Cumbrian YLH Action Team Lead Coordinators Meeting

Tuesday 20th May 2025, 20:00 , via Zoom

Minutes:

1. a. Attending:

Andrew Brown	– Cumbria County Coordinator (Kendal & South Westmorland BKA)
Margaret Riches	– Chair Cumbria BKA
Julia Hoggard	– Education Officer K&SWBKA (NBU Inspector retired)
Clare Woowat	– YLH Team Coordinator (Cockermouth BKA)
Eleanor Mason	- YLH Team Coordinator (Cumbria BKA)
Robert McGarvie	- YLH Team Coordinator (Keswick BKA)
Piers Manson	- YLH Team Coordinator (Whitehaven BKA)

b. Apologies

Mark Dasey
Stewart Beattie

2. Minutes of meeting 18 March 2025 were agreed as a representation of the meeting. Follow-up actions:

a. Distribution of these minutes to all Cumbrian volunteers – currently to coordinators only
b. Action meetings, trap-building as soon as possible locally – still to organise
c. Arrange localised volunteer meetings with coordinators to clarify roles face to face – still to organise once coordinators are all confirmed (this should include Furness BKA and Sedbergh BKA where possible)
d. Make sure all coordinators have access to er2 volunteer and location map – reconfirmation once all known coordinators have been established, via BKA secs to BBKA YLH team.
e. Follow up with another coordinators' meeting (Zoom) on May 20th, 2025 – done

3. Development of Coordination of Volunteers in Cumbria

a. Email to circulate among CKA to re-establish existing volunteers and clarify roles, possibly establishing new volunteers, **MR.**
b. Once established the inform BBKA with names, roles (i.e. coord, verify, monitor) to update map on er2, **MR** (CBKA – sec?)
c. Make sure all coordinators have access to er2 YLH maps

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

a. Press for more meetings, doubling up with other meetings where practical, to have face-to-face time with volunteers including trap making and distribution. These are to be live-capture traps or open observation lures. **JH** to order materials for meetings.
b. Establish a program of educational talks as well as representation at shows and markets. Talks need to be standardised using material from the website resources. **MR** mentioned the Rheged Forty Farms Fair may allow us to do a talk at their Lecture theatre at Rheged on Saturday 5 July - **AB** to now follow up.
c. Establish source of bait, either purchased or home-made (**JH** has effective homemade recipe)
d. Brief monitor volunteers on process and alerting BBKA for map inclusion. Personal monitoring wouldn't be affected but would preferably be annotated on the BeeBase personal details, on NBU website.

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

a. Clarification from BBKA/NBU if any roles are changed and/or further duties requested.

b. Any further role changes would require meetings for training and clarification for volunteers.

6. Funding

a. Investigation of the Conservation of Species Survival Fund was conducted by **EM**.

b. Both Cumbria BKA and Kendal & South Westmorland BKA have increased subscriptions as well as pledged some funding towards volunteers' support. **AB** was adamant the volunteers are volunteering their time, not their resources. Where possible all volunteers should get material support, initially from the BKAs.

c. District Councils may prove to have some support once the YLH appears. **AB** will coordinate with Goff Dorker at the Environmental Protection & Public Health Team Leader of W&F District Council and hoping to involve his counterpart in Cumberland DC too.

d. We agreed to ask around to see if anyone knew of a Cumbrian company that would consider a sponsored donation too.

7. AOB

a. none

8. Next action/meeting

a. See action items in above paragraphs

b Next meeting Tuesday 22 July, Zoom at 1900.