151.67	**736.92**
Refreshments/members' social events	1,538.83	**1,132.49**
Miscellaneous	70.25	**-**
Travel	463.05	**1,511.10**
Subtotal	8,431.14	**10,671.56**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,923.39	**13,878.51**
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	- 139.05	**- 3,270.61**

Bank Account	**£**
Opening balance 1 Jan 2025	**10,638.16**
Net Receipts/Payments	**- 3,270.61**
closing Bank Balance 31 Dec 2025	**7,367.55**

Petty cash	
Opening balance	**290.00**
Closing Balance	**290.00**