

Cumbrian YLH Action Team Lead Coordinators Meeting



Tuesday 4th August 2025, 19:00 , via [Zoom](#)

Minutes:

1. a. Attending:

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| Andrew Brown | – Cumbria County Coordinator (Kendal & South Westmorland BKA) |
| Clare Woowat | – YLH County Coordinator (Cockermouth BKA) |
| Julia Hoggard | – Education Officer K&SWBKA (NBU Inspector retired) |
| Margaret Riches | – Chair Cumbria BKA (delayed by 15 minutes) |
| Stewart Beattie | - YLH Team Coordinator (CBA – liaison for Furness BKA) |
| Piers Manson | - YLH Team Coordinator (Whitehaven BKA) |

b. Apologies

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| Mark Dasey | - YLH Team Coordinator (Penrith BKA) |
| Eleanor Mason | - YLH Team Coordinator (Keswick BKA) |
| Robert McGarvie | - YLH Team Coordinator (CBA BKA) |

c. Coordinators Email

A coordinators and other significant stakeholders' distribution list to be established for future meetings **AB**

2. Minutes of meeting 20 May 2025 were agreed as a representation of the meeting. Follow-up actions:

- Distribution of all minutes should be distributed to all local BKA YLAH volunteers – **currently to BKA coordinators only**
- Action meetings, trap-building as soon as possible locally – **one meeting has been held. More to follow.**
- Arrange localised volunteer meetings with coordinators to clarify roles face to face – **ongoing as current volunteer list still to verify and consolidate.**
- Make sure all BKA coordinators have access to BBKA er2 volunteer and location map – **reconfirmation once all known BKA coordinators have been established, via BKA secs to BBKA YLH team (or if necessary direct to BBKA YLAH Luke Whyatt Trustee and Chair, Yellow-legged Asian Hornet Committee).**
- Follow up with another coordinators' meeting (Zoom) on July 22nd, 2025 (moved to 4th August) – **done**

3. Development of Coordination of Volunteers in Cumbria

- Step up consolidation of establishment volunteer list of names and email all with a brief explanation of the role, who's who of Cumbrian coordinators (with contact email) and link to the volunteer page, which has all this information www.kendalbeekeepers.com/caht , **CW & AB.**
- Allow all volunteers knowledge of and access to the **WhatsApp** group (via contact with **AB**)
- Make sure all individual BKA coordinators have access to BBKA [er2 YLH](#) maps
- Start the process of involving non-beekeepers via the [AHA system](#), running alongside the BBKA er2 application, links and instructions are on the CAHT webpage. (**AB & JH** – signed up – **CW & SB** to join up too, when they can), targeting rural groups, wildlife organisations.
- SB** to coordinate with Graham Johnson (?) of Furness BKA (non-BBKA) to include their potential volunteers.
- AB** to attempt to re-connect with Ian Dawson of Sedbergh BKA for same.

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4. Process pre-YLH Appearance in Cumbria (or neighbouring counties)

- a. Press for more volunteer meetings, doubling up with other BKA meetings where practical, to have face-to-face time with volunteers including trap making, distribution and er2/AHA Catch application assistance as required. These are to be live-capture traps or open observation lures. Construction details all on CAHT webpage.
- b. Continue the program of educational talks as well as representation at county & rural shows and markets. Talks need to be standardised using material from the CAHT webpage resources.
- c. Establish source of bait, either purchased or home-made (**JH** has effective homemade recipe) Seek [out local orchard group apple press](#) days to source spare apple juice to store (natural fermentation in storage is a good thing).
- d. Keep abreast of changes in volunteer lists and contact details – be wary of compliance with GDPR.
- e. Clarify process for incidence action and insurance for volunteers in the field – basic details for insurance cover is on the trapping protocol instructions on CAHT webpage, however, this does not establish what is and is not covered as well as not having coverage for non-BBKA members. **AB** to clarify what is and is not covered with BBKA and their plans for non-BBKA members.

5. Action post YLH Appearance in Cumbria (or neighbouring counties)

- a. Seek clarification of any changes in volunteer roles from BBKA/NBU.
- b. Any further role changes would require greater levels of risk assessment and insurance review.

6. Funding and Local Government Coordination

- a. **AB** to forward email of Jackie O'Reilly of Cumberland District Council – Environmental Protection and Public Health Team Leader to **CW**.
- b. **AB** was adamant the volunteers are volunteering their time only, not their resources. Funding is currently via Cumbria BKA and Kendal & South Westmorland BKA. Where possible all volunteers should get material support, initially from these BKAs. Transport was discussed and it was agreed that 45 per mile would be the fair compensation for personal transport. Materials not provided by the BKAs should be compensated by the BKAs on production of receipts after a pre-arranged approval.
- c. District Councils may prove to have some support once the YLH appears. **AB** will continue to coordinate with Goeff Dorker, the Environmental Protection & Public Health Team Leader of W&F District Council and **CW** will hopefully be engaging his counterpart, Jackie O'Reilly in Cumberland DC too.
- d. We will all be keeping an ear out for other funding sources (e.g. [Rowley's Raspberries](#)), however, we will need to establish where to secure such funding. **MR** kindly offered the Cumbria BKA as an established treasury for such funds, which has clear advantages, however, there could be questions over why a donations to an YLAH volunteer team would be going to a specific beekeeping association for distribution. Further discussions outside this meeting were proposed by **AB**, who would also explore what other YLAH volunteer teams who are currently active (in Kent and Sussex) are managing this issue.

7. AOB

- a. none

8. Next action/meeting

- a. See action items with attendee's emboldened initials in above paragraphs
- b Next meeting Monday 20 October, Zoom at 2000.