

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1159052

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-11-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE AND ENCOURAGE THE UNDERSTANDING OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING AND PRACTICE OF GOOD BEEKEEPING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Activities: Beekeeping and Training of Beekeepers. The advancement of beekeeping. Promoting the advantages and benefits of bees to all within the environment

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bolton
- Bury
- Cheshire East
- Lancashire
- Liverpool City
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,266	£72,909	-	-
2023-12-31	£53,046	£47,141	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,820	£39,449	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,227	£33,766	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,311	£41,598	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aaron Cornish		2023-05-26
Anthony Lomax		2020-02-22
Christopher Edmund HAIGHTON		2023-03-04
Daniel James Cook		2025-10-20
Fay Kathleen Wiblin		2025-10-20
Ian Whatmough		2025-03-01
Mark Rendall		2020-02-22
Michael Green		2021-03-11
Ron Birrell		2020-02-22

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1159052

Accounts

Trustees' annual report:

Period start date: 01/01/24

Period end date: 31/12/24

Charities Name: Manchester and District Beekeepers Association.

Charity Number: 1159052

Objectives and Activities.	
Summary of the purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document.	To advance and encourage the understanding of bees; beekeeping and the practice of good beekeeping for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	and exemplify Our main activities for the public benefit are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• promote good practice in the management of healthy honeybee colonies• ensure that association members have access to appropriate and relevant information and training regarding honeybee health and safe beekeeping practices including information on pollinators and their place in an ecosystem that includes honeybees• offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers including the placement of apiaries and the issue of over foraging a given area• offer short "taster" sessions on beekeeping for the public• staff visitors centre based in Heaton Park, opened once each week 36 weeks of the year, offering information on honeybees and native pollinators• work with Heaton Park staff to increase their awareness of pollinators and honeybee life cycles• deliver teaching and talks for schools, local social groups and organisations working with the public about bees and pollinators to encourage a wide interest and knowledge of pollinating insects including native bees• facilitate student research projects into honeybees and native pollinators• provide a point of contact for local people concerned about honey bee swarms• act as a point of information and contact for beekeepers and the public about possible incursions by Asian Hornets as and when necessary
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on "public benefit" and have given due regard to it in their management of the association

Additional information (optional)	
Contribution made by volunteers	<p>The association is run and maintained by volunteers. This includes all training and the management and maintenance of a large training apiary. In addition, volunteers cover the weekly opening of the Dower House visitors centre to the public. As an association we are entirely reliant on the good will and energy of our volunteers.</p> <p>Over the course of this year the association has identified ways to encourage volunteering. The novice training course now includes an element about how important volunteers are to the association and the benefits it delivers to individuals. The role of the volunteer coordinator has been changed and more effective data base of volunteers developed.</p>

Achievements and Performance:	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintain and improve bee health within the association and the teaching apiary. The number of colonies experiencing infections has significantly reduced during 2024 as reported by the Apiary Manager. Research is still ongoing and the evidence for Hygienic Behaviour is, as yet, unproven

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional honeybee taster sessions (4) were successfully delivered. Free sessions were offered to officers from Heaton Park. The sessions were accessed by the public and prospective beekeepers. Both groups gave positive feedback • with support from the park, public information sessions were offered, linked to other park events. It was not possible to deliver individual playschemes • a review of training is now a regular item for trustees, novice review feedback indicates a high level of satisfaction with the training offered • a WhatsApp forum will be in place for novices in 2025 • training relating to the capturing of swarms was delivered by an experienced 'swarm catcher,' this situation will be reviewed annually • response to Asian Hornet incursions is on the advice of the National Bee Unit a list of possible beekeepers available to support local issues will be kept and maintained by the association • the association continue information sharing with teachers, schools, park staff, social groups, and the public about caring for native bees and the needs of native pollinators • There were 13 candidates for basic BBKA examination in beekeeping and 12 passes. The Trustees agreed to pay for the exam for candidates who attained a credit or distinction in the examination, there were 8 candidates eligible for this payment in 2024 • an environmental landscaping company has been commissioned to formalise plans for the native pollinator habitat and provisional permission has been given for the development by park officers • a new stock management system has been purchased and a review of how the association manages stock control and sales is currently underway. To facilitate stock management a new container was purchased so that we can buy and store a more realistic amount of stock for equipment sales • The association was approached by a local business (Amazon Prime Warehouse) with a view to their sponsoring a honeybee colony. This was agreed and from the 2025 bee season two hives will be sponsored. The plan included purchase of honey, taster sessions for managers and workers, three sessions were delivered during 2024 • in 2024 Trustees agreed to the purchase of mated Carniolan queens with an aim of increasing the genetic viability of the apiary stock. This introduction will be reviewed and the health of colonies led by an introduced queen carefully monitored. The process may be repeated in 2025 to consolidate the breeding stock • this year a link has been made with a local community group that runs a food bank, the association donated 40 small jars of honey for their use. The association is committed to making locally produced 'real' honey to as many people as possible particularly in the current climate when so much honey sold in shops is adulterated in some way
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Additional information (optional)	
	<p>Future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research into bee health will be ongoing. • undertake the work necessary to develop the pollinator area, this work is likely to take place during the winter months where possible and may last for over 18 months • the trustees will continue to monitor the number of novices undertaking the Basic Beekeeping examination and continue making payments where a certain standard has been met • continue our existing planned training for experienced and novice beekeepers. • add additional short (half day) training sessions to the number planned

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to achieve the above additional trainers will be sought and if necessary, offered mentoring/additional training.• plan regular short talks for members linked to social events, these to include swarm management and identifies bee health issues• continue hosting a honey event and meet the beekeepers in early autumn• continue to review the effectiveness of the novice WhatsApp group• introduce new stock control methods to ensure association members can access equipment when they need it at the lowest cost• review financial reporting to include income, cost analysis on individual areas of the charities work including the training apiary, equipment sales, honey production and training delivery
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Signed: Date **** 17 February 2025



C A MacLeod. Chair of Trustees



M Green. Treasurer

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association

No (if any)
1159052

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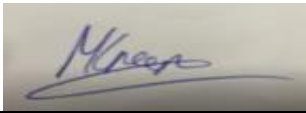

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions including BDI	11,462	-	-	11,462	11,238
Donations	1,191	-	-	1,191	1,162
Equipment sales	33,707	-	-	33,707	15,323
Gift shop sales	5,482	-	-	5,482	10,579
Honey sales	14,433	-	-	14,433	6,946
Teaching courses	7,135	-	-	7,135	7,768
Advertising	56	-	-	56	30
Hive sponsorship	800	-	-	800	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	74,266	-	-	74,266	53,046
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	74,266	-	-	74,266	53,046
A3 Payments					
Equipment costs	31,490	-	-	31,490	14,705
Gift shop costs	7,082	-	-	7,082	803
Newsletter, Post, Stationery	759	-	-	759	981
Bee disease insurance premium	1,016	-	-	1,016	859
Donations and gifts	47	-	-	47	311
Education	2,682	-	-	2,682	1,211
BBKA Capitation fees	5,826	-	-	5,826	5,462
Garden	-	-	-	-	59
Social Events / raffles	363	-	-	363	334
Teaching courses	2,801	-	-	2,801	2,288
Paypal, Sumup and STRIPE fees	814	-	-	814	552
Travel expenses	1,323	-	-	1,323	845
Equipment and other costs for Dower House	2,912	-	-	2,912	2,674
Equipment and other costs for Apiary	11,807	-	-	11,807	6,883
Equipment and consumables for extraction room	2,480	-	-	2,480	7,918
Charity administration costs	156	-	-	156	-
Dower House Insurance	1,101	-	-	1,101	1,006
Examination of accounts	250	-	-	250	250
Sub total	72,909	-	-	72,909	47,141
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,909	-	-	72,909	47,141
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,357	-	-	1,357	5,905
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,535	-	-	59,535	53,630
Cash funds this year end	60,892	-	-	60,892	59,535

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Credit with Sumup	998	-	-
	Credit with Paypal	456	-	-
	Bank	57,232	-	-
	Petty cash	2,206	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,892	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael Green	17/02/2025	
		Christine A MacLeod	17/02/2025	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159052

Set out on pages

Form CC16a pages 1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Naomi Povey

Date:

17/02/2025

Name:

Naomi Povey

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CPFA

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters to report

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1159052

Accounts

Trustees' annual report:

Period start date: 01/01/23

Period end date: 31/12/23

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Charity Number: 1159052

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Achievements and Performance:	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• audit of the impact the training apiary has on local population of native pollinators undertaken, findings indicate that forage adequate for both honeybees and native pollinators, however, the audit indicated that habitat for native pollinators was limited in the immediate area around the apiary• honeybee health in the training apiary has improved and testing for common diseases continues it indicates Nosema levels have reduced

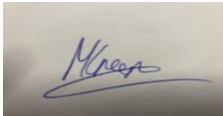
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • novice training, both theory and practical, has been delivered and 65 people accessed and completed the training; during the course of the practical sessions approximately 50 people attended for two and a half hours weekly over a 10-week period • training for improving beekeepers was attend by 8 people over 6 weeks • training was delivered to Grant Thorne employees and 11 people attended • two half day taster days were offered to the public, 31 people attended, both courses were fully booked and well received • the visitor's centre was opened as planned and 2308 visitors were record over the course of the year • several swarm concerns were logged by the association, two originating at the visitor's centre and as a result a small number of swarms were collected locally, advice was given where it was not possible to safely collect a swarm • association volunteers offered support visits to schools, social groups and other public organisations including other beekeeping associations • two students were supported during the year, both attending local Universities • information via national media was offered by association volunteers about swarms and general bee/pollinator issues twice during the year • the association has a trustee named to coordinate a response to Asian Hornet incursions and has purchased first response equipment
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Additional information (optional)	
	<p>Future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain and improve bee health within the association and the teaching apiary; investigate the development of Hygienic Behaviour in honeybees as a mean of disease control. (This will follow up on research undertaken by a PhD candidate from Salford University) • maintain & extend the training and education programmes to include more short taster sessions on beekeeping for the public • investigate holiday playscheme sessions about honey bees, native pollinators and local eco systems • assess the current face to face teaching and learning to ensure that it meets the needs of new (novice) and more experienced beekeepers • introduce WhatsApp forum for new beekeepers which will be accessible to them for 12 months after initial training, this will be supported by experienced beekeepers • introduce training for members interested in becoming local swarm collectors and encourage them to register with the association so that we can offer support to the public when requested • investigate the development of a group of experienced beekeepers to act as a first defence against Asian Hornet incursions in the locality • continue and extend information sharing with teachers, schools, park staff, social groups and the general public about caring for native bees and the needs of native pollinators • encourage more beekeepers to undertake BBKA examinations, specifically the Basic Beekeeping certificate • develop an identified area for native pollinator habitat, this to include signage and information for the public about the eco system and insects

Signed: 19th February 2024



C A MacLeod. Chair of Trustees



M Green. Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association	No (if any) 1159052
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Receipts and payments accounts

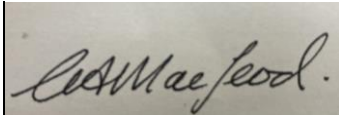

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-23	To	Period end date 31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions including BDI	11,238	-	-	11,238	10,369
Donations	1,162	-	-	1,162	2,875
Equipment sales	15,323	-	-	15,323	17,854
Gift shop sales	10,579	-	-	10,579	7,737
Honey sales	6,946	-	-	6,946	6,337
Teaching courses	7,768	-	-	7,768	9,610
Advertising	30	-	-	30	38
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,046	-	-	53,046	54,820
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,046	-	-	53,046	54,820
A3 Payments					
Equipment costs	14,705	-	-	14,705	14,480
Gift shop costs	803	-	-	803	1,528
Newsletter, Post, Stationery	981	-	-	981	390
Bee disease insurance premium	859	-	-	859	885
Donations and gifts	311	-	-	311	-
Education	1,211	-	-	1,211	1,109
BBKA Capitation fees	5,462	-	-	5,462	4,776
Garden	59	-	-	59	-
Social Events / raffles	334	-	-	334	255
Teaching courses	2,288	-	-	2,288	2,590
Paypal and Sumup fees	552	-	-	552	599
Travel expenses	845	-	-	845	157
Equipment and other costs for Dower House	2,674	-	-	2,674	1,500
Equipment and other costs for Apiary	6,883	-	-	6,883	8,950
Equipment and consumables for extraction room	7,918	-	-	7,918	1,151
Dower House Insurance	1,006	-	-	1,006	829
Examination of accounts	250	-	-	250	250
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,141	-	-	47,141	39,449
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,141	-	-	47,141	39,449
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,905	-	-	5,905	15,371
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,630	-	-	53,630	38,259
Cash funds this year end	59,535	-	-	59,535	53,630

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Credit with Sumup	491	-	-
	Credit with Paypal	5,339	-	-
	Bank	52,484	-	-
	Petty cash	1,221	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,535	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Christine Ann MacLeod	19/02/2024	
		Michael Green	19/02/2024	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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Signed:

Naomi Povey

Date:

19/02/2024

Name:

Naomi Povey

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CPFA

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>Our main activities for the public benefit are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• promote and exemplify good practice in the management of honeybee colonies• ensure that association members have access to appropriate and relevant information and training regarding honeybee health and safe beekeeping practices including information on pollinators and their place in an ecosystem that includes honeybees.• offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers including the placement of apiaries and the issue of over foraging a given area• provide a point of call for members of the public concerned or interested in bees, this includes the identification of bees, swarm collect and advice etc• deliver teaching and talks for schools, local social groups and organisations working with the general public about bees and pollinators to encourage a wide interest and knowledge of pollinating insects including native bees <p>Research into pollinating insects supports the belief that honeybees do share their foraging needs with other pollinating insects. It is in the interest of the public that there is a wider understanding of the needs of pollinating insects as well as their benefits. While honeybees may compete for forage with their native counterparts, they also offer the means of supporting a wider understanding of pollinating insects in general.</p> <p>Future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and improve bee health within the association and the Teaching Apiary. Particularly improve the general understanding of the treatment of <i>Nosema ceranae</i> within colonies of honeybees• Maintain & extend the training and education programmes to include Queen Rearing and more advanced hive management and swarm control systems• Maintain online and remote learning/communication systems and reintroduce face to face training as appropriate• Increase awareness in the general public about honeybee and native bee needs and how various populations can be supported by humans• Continue and extend information sharing with teachers, schools, park staff, social groups and the general public about caring for native bees and the needs of native pollinators• Ensure the safety of volunteers and association members in view of the changing guidance from Government.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on "public benefit" and have given due regard to it in their management of the association

Additional information (optional)	
Contribution made by volunteers	The association is run and maintained by volunteers. This includes all training and the management and maintenance of a large training apiary. In addition,

	<p>volunteers' cover the weekly opening of the Dower House visitors centre to the general public. As an association we are entirely reliant on the good will and energy of our volunteers.</p> <p>As with many other charities run on a voluntary basis, the global pandemic brought several challenges. As we moved out the period of lock downs, the association has started to include more face-to-face meetings to maintain our volunteer base. At the beginning of the year, despite online theory training, we still had a backlog of members new to beekeeping. In 2022 the association offered both practical and theory training face to face. A number of new beekeepers have continued as members and some have now become regular supporters both at the Apiary and Visitors Centre.</p>
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Achievements and Performance:	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Trustees are familiar with their role and the committee is working well as a group and the associations constitution has been reviewed. • Novice training, both Theory and Practical is in place and being delivered regularly at three points in the year. During the 2022 fifty-five novice beekeepers received both theory and practical training allowing them to care for their honey bee colonies and recognise basic health issues. • Improvers training is in place which focuses on beekeepers in their 3rd and subsequent years of beekeeping. This year it focused on colony manipulations which support bee health and swarm management. • A Queen rearing course was held and the resulting new Queens were used in the Apiary to improve stock quality. The provision of locally reared Queens is a priority both for the association and the BBKA. The importation of Queens may be linked to both disease and pests travelling worldwide. • The association now has a well-established emailed digest (started in 2021) that provides updates from the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), Bee Base and members news. These include health warnings and updates on pests including Asian Hornets. • The regular quarterly association newsletter has been maintained and continues to give news, advise and interesting information. • The WhatsApp provision continues and is a good support for beekeepers in their first or second years of beekeeping. • Monthly social and learning meetings were started in the Dower House this year which are accessible by Beekeepers and the General Public. These have included: Microscopy; a Pollinator Walk; Cut Comb making and a members Honey Exhibition. • The association applied for and received two grants which have allowed us to purchase a complete set of Paulownia wood Nucleus Boxes for use during Queen rearing and swarm control. These have proved highly successful both for the management of the bees and the use of a new wood for the use in hives. • Three members of the association devised and delivered an online course about Pollinators. This was at the request of Fujitsu and was part of that company's social responsibility as set out in a government contract. The course used Honeybees to exemplify the life of pollinating insects. It included the life story of other pollinators and suggested how planting and simple changes in gardening/land management can support pollinators. The course was accessed by 80 employees on the day and access to a recording of the talk has been offered to all employees. It is hoped that the course will be made available to the general public through the association's web site in 2023.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The association was requested to support the Portico Library in an exhibition on insect and plant illustration. Two members attended and had the pleasure of making the choices necessary. • The associations web site has been reviewed and substantially altered to encourage more awareness of both Honeybees and native pollinators. • The installation of mains electricity to the maintenance and storage containers has been planned and installation has been agreed with a local electrical cabling supplier. Installation will be undertaken prior to the 2023 bee season (February/March 20223). This is inline with the associations plans to increase carbon neutral systems and equipment.
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Additional information (optional)	
	<p>Future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate the Pollinator talk over a wider audience including all park workers and partner charities • Encourage more beekeepers to undertake BBKA examinations, specifically the Basic Beekeeping certificate • Hold a partial Honey show for members of the association in 2023 (this is a means of sharing good practice and helping beekeepers fund their work) • Extend the WhatsApp group to include a provision aimed at new or first year beekeepers • Provide leaflets about pollinators in the park for the general public – to be made available throughout the park as well as at the visitors’ centre • To explore collaborative work with other charities that work for Pollinators (Bug Life, Bumble Bee Conservation Trust etc.) • Undertake an audit of the habitat resources available in the vicinity of the Training Apiary and the diversity of native pollinators in this area. (This audit may be professionally led and linked to a small-scale research project). • Improve the area of land between the training apiary and NW water authority reservoir. This area has recently had established trees and undergrowth removed to reduce vandalism to the reservoir.



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Jan-22

To

31-Dec-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions including BDI	10,369	-	-	10,369	7,023
Donations	2,875	-	-	2,875	1,056
Equipment sales	17,854	-	-	17,854	13,485
Gift shop sales	7,737	-	-	7,737	11,178
Honey sales	6,337	-	-	6,337	-
Teaching courses	9,610	-	-	9,610	4,485
Advertising	38	-	-	38	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,820	-	-	54,820	37,227
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,820	-	-	54,820	37,227
A3 Payments					
Equipment costs	14,480	-	-	14,480	14,584
Gift shop costs	1,528	-	-	1,528	353
Newsletter, Post, Stationery	390	-	-	390	350
Bee disease insurance premiums	885	-	-	885	919
Donations	-	-	-	-	93
Education	1,109	-	-	1,109	587
BBKA capitation fees	4,776	-	-	4,776	4,468
Garden	-	-	-	-	301
Social events/raffles	255	-	-	255	-
Teaching courses	2,590	-	-	2,590	1,440
Paypal and Sumup fees	599	-	-	599	426
Travel expenses	157	-	-	157	-
Equipment and other costs for Dower House	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,010
Equipment and other costs for Apiary	8,950	-	-	8,950	7,478
Equipment and consumables for extraction room	1,151	-	-	1,151	788
Dower House Insurance	829	-	-	829	769
Examination of accounts	250	-	-	250	200
Sub total	39,449	-	-	39,449	33,766
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,449	-	-	39,449	33,766
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,371	-	-	15,371	3,461
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,259	-	-	38,259	34,797
Cash funds this year end	53,630	-	-	53,630	38,258

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Credit with Sumup	457	-	-
	Credit with Paypal	1,938		
	Bank	50,254	-	-
	Petty Cash	981	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,630	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

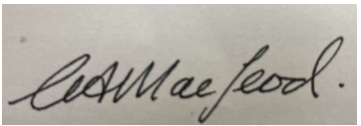
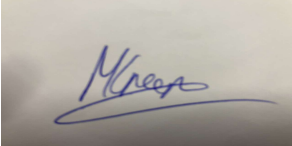
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Equipment - Closing Stock value	12,300	-	-
	Gift shop - Closing stock value	7,143	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Apiary equipment	Unrestricted	-	25,894
	Honey processing room	Unrestricted	-	7,960
	Education and display equipment	Unrestricted	-	9,825
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Christine Ann MacLeod	09/02/2023
	Michael Green	09/02/2023



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any) 1159052**

Set out on pages

Form CC16a pages 1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: *Naomi Povey*

Date: 10/02/2023

Name: Naomi Povey

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters to report

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1159052

Accounts

Trustees' annual report:

Period start date: **01/01/21**

Period end date: **31/12/21**

Charities Name: **Manchester and District Beekeepers Association.**

Charity Number: **1159052**

Objectives and Activities.	
Summary of the purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document.	To advance and encourage the understanding of bees; beekeeping and the practice of good beekeeping for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>Our main activities for the public benefit are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• promote and exemplify good practice in the management of honeybee colonies• ensure that association members have access to appropriate and relevant information and training regarding honeybee health and safe beekeeping practices• offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers• provide a point of call for members of the public concerned or interested in bees, this includes the identification of bees, swarm collect and advice etc• deliver teaching and talks for schools, local social groups and organisations about bees and pollinators <p>Association Aims for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and improve bee health within the association and the Teaching Apiary• Maintain & extend the training and education programmes• Maintain online and remote learning/communication systems• Maintain and develop work with other park-based charities• Ensure the safety of volunteers and association members in view of the changing guidance from Government.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on "public benefit" and have given due regard to it in their management of the association

Additional information (optional)	
Contribution made by volunteers	<p>It is worth noting that nearly all of the associations work is delivered by volunteers. This includes all training, equipment maintenance, care and inspection of honeybees and routine association communication.</p> <p>The work of volunteers during the 2nd year of the global pandemic ensured that the association maintained the care of the honeybee colonies. The maintenance of hive equipment continued as did the sale of essential equipment. In early Spring 2021 the association re-commenced its training programme using zoom to deliver novice theory sessions. Practical novice training took place in the early summer. This was followed by an Improvers Course for Beekeepers with three of more years' experience. In September the association re-opened the Dower House visitors centre, which again was staffed by volunteers.</p>

Achievements and Performance:

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Trustees are familiar with their role and the committee is working well as a group. We have a new Secretary and Treasurer in post. • Novice training was successfully delivered. The theory by zoom and 6 practical sessions held in the Apiary. • In addition to Novice Training the association offered members access to an Improvers Group which focused on practical learning based in our Apiary. • An occasional emailed letter is sent to association members by the secretary offering information about external training opportunities and updates on news from BBKA. • A member's questionnaire was delivered and whilst the uptake was relatively small this year, it was a useful experience and will inform the planning for future developments, particularly in the delivery of training. • The WhatsApp group has been established to allow members to talk about bees, share experience and advice from their peers. • A cleaning company has been appointed to undertake a weekly clean of the Dower House, in line with the needs identified in the Covid Risk Assessment. • The work with Manchester University was successfully completed. • Links were established with RHS Bridgewater and the association delivered a Bee themed family experience at the garden • We have maintained links with Incredible Edibles and whilst the small apiary on their site has now been removed by agreement, the link is if anything stronger. In the next year (2022) I am hoping that we will be able to work with them to create a native bee habitat in the poly tunnel grounds.
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Additional information (optional)	
	<p>Future Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and make some changes to the associations training delivery, specifically with reference to the timing of courses during the spring and summer. • Add additional training opportunities, either delivering directly or hosting external training, specifically Queen Rearing. This was the training identified by existing members as being something that they would like the association to provide. • Extend the Improvers Training to ensure that attendees can access experience of swarm management/control when it is actually happening in colonies. • Purchase additional equipment to allow for the above training to include manipulation of hives. This may require the association to commission or make some of the equipment themselves. • Continue maintaining healthy bees and investigate the potential for joining with other organisations in supporting the raising of Queens. • Continue working with education establishments (schools, brownies etc) to ensure that children and young people are aware of native and Honeybees and their needs. • Continue working with other local organisations such as RHS Bridgewater, Incredible Edibles, etc.

Financial Review.	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.	It has been an interesting and at times frustrating year, particularly with the arduous task of switching the bank account from Nat West to the Co-operative

	<p>bank, a process that took 8 months to happen. The switch does now mean that we have online banking facilities which has made the process of making payments much easier.</p> <p>2021 has seen an improvement in the finances of the Association following the difficulties of 2020 resulting from the pandemic. The additional income brought in from being able to run training courses again, re-opening of the Dower House and equipment sales has helped move us from a deficit position to a modest surplus of £3,462 for 2021 (2020 deficit £16,287). This is a real positive position given the ongoing financial challenges faced by charities and businesses alike. The Association currently retains a healthy financial position with a level of cash assets to meet unforeseen future costs and provide stability during ongoing periods of uncertainty and increasing costs.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.	The association has a policy of maintaining a working capital of £30,000.00. This allows us to plan for essential work in maintaining our livestock and the equipment required in the Apiary and Dower House. In addition, it ensures a comfortable contingency fund for any future emergencies.
Amount, of reserves held.	£30,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves.	NA
Details of fund materially I deficit.	£0.00
Explanations of uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	NA

Additional information (optional)

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Additional information (optional)

Charity name:	Manchester and District Beekeepers Association
Registered charity number:	1159052
Charities principal address:	The Dower House, Heaton Park, Manchester. M25

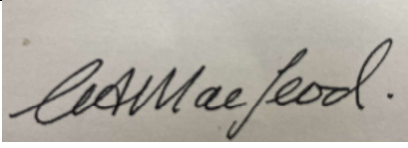
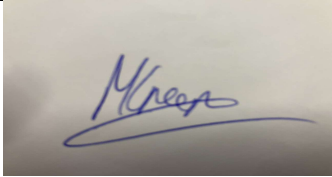
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person / or body entitled to appoint trustee
	Christine MacLeod	Chair of Trustees		Trustees Committee
1	Joy Jackson	Secretary	01/01/21 to 27/02/2021	End of office
2	Natasha DeVoe	Secretary	27/02/2021 to 26/02/2022	Co-opted by Trustee (1 yr)
3	Keith Hibbert	Treasurer	01/01/2021 to 27/02/2021	End of Office
4	Michael Green	Treasurer	27/02/2021 to 26/02/2022	Co-opted by Trustee (1 yr)
5	Ron Birrell			By election at AGM
6	Anthony Lomax			By election at AGM
7	Paul Mantle		27/02/21 to 01/12/2021	resigned
8	Ian Molyneux			By election at AGM
9	Geoff Morris			By election at AGM
10	Mark Rendell	Apiary Manager		By election at AGM
	Rhys Watkins			By election at AGM

**Please note the Trustees Committee can Co-op Trustees for a 1-year term prior to an election at the next AGM.

Declarations:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:		
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Full name(s):	Christine Ann MacLeod	Michael Green
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Positions (eg secretary, chair, etc):	Chair of Trustees Board	Treasurer
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Date:	10 February 2022
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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

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Signed: *Naomi Povey*

Date: 11/02/2022

Name: Naomi Povey

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Jan-21

To

31-Dec-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscription 2020 inc BDI	-	-	-	-	2,304
Subscription 2021 inc BDI	4,251	-	-	4,251	3,158
Subscription 2022 inc BDI	2,772	-	-	2,772	-
Honey Show	-	-	-	-	82
Donations	1,056	-	-	1,056	813
Social event	-	-	-	-	370
Equipment sales	13,485	-	-	13,485	12,691
Gift shop sales	11,178	-	-	11,178	5,518
Teaching courses 2020	-	-	-	-	375
Teaching courses 2021	2,505	-	-	2,505	-
Teaching courses 2022	1,980	-	-	1,980	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,227	-	-	37,227	25,311
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,227	-	-	37,227	25,311
A3 Payments					
Equipment costs	14,584	-	-	14,584	12,385
Gift shop costs	353	-	-	353	4,128
Newsletter, Post, Stationery	350	-	-	350	67
Bee disease insurance premiums	919	-	-	919	834
Donations	93	-	-	93	550
Education	587	-	-	587	2,929
BBKA capitation fees	4,468	-	-	4,468	4,227
Garden	301	-	-	301	-
Social events/raffles	-	-	-	-	1,369
Teaching courses	1,440	-	-	1,440	6,625
Honey show	-	-	-	-	328
Paypal and Sumup fees	426	-	-	426	288
Travel expenses	-	-	-	-	29
Equip for Dower House	1,010	-	-	1,010	333
Equip for Apiary	7,478	-	-	7,478	6,571
Equip for extraction room	788	-	-	788	-
Dower House Insurance	769	-	-	769	735
examination of accounts	200	-	-	200	200
Sub total	33,766	-	-	33,766	41,598
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,766	-	-	33,766	41,598
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,461	-	-	3,461	- 16,287
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,797	-	-	34,797	50,942
Cash funds this year end	38,258	-	-	38,258	34,797

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Credit with Sumup	510	-	-
	Credit with Paypal	5,321		
	Bank	31,552	-	-
	Petty Cash	875	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,258	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

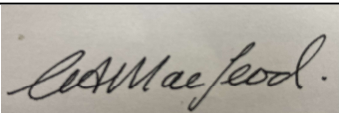
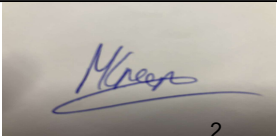
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Equipment - Closing Stock value	12,218	-	-
	Gift shop - Closing stock value	9,695	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Apiary equipment	Unrestricted	-	29,469
	Honey processing room	Unrestricted	-	8,695
	Education and display equipment	Unrestricted	-	11,120
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Christine Ann MacLeod	10/02/2022
	Michael Green	10/02/2022
		10/02/2022

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1159052

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/20 Period start date To 31/12/20 Period end date

Charity name: **Manchester and District Beekeepers Association**

Charity registration number: **1159052**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance and encourage the understanding of bees; beekeeping and the practice of good beekeeping for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our main activities for the public benefit are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• promote and exemplify good practice in the management of honeybee colonies• ensure that association members have access to appropriate and relevant information and training regarding honeybee health and safe beekeeping practices• offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers• provide a point of call for members of the public concerned or interested in bees, this includes the identification of bees, swarm collect and advice etc• deliver teaching and talks for schools, local social groups and organisations about bees and pollinators <p>Association Aims for 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and improve bee health within the association and the Teaching Apiary• Review and revise the training and education programmes• Develop online and remote learning/communication systems• Maintain and develop work with other park-based charities

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the safety of volunteers and association members in view of the changing guidance from Government.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on “public benefit” and have given due regard to it in their management of the association

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	NA
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	NA
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Pandemic which began in March 2020 gave our volunteers particular challenges. Honeybees are classed as livestock and caring for them remained essential despite the need for social isolating. A small team of volunteers continued to care and maintain bees and the Apiary throughout 2020, they made an exceptional contribution to the association. This included volunteers who manned the associations equipment store; cleaned and maintained hive equipment, inspected and treated colonies and others who undertook gardening work to ensure that the Apiary was a peaceful and welcoming place for the public to visit. There was also a significant contribution made by volunteers working online, including Trustees who continued planned meetings and work using zoom. Trustee received no remuneration or other benefits for their work and it is worth noting that the video/filming and the preparation of material for training was also given free of any cost to the association.</p>
Other		None

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential services have been maintained – the Teaching Apiary has an increased number of healthy bee colonies. The equipment store continued to provide members with essentials including food for bees and new equipment for expanding colonies. • The garden area around the Apiary has been maintained and the new trees planted in 2019 are thriving. • Whilst maintaining social distancing volunteers who worked in the teaching apiary have taken every opportunity to “talk bees” to members of the public who exercised in the park – as the pandemic deepened access to nature was seen as important to the wellbeing of many, it was a role that beekeepers understood and were more than willing to share. • A new novice training package has been developed with an online theory element to compliment practical learning which will recommence as soon as possible. A trial of the theory component was successfully undertaken in December 2020. • A video has been made detailing a “simple” colony inspection – this is aimed at new or less experienced beekeepers but it is also hoped to share it as part of talks to the general public • Targeted online training videos have been made aimed at practicing Beekeepers who need specific information about bee health normally given in a course each Autumn. • A WhatsApp group has been started aimed at providing a forum for beekeepers to share experience and advice.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online packages have been developed and delivered for social groups • Work with other local charities has continued either using online meetings or appropriate social distancing • The association has gained both Green Flag and Bees Needs awards this year and a short film was made for the Bees Needs award ceremony which can be tailored for multiple use including information about bees and their environment for the general public.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	NA
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	NA
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	NA
Other		<p>Future Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver Novice training, theory and practical spring/autumn in 2021 • Prepare and deliver training for “Improving Beekeepers” • Promote Healthy Bee policy and investigate the sale of association nucleus colonies and queens to members • Reopen the Dower House visitors centre with improved information and honey sales • Work with other organisations (Manchester University, Incredible Edibles, RHS Garden Bridgewater) to increase public awareness of bees and pollinators

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The impact of the pandemic on the associations financial situation is evident. There was a significant decrease in income from teaching and general sales including those of honey, which normally make up a significant element of our income. The Trustees had also made a commitment to replace and upgrade a work area for the maintenance team including the purchase of a new container. Overall, the 2020 accounts reflect a loss of £16,287.00 – much of which relates to the repayment and subsequent loss of Training fees during the year. However, the association remains financially secure with sufficient working capital to allow some planned expansion and essential work in the next financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The association has a policy of maintaining a working capital of £30,000.00. This allows us to plan for essential work in maintaining our livestock and the equipment required in the Apiary and Dower House. In addition, it ensures a comfortable contingency fund for any future emergencies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Honey sales and bee related products Training delivered to new beekeepers
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	NA

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	NA
Other		NA

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected by members as part of AGM. Board of Trustees elect Chair of Trustees Board of Trustees may elect individual Trustees for a 1-year term of office pending full election at next AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	NA
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	NA
Other		NA

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Manchester and District Beekeepers Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1159052
Charity's principal address	The Dower House, Heaton Park, Greater Manchester. M25 2SW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Crowe	Chair of Trustees	25/02/17-22/02/20	By election at AGM
2	Ron Birrell		22/02/20 ongoing	By election at AGM
3	Joy Jackson	Secretary		By election at AGM
4	Keith Hibbert	Treasurer		By election at AGM
5	Anthony Lomax		22/02/20 ongoing	By election at AGM
6	Christine MacLeod	Chair of Trustees	22/02/20 ongoing	By election at AGM
7	Paul Mantle			By election at AGM
8	Ian Molyneux		22/02/20 ongoing	By election at AGM
9	Geoff Morris			By election at AGM
10	Mark Rendell	Apiary Manager	22/02/20 ongoing	By election at AGM
11	Rhys Watkins			By election at AGM
12				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NA		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NA

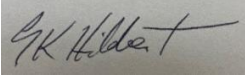
Other optional information

NA

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>CA MacLeod</i>	
Full name(s)	Christine Ann MacLeod	George Keith Hibbert
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	02/08/2021	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

MANCHESTER + DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2020 Charity no (if any) 1159052

Set out on pages

3 to 5.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2020.

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").

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

18/11/21

Name:

S.H GIBSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

A.C.A.

(if any):

Address:

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BOCTON BL3 4XS.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Manchester and District Beekeepers Association

Accounts for the period ending 31st December 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (GENERAL PURPOSE FUND)

	12 months 31/12/2020 £	12 months 31/12/2019 £
Receipts		
Voluntary Sources		
Subscription 2020 inc BDI	2,304.35	4,102.45
Subscription 2021 inc BDI	3,158.15	4,932.21
Honey Show	82.00	104.40
Donations	812.50	2,506.91
Social event	370.00	
Bees in the City	0.00	0.00
Total voluntary receipts	6,727.00	11,645.97
Operating activities		
Equipment receipts	12,691.15	21,467.65
Gift shop receipts	5,518.20	16,608.19
Total equipment / gift sales	18,209.35	38,075.84
Teaching courses 2020	375.00	6,185.00
Teaching course 2021	0.00	4,875.00
Total operating receipts	18,584.35	49,135.84
Total receipts	25,311.35	60,781.81
Payments		
Direct Charitable expenditure		
Direct costs		
Equipment costs	12,384.67	14,460.46
Gift shop costs	4,127.90	5,793.71
	16,512.57	20,254.17
Direct Charitable expenses		
Newsletter, Post, Stationary	67.12	191.73
Bee Disease Ins. Premium	834.50	822.30
Donations	550.00	50.00
Education	2,929.06	2,572.67
B.B.K.A. Capitation Fees	4,227.50	4,810.00
Bees in the City/Garden		981.61
Social Events/Raffles	1,369.09	1,831.78
Teaching courses cost	6,625.00	4,437.52
Honey Show	327.93	248.29
Paypal expenses	288.26	533.49
Travelling Expenses	28.70	47.00
Equip for Dower House	332.78	6,991.91
Equip for Apiary	6,571.36	3,801.08
Dower House Insurance	734.54	651.94
Total Other payments	24,885.84	27,971.32
Professional fees		
Examination of accounts	200.00	150.00
Total expenses	41,598.41	48,375.49
(Deficit) / Credit	(16,287.06)	12,406.32

Manchester and District Beekeepers Association

Accounts for the period ending 31st December 2020

	12 months 31/12/2020	12 months 31/12/2019
	£	£
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Reserves		
Opening Balance	72,425.47	60,019.15
Credit/(Deficit for year)	(16,287.06)	12,406.32
Closing Balance	56,138.41	72,425.47
Association assets		
Credit with Sumup	478.00	424.22
Credit with Paypal	4,631.21	7,661.55
Cash in Nat West Bank	29,601.56	42,769.10
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)	86.69	87.19
Total Bank & Cash	34,797.46	50,942.06
Equip. Closing Stock value	9,550.05	12,384.51
Gift closing stock value	11,790.90	9,098.90
Total Stock	21,340.95	21,483.41
Total Assets	56,138.41	72,425.47
	0.00	0.00
None Monetary Assets		
Apiary Equipment	22,055.00	19,018.00
Honey Processing Room	7,210.00	8,260.00
Education and Display Equipment	15,865.00	18,464.00
	45,130.00	45,742.00
Total Assets	101,268.41	118,167.47

The receipts and payments accounts and statement of the assets and liabilities for the period ending 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1,2, and 3, are as approved by the trustees of the a

Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

AK H. de laet
Trustee
Date 21/01/21

Charity Number 1159052

Manchester and District Beekeepers Association

Accounts for the period ending 31st December 2020

	12 months 31/12/2020	12 months 31/12/2019
Notes		
Bulk Equipment Account		
Equipment Sales	12,691.15	21,467.65
Equipment Opening Stock	12,384.51	9,993.26
Equipment Purchased	9,550.21	16,851.71
Equipment Closing Stock	(9,550.05)	(12,384.51)
	<u>12,384.67</u>	<u>14,460.46</u>
Equipment Nett Income	<u>306.48</u>	<u>7,007.19</u>
	2%	33%
Gift Shop Account		
Gift Sales	5,518.20	16,608.19
Gifts opening stock	9,098.90	6,728.20
Gifts purchased	6,819.90	8,164.41
Gift closing stock	(11,790.90)	(9,098.90)
	<u>4,127.90</u>	<u>5,793.71</u>
Gift shop Nett Income	<u>1,390.30</u>	<u>10,814.48</u>
	25%	65%
Total Nett Income	<u>1,696.78</u>	<u>17,821.67</u>
Gross profit %	9%	47%