



2023

Annual Review

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**Community Empowerment Through
Sustainable Beekeeping**

Introduction

Bees Abroad uses beekeeping as a tool to enable rural communities to empower themselves to achieve their own vision. We provide training and mentoring to communities through local partners on beekeeping, business skills and caring for the local environment.

Micro beekeeping enterprises provide sustainable income long after our involvement ends. Money from the sale of honey and other products of the hive improves livelihoods by paying for improved nutrition, education, medicines and much more. Honeybees improve pollination which increases crop yields.

Over years we have built trusting relationships with our network of in-country delivery partners and trainers, continuously developing and improving ways of working.

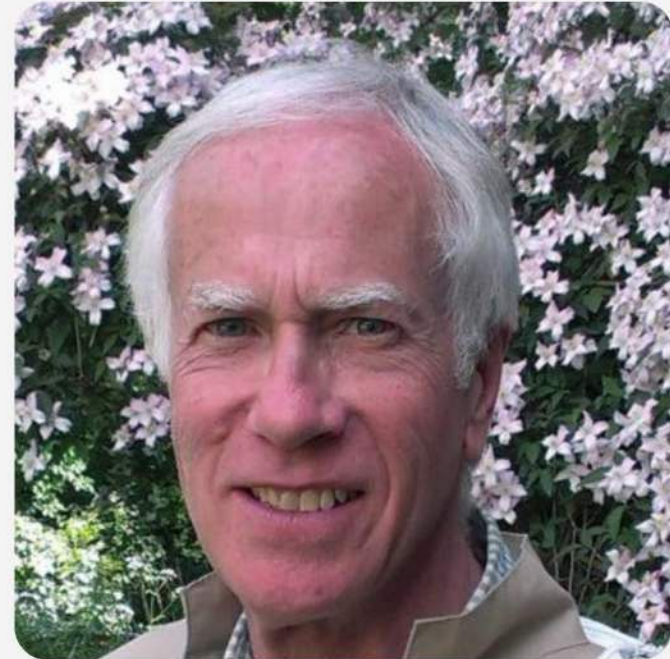
Working with local partners and experts is central to our approach and the key to our success. They deliver our projects, we provide light touch oversight from our Partnership Managers, a volunteer role. Our Partnership Managers are highly qualified in areas relevant to our projects including beekeeping and business skills. They provide guidance and advice to the projects.

We have been working with communities since 1999 and formalised as an organisation in 2005. We work with communities who seek our support and have a plan to continue activities after our support comes to an end.

We are proud to work at a grass roots level collaborating with communities and will continue to do so as we grow.

In 2023 we set the foundations to expand in order to meet the growing demand for support. We are seeing an increase in requests from communities around the world and an evolution in the nature of support needed. More of our past projects are developing to a point where they need support to establish as their own organisations and social enterprises. Supporting them to make this happen is part of our long term vision. We are developing our own team to ensure we can deliver on this.

To all those who supported us during 2023 a big thank you. Stay with us, there's a lot more people we can help together.



RICHARD RIDLER
Chair of Trustees

Joining Bees Abroad as CEO, in 2022, was one the most exciting and pivotal moments for both the organisation and for me.

We embarked on a journey that would honour and develop the vision and unwavering dedication of our small team of volunteers for a better future through beekeeping.

In 2023, we established a core team driving Fundraising, Communications and Donor Stewardship. We also improved tools and processes to better support our Partnership Managers deliver more projects. This is just the start.

With our foundations firmly in place, we look forward to being able to deliver more high quality training and mentorship to our beekeeping communities.

To all our supporters, donors and volunteers, thank you and we hope you choose to continue with us on our journey.



KATERINA PROKOPIOU
CEO

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2023 IN NUMBERS

98

Requests for support

14

New projects
approved

10

Projects
completed

507

Project participants
(people trained)*

44%

Women

*Based on data from 9 of 10 completed projects

Bees Abroad Country Map

We currently (2024) have projects in eight countries:

- Uganda (16)
- Kenya (8)
- Nigeria (6)
- Ghana (12)
- Tanzania (2)
- Sierra Leone (2)
- Rwanda (2)
- South Sudan (1)*



*Participants from South Sudan trained in Uganda

Project Activity

We have a dynamic portfolio of projects. These projects represent communities of people striving to improve their circumstances with beekeeping as a tool for change. These communities are the reason for our existence and we are proud to work with so many impressive and motivated groups and individuals.

The composition of the portfolio changes year to year with shifts in the number of closed, live and newly approved projects. There are also changes in the countries we work in depending on demand and availability of qualified Partnership Managers, a role for which people donate their time.

In this report, we have chosen to focus on projects that closed in 2023. Projects are closed when they are successfully completed or stopped. Projects are stopped on occasion if assessments show they are not viable. This allows us to divert our funds to viable projects in need of resources.

In addition to reporting on closed projects, we have included a case study for each country that had live projects in 2023.

Uganda

15
Live/in progress



7
Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

195
Participants trained

58%
Women

Uganda completed projects

The following projects were successfully completed in 2023:

1. Kinyamaseke Youth In Development (KYID) (P18-06-RR-KYID)
2. Ibanda Development Association for Persons with Disabilities (P18-14-RR-IDAPPWD)
3. Jireh Women's group Kisoro (P19-18-RR-Jireh Women)
4. Africa Ray of Hope Organisation (ARHO) (P19-15-RR-Ray of Hope)
5. Kitabu Integrated Development Association (P19-14-RR-Kitabu IDA)

A mini profile of each successful project can be found on the proceeding pages. Two projects were stopped.



Kinyamaseke Youth In Development (KYID)

50 participants trained
20% female

This project established a teaching apiary for members to experience and learn about beekeeping so that they have it as a vocational skill to use in later life to generate income. Also, to provide a source of income to fund the group's activities.



Ibanda Development Association for Persons with Disabilities (IDAPD)

12 participants trained
10% female

This project aims to improve the life chances of disabled members. A small apiary of 20 hives was built along with providing skills in beekeeping. The 10 hives produce honey to a value of ~80,000 Ugandan Shillings (minimum monthly wage set in 2017 is 130,000).



**Jireh Women's
Group, Kisoro**

54 participants trained
100% female

Jireh Women's Group aims to alleviate poverty locally. They were established by beekeepers that requested support to improve their practices and access to essential beekeeping equipment. We also provided training on value-add beeswax products.



**Africa Ray of Hope
Organisation (ARHO)**

40 participants trained
40% female

The main goal of ARHO is to improve the health, education and living conditions of local underprivileged communities. We provided training and support to build on the beekeeping work they had started following the donation of five hives from their patron.



Kitabu Integrated Development Association

27 participants trained
73% female

Their main purpose is to generate sources of income which enable their community to avoid dependence on illegal poaching in the adjacent national park. In addition to successful honey harvests, the group reported increased income from increased crop yields (from bee pollination).

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Uganda, Richard Ridler, Ali Hollingberry, David Holloway, Katerina Prokopiou and Niki Backes for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partner in Uganda is the Liberty Development Foundation (LIDEFO).

Uganda Case Study

Road Barrier Widows - project approved in 2023

Being a widow is a challenge at the best of times. The loss of a spouse and parent is of course heart-breaking and creates significant pressure on household finances as an income is lost. In rural Uganda these pressures are compounded by social stigma.

The 'Road Barrier Widows' is a registered community group in Uganda. Registered community groups (CBOs) are official organizations formed by individuals who share common goals and objectives. These groups, recognised by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), play a crucial role in community development.



By formalising their organisation, CBOs gain credibility, access to funding, legal recognition, and opportunities for collaboration with government agencies and NGOs. Knowing this, the Road Barrier Women formed their own CBO made up of 32 women united in widowhood and all the challenges that come with that.



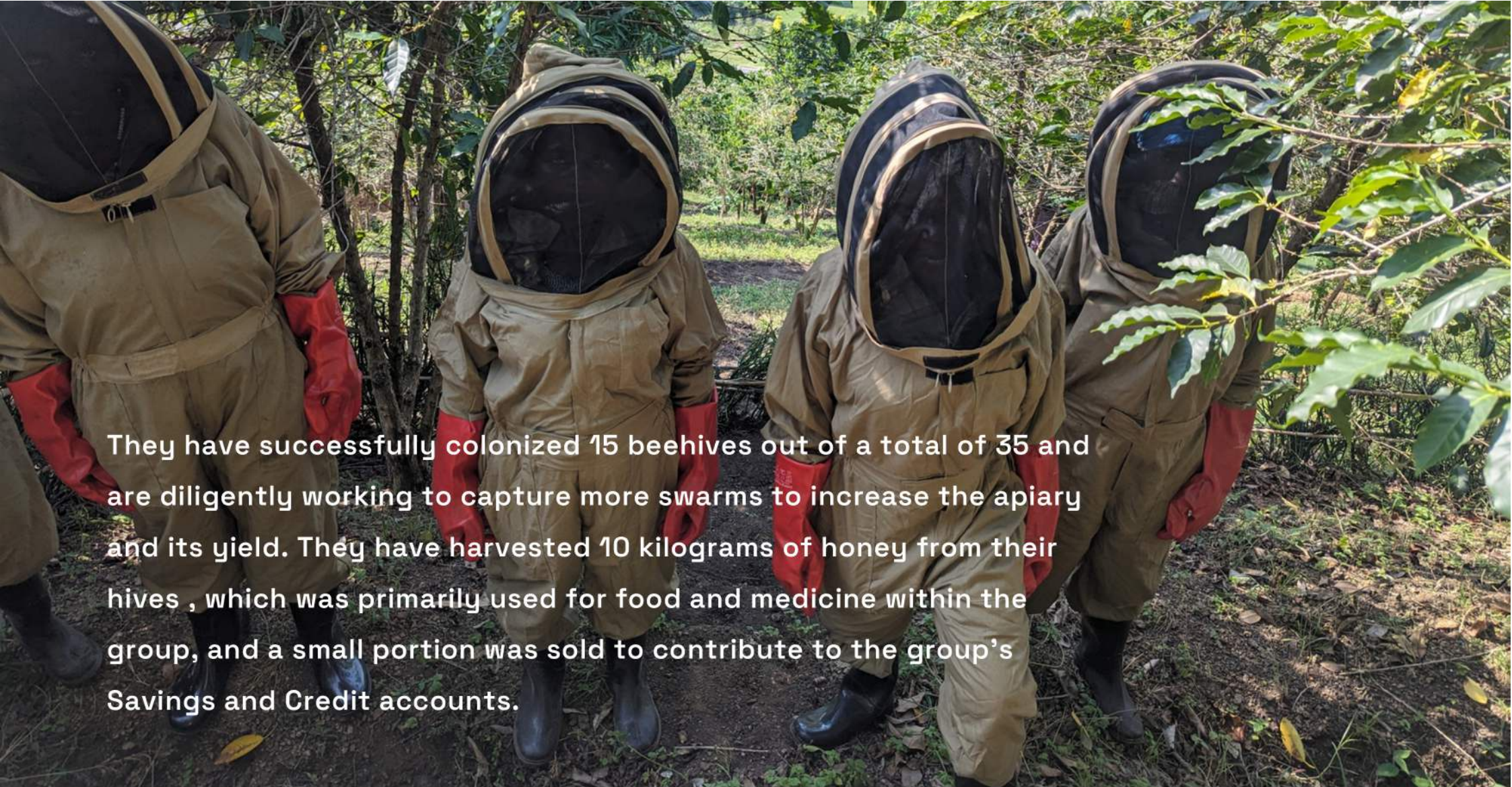
The Road Barrier Widows live in an area that boasts an abundance of mango trees, ample forest tree cover, and a diverse range of flowering plants, providing abundant pollen and nectar. The women grow various crops in the area too, including coffee, and keeping bees will enhance pollination supporting crop production.

Motivated to improve their circumstances, the 'Road Barrier Widows' chose beekeeping as one of their group activities, alongside keeping chickens and making handicrafts.

The group is organised group and enterprising: they built their own top bar hives and started beekeeping through self-teaching. With a desire to improve the group contacted Bees Abroad for support.

Working with our local partner, LIDEFO we will support the group to learn best practices for keeping bees. Our training also covers how to make quality honey can be sold locally and fetches a much higher price than the other crops and items they produce.

In the group it was determined that 17 of the 32 women would lead the beekeeping enterprises while the additional members of the group would offer support.



They have successfully colonized 15 beehives out of a total of 35 and are diligently working to capture more swarms to increase the apiary and its yield. They have harvested 10 kilograms of honey from their hives , which was primarily used for food and medicine within the group, and a small portion was sold to contribute to the group's Savings and Credit accounts.

In parallel to beekeeping, the widows are addressing challenges by expanding educational opportunities in poultry and goat farming. They are also focusing on tailoring and teaching basic bookkeeping skills.

Nigeria

6

Live/in progress

1

Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

72

Participants trained

100%

Women

Nigeria Completed Projects

In 2023 the project with the Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF) was successfully completed. The leader of the project, Dr Sakina, remains passionately committed to the project and is actively exploring avenues for continued support.

We work across Nigeria with ongoing projects in both the North and South. The WADF project is based in Northern Nigeria. As detailed in the following pages, the case study on the Ori-eru beekeepers showcases one of our projects in Southern Nigeria.

We currently manage six active projects in Nigeria. It is one of the most in demand countries in terms of new project applications.



Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF)

72 participants trained
100% female

Dr Sakina founded Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF) to help other women. Many of the women in WADF are illiterate. The WADF has been a lifeline and beekeeping is the only source of income for many members of the group.



Nigeria Case Study

The unstoppable Ori-eru women beekeepers - live project

Nigeria's progress on gender equality is a mixed bag, in some areas Nigeria is a top performer but overall Nigeria has a low ranking in gender equality placing 139 out

of 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index. Amidst these challenges, the Ori-eru (Iwo) beekeepers have emerged as a beacon of hope. This group of Muslim women, facing the difficulties of securing employment, decided to take matters into their own hands.



The group, with diverse skills ranging from farming to tailoring, identified beekeeping as a valuable addition. The Ori-eru beekeepers have not only sustained their enterprise but expanded it significantly from an initial 5 hives to 43 hives.

A key aspect of their success lies in a collaborative approach to production and sales. While each member tends to a specific number of hives, the women work together to produce high-quality bees wax products under a single label. The profits are then reinvested or distributed among the group, fostering sustainable growth.

In 2023, tragedy struck when their apiary was raided and hives destroyed by fire, reflecting the broader economic challenges in Nigeria. Undeterred, the Ori-eru beekeepers responded with determination.

They salvaged what they could and set to work devising a solution. However, their assessment was they only had sufficient reserves to replace 10 hives – an insufficient number to generate an adequate level of income for the group. They reached out to Bees Abroad for support.

Bees Abroad swiftly responded by funding 25 replacement hives which were recieved in October 2023. The Ori-eru beekeepers, showcasing resilience and innovation, built and sited these hives in record time meaning they could make use of the remaining swarming season. By November 7th, eight out of the 25 Bees Abroad sponsored hives were colonised.



A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Nigeria, Bisi New and Bolu Durogbola for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partner in Nigeria is the Beekeeping Extension Society. We also work with independent trainers.

Sierra Leone

2
Live/in progress

2
Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

185
Participants trained

50%
Women

Sierra Leone Completed Projects

In 2023 two projects came to a close in Sierra Leone. One project was stopped, the other, Poteru - Barri Chiefdom, was completed. Although 32 people were trained in the project that was stopped, it was classified as unsuccessful as during assessment visits by our local partner it was determined that the project was unlikely to be self-sustaining.

There have been many significant achievements in Sierra Leone this year. One of the major developments was the success of the pilot with the project 'Bee Farmers on Crutches' which is featured in the Sierra Leone Case Study.



Poteru - Barri Chiefdom

153 participants trained
50% female

A cluster of 42 villages mainly in three sections of Barri Chiefdom. There were six main objectives of the project including developing markets for honey and value-added products and establishing a training and processing centre.



Sierra Leone Case Study

Bee farmers on Crutches - live project

The civil war in Sierra Leone lasted for over 10 years between 1991 and 2002 and left an estimated 27,000 people with an amputation or disability.

Having an amputation or a disability in Sierra Leone is a catch-22. People with disabilities are discriminated against making it difficult to get a job then are stigmatised for not contributing to society. Having a way to earn a livelihood not only improves amputees' quality of life but their standing in society.

A local NGO and our partner, Single Leg Sports Association (SLASA) started supporting amputees via football. They are now involved in providing training opportunities such as permaculture farming and beekeeping.

Beekeeping is a fantastic complementary activity to farming, it doesn't take up much land, it's not as time intensive as other types of farming and it offers a different source of revenue through products that are high value such as honey and wax-based products. Bees Abroad was asked to provide support to the permaculture course to add beekeeping to the curriculum.

In November 2023, our Partnership Manager for Sierra Leone, Neil Brent, visited the project to support a three day training and workshop.



The aim of the workshop was to develop work with 12 amputees to develop a training course accessible to people living with amputations. Neil reported great success from the three days with participants being highly engaged and problem solving around adapting to accommodate amputations.



The workshop covered hive construction, inspecting hives, honey extraction and quality control and making value-added products from bees wax.

Following the successful workshop the group developed a proposal for the next stage. The aim is to make the adapted course available in the three permaculture course farms that serve three major towns and cities across Sierra Leone.

A big thank you to our Partnership Manager for Sierra Leone, Neil Brent for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partners in Sierra Leone are PAD-SL and SLASA. We also work with Rory's Well.

Ghana

No projects came to a conclusion in Ghana in 2023 but there was lots of activity in our 14 live projects and prospective new projects. One of the live projects that is close to completion is featured in the case study on the proceeding page.

Our local partners in Ghana are GRTN (Ghana Regional Trainers Network), Gyieba Ayeboo and Ashanti Development.

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Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Ghana: Trisha Marlow, Brian Durk, Dawn Williams and Paul Bloch. Who donate their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Ghana Case Study

Atudorobesa Women's Co-operative - live project

This project is in its finishing stages with just the value-add training to be finalised in 2024. In 2019 a group of 30 women were trained and an apiary of 15 hives was established . Now the group has over 100 hives which they keep in several aiparies around the forest.

The community is highly dependant on environmentally-damaging fire wood collection and charcoal production for cash income to supplement small excess production from subsistent farming. Honey is not only healthier and better for the environment and pollination of crops - but it makes more money.



In 2018 the Ghanaian government zoned large amounts of family and other farmland in this community for gold exploration, cutting off much of their independence in growing food and making them dependent on market prices – along with massive inflation there is a supply-demand premium locally for food. These factors meant honey became even more important for these women.



“I had five acres I farmed for 40 years from a child and grew cocoa and banana and yam. It was family land. When the government bought my land they did not pay, even now. We were lucky the children had completed school. Now buying food is hard as prices are higher as the market women know we do not have.

The honey money will help to support the six grand-children as their parents have the same challenges as they also lost family land and independence to support the families.”

-Elizabeth (photo left)

Atudorobesa women beekeepers see beekeeping as their financial future and are blessed through their commitment and forage with 95% colonisation. The land where the hives are is very good for bees. At the time of writing no prospecting has taken place in the five years and no cultivation or replanting is allowed.

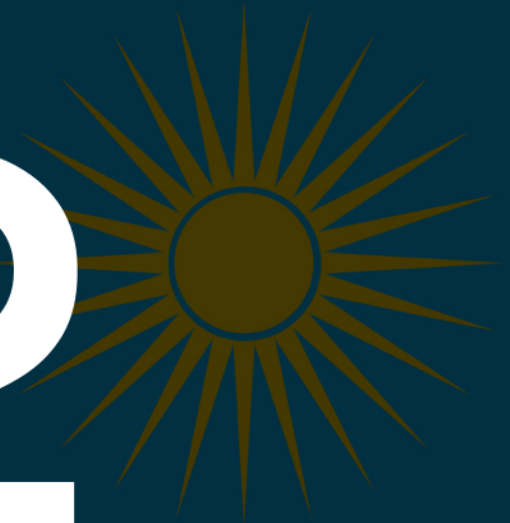
Rwanda

No projects came to a conclusion in Rwanda in 2023.

Rwanda has two live projects, one of which is the Umutara Deaf School, which is featured in the case study. Two projects successfully completed in recent years, mini-profiles of each can be found on the proceeding pages.

We work via independent trainers in Rwanda.

2



Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Rwanda, Dawn Williamson and Paul Bloch for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.



Ngororere Farmers Cooperatives - past project

60 participants trained
20% female

The project gave several farming / beekeeping cooperatives advanced training in beekeeping, including top bar hives and local cylindrical hives. In addition to training, we supported them with funds for a new apiary site, additional hives and protective clothing.



Kabarore Apiculture Development Cooperative (KADCO) - past project

50 participants trained
51% female

A community group of fifty beekeepers who worked with Bees Abroad to increase their knowledge of bees and beekeeping, and to develop strategies to deal with the current threats to beekeeping in Rwanda. This included top bar hives and local cylindrical hives.

Rwanda Case Study

Umutara Deaf School (Stage 1) - open project

In Rwanda, people with disabilities often face challenges in achieving societal recognition. Since its inception in 2018, the Umutara Deaf School beekeeping project has been dedicated to training deaf children and young people to become skilled beekeepers.

This project aims to equip young people with the necessary knowledge and skills to establish a sustainable source of income. This not only provides them with financial independence but also fosters confidence and respect within their home villages.



Students in their last year at school are taught beekeeping and those who show enthusiasm and ability are provided with hives and protective clothing when they graduate. Mentoring of these students continues in their home villages for three years after graduation. Twelve students had graduated as beekeepers by June 2023.

Kenya

No projects came to a conclusion in Kenya in 2023 however there were many achievements in the eight live projects.

Our local partner in Kenya is Bees 4 Kenya (under the local NGO, CERA Rights).

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Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Kenya, John & Mary Home, David Evans and Geoff Redwood, and volunteer Veronica Brown who donate their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Kenya Case Study

Kisembe Women Self Help Group - live project

The Kisembe Women Self Help Group, located in Navakholo, Bunyala West, Kenya, has been registered with the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Development since 2013.

The group consists of 52 members, 45 of whom are women. They engage in various activities, including table banking, tree nurseries, joint farming, poultry keeping, fruit growing, and the creation and sale of fireless cookers. Initially, the group started with four beekeepers and a few hives.



Bees Abroad supported them by providing 20 beehives, three suits, and five training manuals. The group's goal is to produce their own hives and suits, aiming to have 90 hives and produce 400 kg of honey in the second and third years of their project, with an estimated annual value of £1,867. Some of the honey will be retained by the group for food and medicinal purposes.

Tanzania

No projects came to a conclusion in Tanzania however there were many achievements in the live projects, Kome Island and Mama Hive. Kome Island became one of the first projects available to twin with in our new Hive Twinning program.

Our local partner in Tanzania are Emmanuel International and BMCC (Mama Hive).

2

Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Manager for Tanzania, Rachel Monger and Emyr Jenkins who donated their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Tanzania Case Study

Mama Hive - live project

Mama Hive is a social enterprise supporting women and children with albinism, a genetic skin condition for which they have faced intense discrimination and attacks

They began as a support group in 2016 and started working on income-generating projects in order to provide for their children. They moved on to form their own business selling handicrafts and through links with local beekeepers, bought their beeswax and learned how to make beeswax balms and candles. By 2020 they were making a wide variety of balms, soaps, polish, Nyuki Stix, batiks and all kinds of candles.



They started buying honey from beekeeping groups and labelling and bottling it for sale locally.

In 2023, with support from Bees Abroad, they began the process of registering and building their own national NGO “Mama Hive”, a honey and beeswax value-added product social enterprise.



With a managing director and sales and marketing manager, they are looking to take their business to a new level, selling quality honey and artisanal beeswax products more widely.

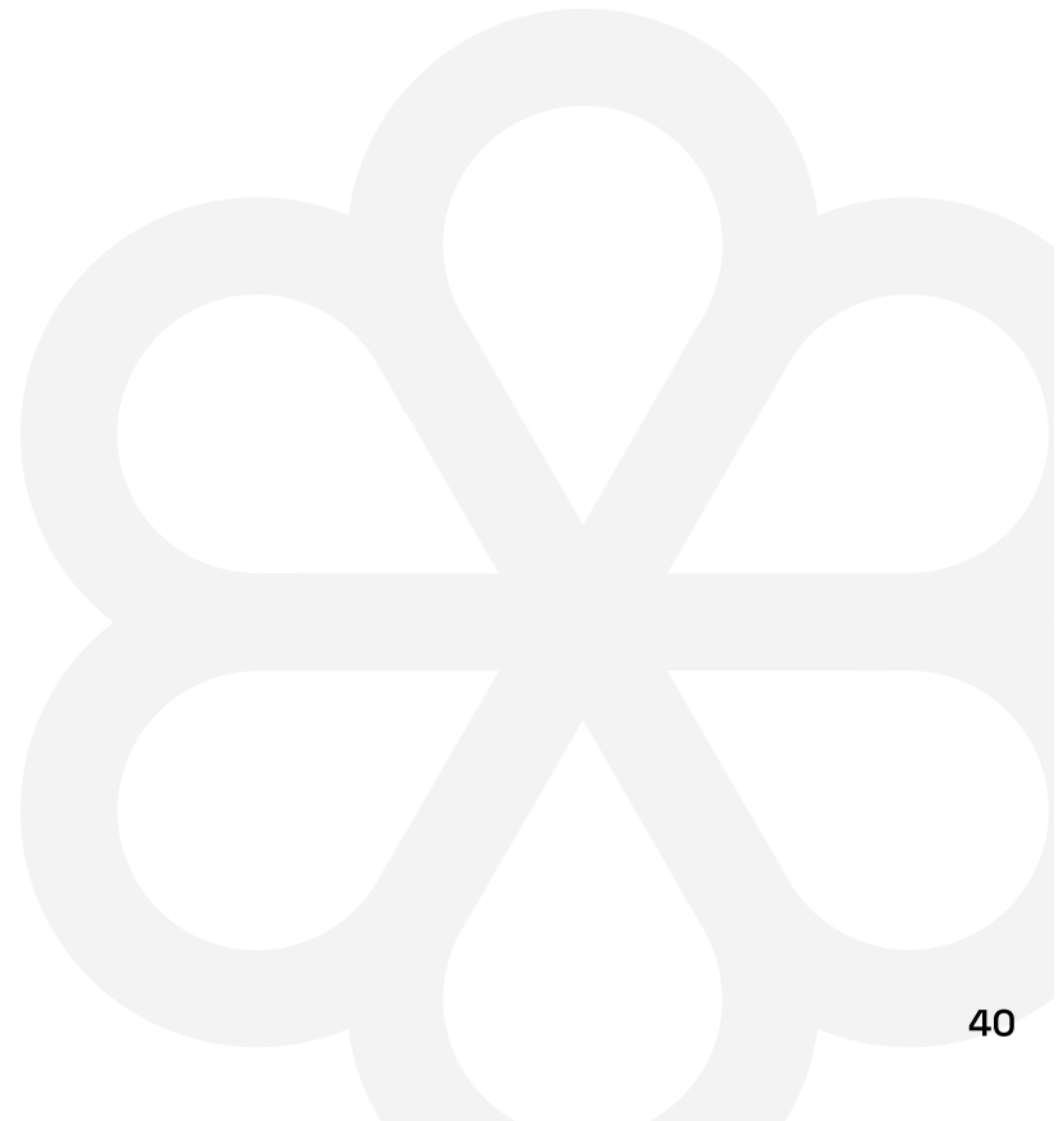
Mama Hive also seeks to become a means of vocational training and support for other marginalised women and girls, giving opportunities for building skills and self-confidence and changing mindsets against differently-abled people in their communities.



Organisational Activity

We are developing as an organisation. This work includes running new fundraising campaigns, creating new programs that offer different ways to support and engage with our projects, and putting in place the structures and processes needed to keep everything running smoothly.

As we've transitioned from an all volunteer organisation to one with paid staff, we have been able to lay the foundation to access more funding and support for projects. That is the name of the game, we exist to enable communities to empower themselves. Our organisational developments will help us reach more communities.



Our Team is Growing

A strategic decision was made at the 2022 AGM to bring on board paid staff to enable the growth and development of Bees Abroad as an organisation. We furthered our efforts in this area in 2023.

The CEO, Katerina Prokopiou, joined Bees Abroad in September 2022 with Rachel Monger also transitioning from volunteer to Key Supporter Relations and Ambassador (part-time role). In January 2023 Christine Ratcliffe joined the team as Fundraising Campaigns Manager, a part-time role, followed by Niki Backes joining as the Supporter Care Manager in September, also part-time.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS MANAGER

The role of the Fundraising Campaigns Manager is to manage the campaigns from the application to messaging, promotion and engagement with supporters. This role also covers Bees Abroad's general communications and grant support.

SUPPORTER CARE MANAGER

The role of Supporter Care Manager was created to ensure that our supporters are properly stewarded. Through this role we aim to build a stronger relationship with our supporters, properly thank them for their donations and keep them updated with what their support has helped achieved.

Hive Twinning Launch

The Hive Twinning program was launched in September 2023. The program was established to provide a way to directly connect supporters and Bees Abroad beekeeping communities and secure dedicated funding for projects.

The program gained immediate interest with prestigious hotels, the Royal Lancaster and The Grand, York becoming the first Hive Twins.

The aim in 2024 is to grow the program to 20 individual Hive Twins and six corporate or business Hive Twins.

For £60 a year individual supporters can become a Hive Twin and chose which project(s) they twin with.

A Hive Twinning membership comes with the following benefits:

- A personalised certificate.
- Hive Twin sticker pack.
- Direct, exclusive updates relating to the chosen project.
- Our care and support as a member of the hive twin community.

A corporate Hive Twinning package is also available, this is bespoke to the business or corporate.



Green Match Fund

This year we applied to join the Green Match Fund for the first time. We were accepted, with a target of £10,000, £5,000 of which coming from public donations.

We have a holistic approach to sustainable beekeeping that covers the three pillars of sustainability: environment, social, economic. Supporting the local environment is a key part of our approach to sustainable beekeeping. After all, the health of a bee colony, and quality of honey harvest is inextricable to the health of the local environment.

**Green
Match
Fund**

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL
SIDE OF OUR
SUSTAINABLE
BEEKEEPING**



**LOCALLY
APPROPRIATE**

**IS AT THE HEART OF
WHAT WE DO**

...based on local forage,
climate and guided by the
knowledge and experience
of local trainers...



**SUPPORTING THE
LOCAL ENVIRONMENT
BY PROVIDING
ECOLOGICAL
TRAINING**

...we provide information on
the impact of
unsustainable practices...



**BEEES NATURALLY
INCREASE
CROP YIELD**

...beekeepers with Cerana
boxes saw a 282% increase
in cashew production...



**IMPROVING THE
LOCAL
ENVIRONMENT BY
PROVIDING FORAGE**

...in these cases, we will
adapt our core training to
include recommendations
on how to improve forage...



**BUILDING LOCALLY
APPROPRIATE
SUSTAINABLE
HIVES**

...offering options for hive
types and hive production
that are appropriate to the
area and can last...





Author and Honey Sommelier,
Sarah Wyndham Lewis



Bees Abroad Patron,
Professor Adam Hart



Biologist and author,
Thor Hanson

The Green Match Fund campaign was integrated into a longer Spring Campaign that ran up to World Bee Day on May 20th (see section on World Bee Day event). For this campaign we ran two online events, one with biologist and author Thor Hanson on World Earth Day (20th April) and a second with two guest speakers, author and Honey Sommelier Sarah Wyndham Lewis and Bees Abroad Patron, Professor Adam Hart. Both events were live, and recordings can be found on our YouTube channel.



We ran our first ever photography competition as part of this campaign. We secured a corporate partner, Wildlife Photographic Magazine, who volunteered the editor's time to select the winner, granted us a free copy of the magazine (digital) to all entrants and published the winner's photo. The competition was £5 to enter. The theme 'Bees in Nature' attracted entries from all over the World including U.K., U.S.A., Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bulgaria.

Photo: winning image from the competition. "The fighting *Centris pallida*" by Abhik Manna



World Bee Day at Wax Chandlers' Hall

Bees Abroad hosted a luncheon at the royal Wax Chandler's Hall in London to celebrate World Bee Day. This special event was a chance to share stories, ideas, raise donations and strengthen connections for our on-going work.

Guests were warmly welcomed to the event by Bees Abroad Patron, Timothy Maile, the Master of Wax Chandlers.



Guest speakers, Anne Rowberry, President of the BBKA and Professor Dave Goulson spoke about the critical importance of bees and other pollinators for ensuring food security and maintaining a healthy environment. Bisi New, Bees Abroad Partnership Manager for Nigeria shared a story close to her heart about an individual she had worked with, Mrs Afuape, who had capitalised on the support of Bees Abroad to become a successful small-scale entrepreneur.

Photos from left to right: Anne Rowberry, BBKA president; Timothy Maile, deputy Master of the Wax Chandlers'; Bisi New, Nigeria Partnership Manager; Professor Dave Goulson

Supporter Spotlight



Passionate honey expert, ecologist, writer and speaker, Sarah Wyndham Lewis is an internationally renowned Honey Sommelier, working with artisan beekeepers all over the world.

Co-founder of the sustainable beekeeping practice Bermondsey Street Bees, she is a member of the Guild of Food Writers and Slow Food UK. Deeply concerned with the lives of honeybees, Sarah also champions the wild bee species which underpin biodiversity. Her latest book is 'The Wild Bee Handbook' (Quadrille, 2023).

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I feel privileged to work with Bees Abroad, helping support the unique communities they build. There are so many lessons we can learn from each other across the global beekeeping community – I always come away humbled by the practical vision behind BA's projects and the life-changing outcomes.

Sarah Wyndham Lewis

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2023 Donors Thanks

We're so very grateful for all the support we get. It's difficult to thank everyone properly, we've tried our best to cover the headliners below:

Individuals

To our individual donors, we really couldn't do it without you. We received at least 500 unique individual donations. Individual donations accounted for 40% of our 2023 income.

Trusts, foundations and other charities

In total, donations from Trusts, foundations and other charities account for 47% of our funding in 2023. We rely on your support, thank you for making our work possible.

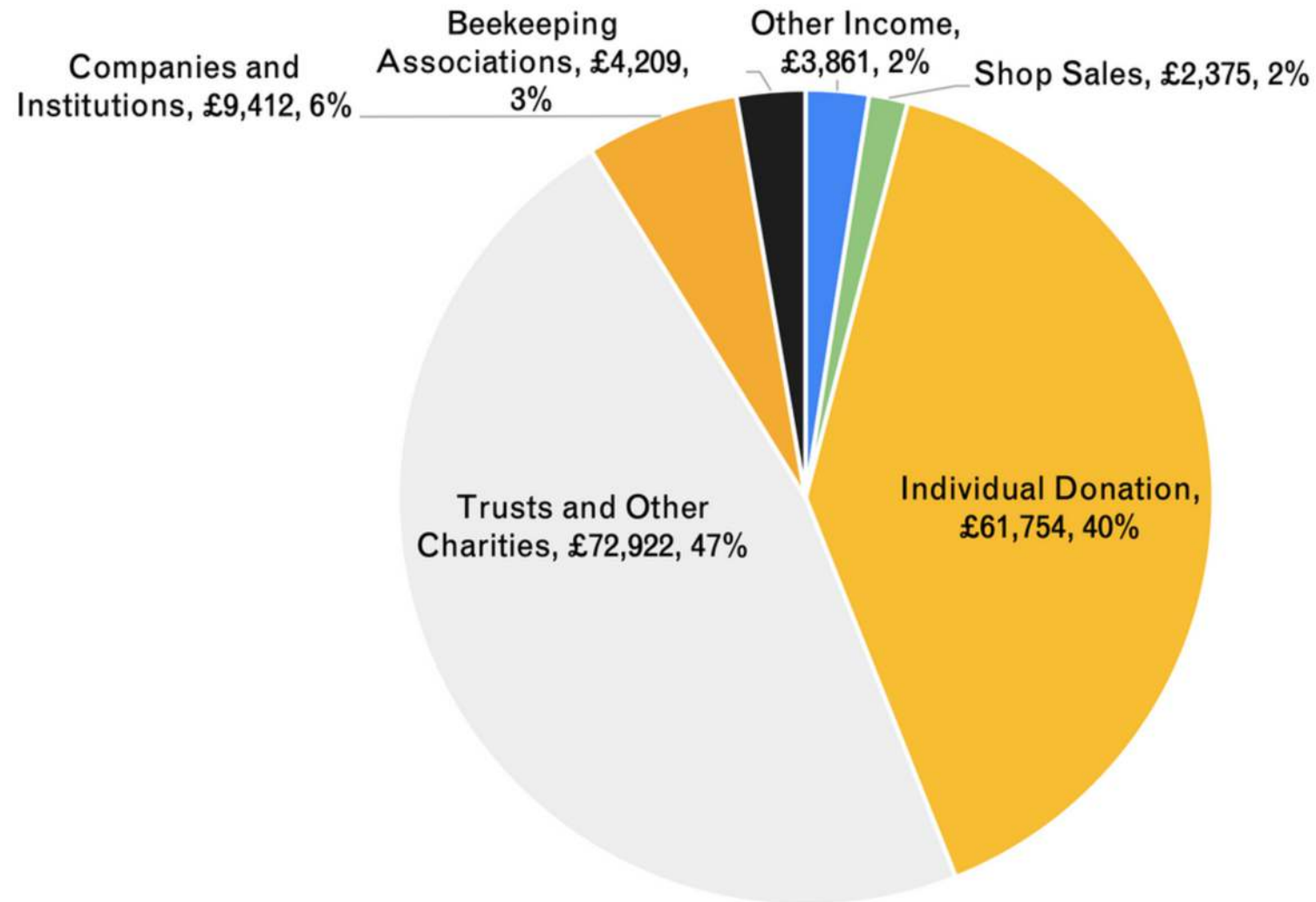
Beekeeping Associations BKAs

We received donations from BKAs around the country including the ones listed. We're very grateful for the support from fellow beeks, a big thank you to all of you.

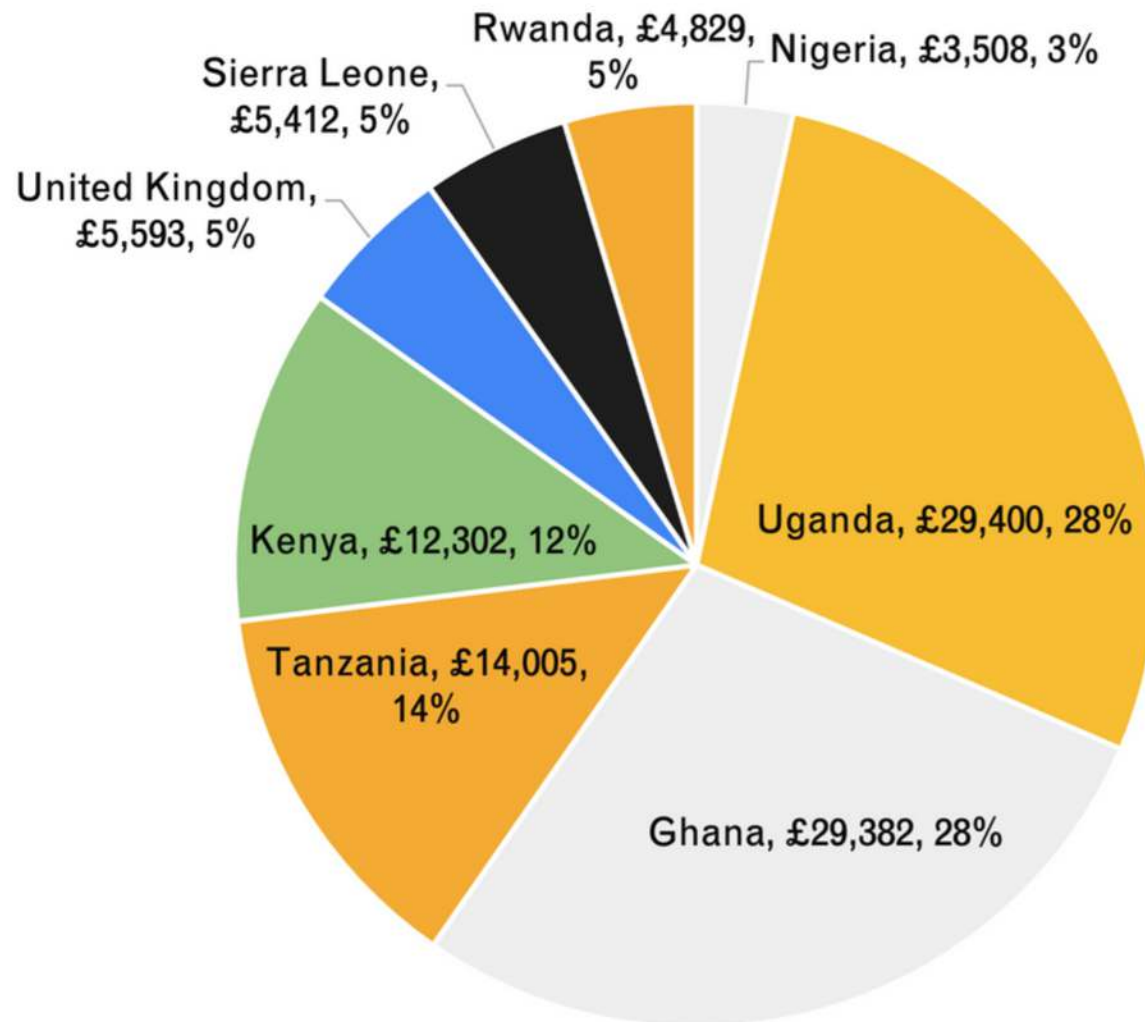
BKAs:

1. Surrey BKA
2. North Hertfordshire BKA
3. Romford BKA
4. Avon BKA
5. Cheshire Beekeepers
6. High Weald Beekeepers
7. Bedfordshire BKA
8. Surrey BKA
9. Leicestershire BKA -
Market Rasen
10. Norfolk BKA
11. Bedfordshire BKA
12. Derbyshire BKA
13. Sutton Coldfield BKA
14. Orpington BKA
15. Essex BKA
16. Northampton BKA
17. Newbury BKA
18. Lancaster BKA
19. West Sussex BKA

2023 Income by Source



2023 Project Spend by Country



Corporates and Businesses

We are beyond grateful for the generous support of a prestigious group of corporates and businesses.



Team and Volunteer Thanks

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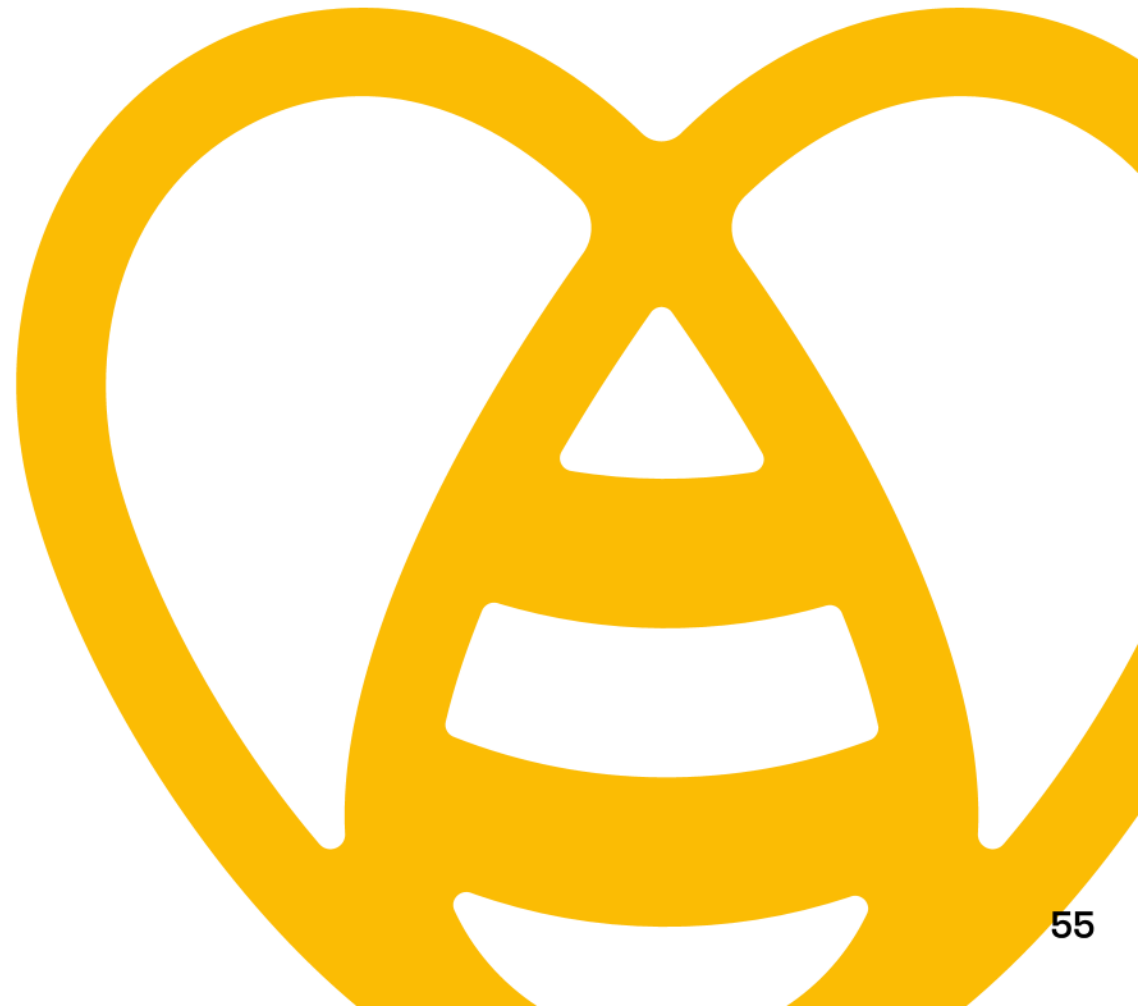
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Thank you!

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEES ABROAD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bees Abroad (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this years under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 14s(5Xb) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Section 2: Report from the Independent Examiner



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Esther Giles

Date:

17th August 2024

Name:

Esther Giles

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Charity No 1108464

Company No 5333054

Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	3	124,705	19,702	144,407	159,857
Charitable activities	3		5,118	5,118	18,640
Other trading activities	3	2,375		2,375	4,140
Investment Income	3	1,904		1,904	294
Separate material item of income	3	727		727	370
Total		129,711	24,820	154,531	183,301
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	37,140		37,140	20,467
Charitable activities	4	77,629	26,825	104,454	76,055
Separate material expense item	4	10,885		10,885	28,400
Other	4	9,853		9,853	8,451
Total		135,507	26,825	162,332	133,373
Net income/(-)expenditure)		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801	49,928
Transfers between funds					
Net movement in funds		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801	49,928
Reconciliation of funds:					
Net movement in funds		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801	49,928
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	10.1	107,727	46,734	154,461	104,533
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decemb	10.2	101,931	44,729	146,660	154,461

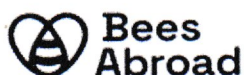
All income in 2022 was unrestricted except for:

Donations and legacies	38,790
Charitable activities	18,640
	57,430

The following are donations in a foreign currency or from overseas. These are exchanged into pounds sterling by the bank receiving for which they charge £6 per transaction which are included in other expenditure as bank charges

Name of Donor	Country	Currency	2023			2022
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Total funds
Advance Science	Ireland	Euro				1,789
Facebook	Ireland	Euro	728		728	728
West African Primate Conservation Action (WAPCA)	Ghana	Sterling Account		9,131	9,131	7,855
Grand Total			728	9,131	9,859	10,372

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Charity No 1108464
Company No 5333054

Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2023

	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Current assets					
Stocks	5	825		825	1,061
Debtors	6	29,624	4,108	33,732	27,928
Cash at bank and in hand	9	82,969	43,154	126,123	128,853
Total current assets		113,418	47,262	160,680	157,841
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	11,487	2,533	14,020	3,381
Total net assets or liabilities		101,931	44,729	146,660	154,461
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	(Notes 10.1 and 10.2)		44,729	44,729	46,734
Unrestricted funds		101,931		101,931	107,726
Total funds		101,931	44,729	146,660	154,461

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements on pages X to Y were approved by the Trustees of Bees Abroad at the Annual Meeting of Bees Abroad members on 1 September 2024

Handwritten signature of Richard Ridler.
2nd September 2024

Richard Ridler
Chair

Handwritten signature of Neil Brent.
2 September 2024

Neil Brent
Treasurer

Section 3: Charity Commission Accounts



Charity No 1108464
Company No 5333054

Note 1: Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- (a) the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- (b) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- (c) the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.2 Going concern

Bees Abroad is able to continue as a going concern:

- (a) The Charity has substantial reserves in its bank accounts
- (b) Bees Abroad are not aware of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful

1.3 Change of accounting policy

- (a) The treatment of expenditure on projects has been changed so that only the expenditure against restricted income is shown. Note 4 includes a table showing total project expenditure by source of income
- (b) Note 10.1 now records expenditure against funds received for specific projects and/or countries

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

Some minor prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS102 SORP). These errors are set out:

- (a) A further review of gift aid accruals led to the following adjustments:
 - (i) over accrued = £45.12 (£30 relating to a restricted fund, £15.12 to unrestricted)
 - (ii) £105 accrued on an unrestricted donation erroneously identified as restricted
- (b) The adjustments are as follows
 - (i) impact on debtors shown on B Sheet and N19
HMRC: Gift Aid is set out below

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds
(i) Over accrued gift aid	-£15.12	-£30.00
(ii) Transfer restricted to unrestricted	£105.00	-£105.00
	£89.88	-£135.00

- (ii) there is a consequent impact on prior year's equity funds which also affects the net transfer from unrestricted to restricted which covers the overspends on restricted projects. This is complex but the changes to N27.2 can be

Projects in Kenya	R	-	105
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	R	-	30
Other funds (balancing figure)	UR		90

Note 2: Accounting policies

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted.

There has been no change in accounting practice in this reporting period

2.2 INCOME

(a) Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

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(c) Grants and donations

- Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
- In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

(d) Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the

(e) Government grants

The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period

(f) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

(g) Contractual income and performance related grants

The charity is not in receipt of any contractual income and performance related grants. These would only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

(h) Donated goods

- Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. None were received in this accounting period.
- The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.
- Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.
- Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
- Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

(i) Donated services and facilities

- Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.
- Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

(j) Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

(k) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

(l) Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

(m) Income from membership subscriptions

The charity has not levied a membership subscription in this accounting period.

(n) Settlement of insurance claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA. In this accounting period there have been no insurance claims.

(o) Investment gains and losses

Not applicable

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(a) **Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

(b) **Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(c) **Project Allocations with performance conditions**

Where the charity funds a project with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are still recognised in the SoFA. However further provision of funds may be withheld until such conditions are met.

(d) **Grants payable without performance conditions**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation will be recognised.

(e) **Redundancy cost**

The charity has no employees so redundancy payments do not apply.

(f) **Deferred income**

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

(g) **Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

(h) **Provisions for liabilities**

Any liabilities are measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

(i) **Basic financial instruments**

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.4 ASSETS

(a) **Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

There are no tangible fixed assets used by the charity

(b) **Intangible fixed assets**

The charity has no intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights.ods used are disclosed in note 15.

(c) **Heritage assets**

The charity has no heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

(d) **Investments**

The charity has no fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments

(e) **Stocks and work in progress**

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.
Work in progress is not applicable

(f) **Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

(g) **Current asset investments**

The charity has cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Not applicable

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Note 3: Analysis of income received

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	72,933	19,380	92,313	111,202
Gift Aid	7,677	322	7,999	13,325
Grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature	44,095		44,095	35,330
Total	124,705	19,702	144,407	159,857
Charitable activities				
General grants provided by government/other charities		5,118	5,118	18,640
Total		5,118	5,118	18,640
Other trading activities				
Shop sales	2,375		2,375	4,140
Total	2,375		2,375	4,140
Investment Income				
Interest Income	1,904		1,904	294
Total	1,904		1,904	294
Separate material item of income				
Raffles and Lotteries	642		642	370
Sundry Items of Income	85		85	
Total	727		727	370
TOTAL INCOME	129,711	24,820	154,531	183,301

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Note 4: Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds				
Incurred seeking donations	5,276		5,276	5,606
Staging fundraising events	2,025		2,025	157
Fundraising agents	454		454	12,006
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity				207
Other trading activities	2,436		2,436	2,490
Fundraising Costs	26,949		26,949	
Total expenditure on raising funds	37,140		37,140	20,466
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Approved Beekeeping Projects	72,013	26,825	98,838	75,584
Assessment Visits				386
Other expenditure	5,593		5,593	86
Donations to other charities	23		23	
Total expenditure on charitable activities	77,629	26,825	104,454	76,056
Separate material item of expense				
Administrator	2,204		2,204	15,944
Finance and accounting	470		470	
Audit, Accountancy and Legal Fees	13		13	13
Bees Abroad Branding				8,690
Social Media and Donor Support	8,198		8,198	600
Policy Development - Theory of Change				3,153
Total Separate material item of expense	10,885		10,885	28,400
Other				
Trustee and volunteer expenses	700		700	1,061
Office and administrative overheads	7,622		7,622	6,412
Bank Charges	1,297		1,297	278
Sundry items of Expense	234		234	700
Total other expenditure	9,853		9,853	8,451
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	135,507	26,825	162,332	133,373

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities: (1) analysed by unrestricted and restricted source of funds

Activity or programme	Unrestricted (General) Income	2023 Funded from Restricted Income	Total this year	2022 Total prior year
	£	£	£	£
Training and support for beekeeping projects				
Projects in Ghana	20,316	9,066	29,382	28,030
Projects in Kenya	9,127	3,175	12,302	9,842
Projects in Nigeria	3,508		3,508	

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Projects in Rwanda	3,531	1,298	4,829	2,662
Projects in Sierra Leone	2,203	3,209	5,412	2,050
Projects in Tanzania	10,830	3,175	14,005	6,410
Projects in Uganda	22,498	6,902	29,400	25,561
UK Based Project Expenditure	5,593		5,593	
Donations to other charities	23		23	
Total	77,629	26,825	104,454	74,555

(2) analysed by Grant supported or not

Activity or programme	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	Total this year £	Total prior year £
Training and support for beekeeping projects				
Projects in Ghana	12,113	17,268	29,381	28,030
Projects in Kenya	5,186	7,116	12,302	9,842
Projects in Nigeria	1,994	1,514	3,508	
Projects in Rwanda	3,154	1,675	4,829	2,662
Projects in Sierra Leone	1,252	4,160	5,412	2,050
Projects in Tanzania	6,154	7,852	14,006	6,410
Projects in Uganda	17,901	11,499	29,400	25,561
UK Based Project Expenditure	3,178	2,415	5,593	
Donations to other charities		23	23	
Total	50,932	53,522	104,454	76,055

All income in 2022 was unrestricted except for:

Donations and legacies	38,790
Charitable activities	18,640
	57,430

The following are donations in a foreign currency or from overseas. These are exchanged into pounds sterling by the bank receiving for which they charge £6 per transaction which are included in other expenditure as bank charges

Name of Donor	Country	2023			2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Total funds
Euros					
Advance Science	Ireland				1,789
Facebook	Ireland	728		728	728
Sterling Account held overseas					
West African Primate Conservation Action (WAPCA)	Ghana		9,131	9,131	7,855
Grand Total		728	9,131	9,859	10,372

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Note 5: Stocks

	2023	2022
<i>Opening</i>	1,061	2,361
<i>Added in period</i>	1,521	254
<i>Sale of Goods</i>	-1,757	-1,554
<i>Closing</i>	825	1,061

Note 6: Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £
Trade debtors						
Prepayments and accrued income						
BBKA				120		120
Other debtors (amounts due from subsidiary undertakings)						
Enthuse: Gift Aid				350		350
Goosebec	11,250		11,250	6,000		6,000
HMRC: Gift Aid	7,834	4,108	11,942	6,661	4,519	11,180
Just Giving	4		4	278		278
Miscellaneous Personal Donations / Purchases						
PayPal Giving Fund						
Step-up Fund				10,000		10,000
Stripe	536		536			
The Coles-Medlock Foundation	10,000		10,000			
Total	29,624	4,108	33,732	23,409	4,519	27,928

Note 7: Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

7.1 Analysis of creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £
Trade creditors						
HG Consulting	355		355			
Kall Kwik	706		766	445		445
Other creditors						
Project Payments	4,444	2,533	6,977		1,461	1,461
Fundraising	4,294		4,294	9		9
Other Creditors	1,688		1,688	1,466		1,466
Total	11,487	2,533	14,080	1,920	1,461	3,381

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Note 8: Other disclosures for debtors, creditors and other basic financial instruments

The risk of debtor default is very low given that the debtors are Just Giving (who have since paid most of what is owed), HMRC for estimated gift aid, the other two significant debtors relate to the Big Give fundraiser at the end of the year and paid early in 2023. Creditors represent around 9.2% of the charity's turnover

The charity has not provided financial assets as a form of security.

Note 9: Cash at bank and in hand

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	82,969	43,154	126,124	117,057	11,796	128,853

Note 10: Fair value of assets and liabilities

The charity's debtors are: HMRC for Gift Aid, Just Giving, Stripe, Goosebec, and The Coles-Medlock Foundation all of which we deem to be at low risk of defaulting. All but HMRC were settled early in 2023

There is no change in the fair value of basic financial instruments (debtors, creditors, investments (see section 11, FRS102 SORP), creditors are valued at the level payable on invoices received within the time period allowed for the completion of accounts.

Note 10.1: Movements in funds 2023

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Training and support for beekeeping projects in these Countries				
Cameroon	6,145			6,145
Fiji				
Ghana	10,523	9,631	-9,067	11,087
India				
Kenya	1,210	4,983	-3,175	3,018
Malawi				
Nepal	7,690			7,690
Nigeria	249			249
Rwanda	1,148	150	-1,298	
Sierra Leone	3,500		-3,208	292
Tanzania	684	3,175	-3,175	684
Uganda	7,740	5,954	-6,902	6,792
Zambia	170			170
Training and support for women beekeepers				
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	7,675	927		8,602
Sub-total restricted	46,734	24,820	-26,825	44,729
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	107,727	129,711	-135,506	101,932
Total Funds as per balance sheet	154,461	154,531	-162,331	146,661

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Note 10.2: Movements in funds 2022

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Training and support for beekeeping projects in these Countries					
Cameroon	6,145				6,145
Fiji					
Ghana	5,934	21,644	-28,030	10,975	10,523
India					
Kenya	3,814	2,470	-9,842	4,768	1,210
Malawi					
Nepal	1,600	7,590	-1,500		7,690
Nigeria	249				249
Rwanda	1,201	823	-2,662	1,786	1,148
Sierra Leone		3,500	-2,050	2,050	3,500
Tanzania	684	6,022	-6,410	388	684
Uganda	7,418	13,970	-25,561	11,913	7,740
Zambia	170				170
Training and support for women beekeepers					
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	6,369	1,306			7,675
Sub-total restricted	33,584	57,325	-76,055	31,880	46,734
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	70,948	125,976	-57,317	-31,880	107,727
Total Funds as per balance sheet	104,532	183,301	-133,372		154,461

Fund balances carried forward do not include assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency; all Bees Abroad accounts to all income and expenditure, assets and liabilities in sterling.

The movement in funds calculation for 2023 includes a change in accounting treatment. Up to 2022 expenditure recorded was the total against all projects and overspends covered by a transfer from general funds. From 2023 only expenditure against restricted funds is included. Additional expenditure against projects is accounted against unrestricted (general) funds.

All restricted funds are to promote locally appropriate beekeeping to enable participants to generate income to enhance their livelihoods, alleviate poverty and improve their quality of life.

Note 11: Transactions with

trustees and related parties

11.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their

11.2 Trustees' expenses

The charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions are provided below.

Type of expenses reimbursed	2023	2022
£	£	
Travel	989	887
Subsistence	40	
Accommodation	649	199
Other (please specify):		
Telephone		25
Fundraising Expenses	305	119
Purchases for the shop	677	193
TOTAL	2,660	5,564

Five trustees were reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

11.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There were no transactions undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEES ABROAD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bees Abroad (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this years under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 14s(5Xb) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Section 2: Report from the Independent Examiner



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Esther Giles

Date:

17th August 2024

Name:

Esther Giles

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Charity No 1108464

Company No 5333054

Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	3	124,705	19,702	144,407
Charitable activities	3		5,118	5,118
Other trading activities	3	2,375		2,375
Investment Income	3	1,904		1,904
Separate material item of income	3	727		727
Total		129,711	24,820	154,531
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	37,140		37,140
Charitable activities	4	77,629	26,825	104,454
Separate material expense item	4	10,885		10,885
Other	4	9,853		9,853
Total		135,507	26,825	162,332
Net income/(-)expenditure)		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801
Transfers between funds				
Net movement in funds		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801
Reconciliation of funds:				
Net movement in funds		-5,796	-2,005	-7,801
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	10.1	107,727	46,734	154,461
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decemb	10.2	101,931	44,729	146,660

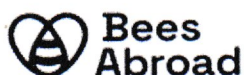
All income in 2022 was unrestricted except for:

Donations and legacies	38,790
Charitable activities	18,640
	57,430

The following are donations in a foreign currency or from overseas. These are exchanged into pounds sterling by the bank receiving for which they charge £6 per transaction which are included in other expenditure as bank charges

Name of Donor	Country	Currency	2023			2022
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Total funds
Advance Science	Ireland	Euro				1,789
Facebook	Ireland	Euro	728		728	728
West African Primate Conservation Action (WAPCA)	Ghana	Sterling Account		9,131	9,131	7,855
Grand Total			728	9,131	9,859	10,372

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Charity No 1108464
Company No 5333054

Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2023

	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Current assets					
Stocks	5	825		825	1,061
Debtors	6	29,624	4,108	33,732	27,928
Cash at bank and in hand	9	82,969	43,154	126,123	128,853
Total current assets		113,418	47,262	160,680	157,841
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	11,487	2,533	14,020	3,381
Total net assets or liabilities		101,931	44,729	146,660	154,461
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	(Notes 10.1 and 10.2)		44,729	44,729	46,734
Unrestricted funds		101,931		101,931	107,726
Total funds		101,931	44,729	146,660	154,461

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements on pages X to Y were approved by the Trustees of Bees Abroad at the Annual Meeting of Bees Abroad members on 1 September 2024

Handwritten signature of Richard Ridler.
2nd September 2024

Richard Ridler
Chair

Handwritten signature of Neil Brent.
2 September 2024

Neil Brent
Treasurer

Section 3: Charity Commission Accounts



Charity No 1108464
Company No 5333054

Note 1: Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- (a) the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- (b) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- (c) the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.2 Going concern

Bees Abroad is able to continue as a going concern:

- (a) The Charity has substantial reserves in its bank accounts
- (b) Bees Abroad are not aware of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful

1.3 Change of accounting policy

- (a) The treatment of expenditure on projects has been changed so that only the expenditure against restricted income is shown. Note 4 includes a table showing total project expenditure by source of income
- (b) Note 10.1 now records expenditure against funds received for specific projects and/or countries

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

Some minor prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS102 SORP). These errors are set out:

- (a) A further review of gift aid accruals led to the following adjustments:
 - (i) over accrued = £45.12 (£30 relating to a restricted fund, £15.12 to unrestricted)
 - (ii) £105 accrued on an unrestricted donation erroneously identified as restricted
- (b) The adjustments are as follows
 - (i) impact on debtors shown on B Sheet and N19
HMRC: Gift Aid is set out below

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds
(i) Over accrued gift aid	-£15.12	-£30.00
(ii) Transfer restricted to unrestricted	£105.00	-£105.00
	£89.88	-£135.00

- (ii) there is a consequent impact on prior year's equity funds which also affects the net transfer from unrestricted to restricted which covers the overspends on restricted projects. This is complex but the changes to N27.2 can be

Projects in Kenya	R	-	105
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	R	-	30
Other funds (balancing figure)	UR		90

Note 2: Accounting policies

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted.

There has been no change in accounting practice in this reporting period

2.2 INCOME

(a) Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

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(c) Grants and donations

- Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
- In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

(d) Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the

(e) Government grants

The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period

(f) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

(g) Contractual income and performance related grants

The charity is not in receipt of any contractual income and performance related grants. These would only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

(h) Donated goods

- Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. None were received in this accounting period.
- The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.
- Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.
- Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
- Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

(i) Donated services and facilities

- Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.
- Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

(j) Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

(k) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

(l) Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

(m) Income from membership subscriptions

The charity has not levied a membership subscription in this accounting period.

(n) Settlement of insurance claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA. In this accounting period there have been no insurance claims.

(o) Investment gains and losses

Not applicable

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(a) **Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

(b) **Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(c) **Project Allocations with performance conditions**

Where the charity funds a project with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are still recognised in the SoFA. However further provision of funds may be withheld until such conditions are met.

(d) **Grants payable without performance conditions**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation will be recognised.

(e) **Redundancy cost**

The charity has no employees so redundancy payments do not apply.

(f) **Deferred income**

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

(g) **Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

(h) **Provisions for liabilities**

Any liabilities are measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

(i) **Basic financial instruments**

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.4 ASSETS

(a) **Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

There are no tangible fixed assets used by the charity

(b) **Intangible fixed assets**

The charity has no intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights.ods used are disclosed in note 15.

(c) **Heritage assets**

The charity has no heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

(d) **Investments**

The charity has no fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments

(e) **Stocks and work in progress**

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.
Work in progress is not applicable

(f) **Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

(g) **Current asset investments**

The charity has cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Not applicable

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Note 3: Analysis of income received

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	72,933	19,380	92,313	111,202
Gift Aid	7,677	322	7,999	13,325
Grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature	44,095		44,095	35,330
Total	124,705	19,702	144,407	159,857
Charitable activities				
General grants provided by government/other charities		5,118	5,118	18,640
Total		5,118	5,118	18,640
Other trading activities				
Shop sales	2,375		2,375	4,140
Total	2,375		2,375	4,140
Investment Income				
Interest Income	1,904		1,904	294
Total	1,904		1,904	294
Separate material item of income				
Raffles and Lotteries	642		642	370
Sundry Items of Income	85		85	
Total	727		727	370
TOTAL INCOME	129,711	24,820	154,531	183,301

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Note 4: Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds				
Incurred seeking donations	5,276		5,276	5,606
Staging fundraising events	2,025		2,025	157
Fundraising agents	454		454	12,006
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity				207
Other trading activities	2,436		2,436	2,490
Fundraising Costs	26,949		26,949	
Total expenditure on raising funds	37,140		37,140	20,466
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Approved Beekeeping Projects	72,013	26,825	98,838	75,584
Assessment Visits				386
Other expenditure	5,593		5,593	86
Donations to other charities	23		23	
Total expenditure on charitable activities	77,629	26,825	104,454	76,056
Separate material item of expense				
Administrator	2,204		2,204	15,944
Finance and accounting	470		470	
Audit, Accountancy and Legal Fees	13		13	13
Bees Abroad Branding				8,690
Social Media and Donor Support	8,198		8,198	600
Policy Development - Theory of Change				3,153
Total Separate material item of expense	10,885		10,885	28,400
Other				
Trustee and volunteer expenses	700		700	1,061
Office and administrative overheads	7,622		7,622	6,412
Bank Charges	1,297		1,297	278
Sundry items of Expense	234		234	700
Total other expenditure	9,853		9,853	8,451
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	135,507	26,825	162,332	133,373

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities: (1) analysed by unrestricted and restricted source of funds

Activity or programme	Unrestricted (General) Income	2023 Funded from Restricted Income	Total this year	2022 Total prior year
	£	£	£	£
Training and support for beekeeping projects				
Projects in Ghana	20,316	9,066	29,382	28,030
Projects in Kenya	9,127	3,175	12,302	9,842
Projects in Nigeria	3,508		3,508	

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Projects in Rwanda	3,531	1,298	4,829	2,662
Projects in Sierra Leone	2,203	3,209	5,412	2,050
Projects in Tanzania	10,830	3,175	14,005	6,410
Projects in Uganda	22,498	6,902	29,400	25,561
UK Based Project Expenditure	5,593		5,593	
Donations to other charities	23		23	
Total	77,629	26,825	104,454	74,555

(2) analysed by Grant supported or not

Activity or programme	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	Total this year £	Total prior year £
Training and support for beekeeping projects				
Projects in Ghana	12,113	17,268	29,381	28,030
Projects in Kenya	5,186	7,116	12,302	9,842
Projects in Nigeria	1,994	1,514	3,508	
Projects in Rwanda	3,154	1,675	4,829	2,662
Projects in Sierra Leone	1,252	4,160	5,412	2,050
Projects in Tanzania	6,154	7,852	14,006	6,410
Projects in Uganda	17,901	11,499	29,400	25,561
UK Based Project Expenditure	3,178	2,415	5,593	
Donations to other charities		23	23	
Total	50,932	53,522	104,454	76,055

All income in 2022 was unrestricted except for:

Donations and legacies	38,790
Charitable activities	18,640
	57,430

The following are donations in a foreign currency or from overseas. These are exchanged into pounds sterling by the bank receiving for which they charge £6 per transaction which are included in other expenditure as bank charges

Name of Donor	Country	2023			2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Total funds
Euros					
Advance Science	Ireland				1,789
Facebook	Ireland	728		728	728
Sterling Account held overseas					
West African Primate Conservation Action (WAPCA)	Ghana		9,131	9,131	7,855
Grand Total		728	9,131	9,859	10,372

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Note 5: Stocks

	2023	2022
<i>Opening</i>	1,061	2,361
<i>Added in period</i>	1,521	254
<i>Sale of Goods</i>	-1,757	-1,554
<i>Closing</i>	825	1,061

Note 6: Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £
Trade debtors						
Prepayments and accrued income						
BBKA				120		120
Other debtors (amounts due from subsidiary undertakings)						
Enthuse: Gift Aid				350		350
Goosebec	11,250		11,250	6,000		6,000
HMRC: Gift Aid	7,834	4,108	11,942	6,661	4,519	11,180
Just Giving	4		4	278		278
Miscellaneous Personal Donations / Purchases						
PayPal Giving Fund						
Step-up Fund				10,000		10,000
Stripe	536		536			
The Coles-Medlock Foundation	10,000		10,000			
Total	29,624	4,108	33,732	23,409	4,519	27,928

Note 7: Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

7.1 Analysis of creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £
Trade creditors						
HG Consulting	355		355			
Kall Kwik	706		766	445		445
Other creditors						
Project Payments	4,444	2,533	6,977		1,461	1,461
Fundraising	4,294		4,294	9		9
Other Creditors	1,688		1,688	1,466		1,466
Total	11,487	2,533	14,080	1,920	1,461	3,381

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Note 8: Other disclosures for debtors, creditors and other basic financial instruments

The risk of debtor default is very low given that the debtors are Just Giving (who have since paid most of what is owed), HMRC for estimated gift aid, the other two significant debtors relate to the Big Give fundraiser at the end of the year and paid early in 2023. Creditors represent around 9.2% of the charity's turnover

The charity has not provided financial assets as a form of security.

Note 9: Cash at bank and in hand

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	82,969	43,154	126,124	117,057	11,796	128,853

Note 10: Fair value of assets and liabilities

The charity's debtors are: HMRC for Gift Aid, Just Giving, Stripe, Goosebec, and The Coles-Medlock Foundation all of which we deem to be at low risk of defaulting. All but HMRC were settled early in 2023

There is no change in the fair value of basic financial instruments (debtors, creditors, investments (see section 11, FRS102 SORP), creditors are valued at the level payable on invoices received within the time period allowed for the completion of accounts.

Note 10.1: Movements in funds 2023

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Training and support for beekeeping projects in these Countries				
Cameroon	6,145			6,145
Fiji				
Ghana	10,523	9,631	-9,067	11,087
India				
Kenya	1,210	4,983	-3,175	3,018
Malawi				
Nepal	7,690			7,690
Nigeria	249			249
Rwanda	1,148	150	-1,298	
Sierra Leone	3,500		-3,208	292
Tanzania	684	3,175	-3,175	684
Uganda	7,740	5,954	-6,902	6,792
Zambia	170			170
Training and support for women beekeepers				
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	7,675	927		8,602
Sub-total restricted	46,734	24,820	-26,825	44,729
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	107,727	129,711	-135,506	101,932
Total Funds as per balance sheet	154,461	154,531	-162,331	146,661

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Note 10.2: Movements in funds 2022

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Training and support for beekeeping projects in these Countries					
Cameroon	6,145				6,145
Fiji					
Ghana	5,934	21,644	-28,030	10,975	10,523
India					
Kenya	3,814	2,470	-9,842	4,768	1,210
Malawi					
Nepal	1,600	7,590	-1,500		7,690
Nigeria	249				249
Rwanda	1,201	823	-2,662	1,786	1,148
Sierra Leone		3,500	-2,050	2,050	3,500
Tanzania	684	6,022	-6,410	388	684
Uganda	7,418	13,970	-25,561	11,913	7,740
Zambia	170				170
Training and support for women beekeepers					
Creating Beekeepers for Life (Women's Campaign)	6,369	1,306			7,675
Sub-total restricted	33,584	57,325	-76,055	31,880	46,734
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	70,948	125,976	-57,317	-31,880	107,727
Total Funds as per balance sheet	104,532	183,301	-133,372		154,461

Fund balances carried forward do not include assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency; all Bees Abroad accounts to all income and expenditure, assets and liabilities in sterling.

The movement in funds calculation for 2023 includes a change in accounting treatment. Up to 2022 expenditure recorded was the total against all projects and overspends covered by a transfer from general funds. From 2023 only expenditure against restricted funds is included. Additional expenditure against projects is accounted against unrestricted (general) funds.

All restricted funds are to promote locally appropriate beekeeping to enable participants to generate income to enhance their livelihoods, alleviate poverty and improve their quality of life.

Note 11: Transactions with

trustees and related parties

11.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their

11.2 Trustees' expenses

The charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions are provided below.

Type of expenses reimbursed	2023	2022
£	£	
Travel	989	887
Subsistence	40	
Accommodation	649	199
Other (please specify):		
Telephone		25
Fundraising Expenses	305	119
Purchases for the shop	677	193
TOTAL	2,660	5,564

Five trustees were reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

11.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There were no transactions undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material