

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.	
<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.</p>	<p>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>

	<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)	

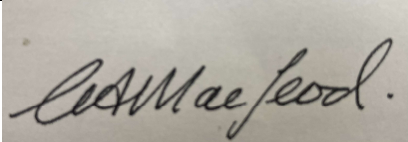
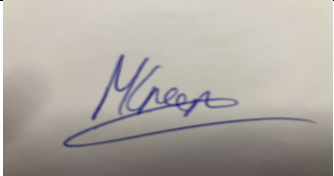
Additional information (optional)	
Charity name:	Manchester and District Beekeepers Association
Registered charity number:	1159052
Charities principal address:	The Dower House, Heaton Park, Manchester. M25

	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:		
Full name(s):	Christine Ann MacLeod	Michael Green
Positions (eg secretary, chair, etc:	Chair of Trustees Board	Treasurer
Date:	10 February 2022	



**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 2021

**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 **31/12/2021**.

**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:

11/02/2022

Name:

Naomi Povey

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

CPFA

Address:

5 Newland Way,

Nantwich

Cheshire CW5 7JH

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



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Jan-21

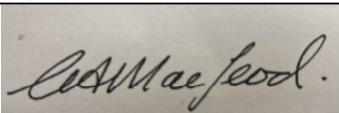
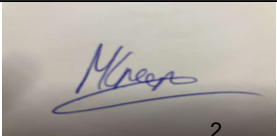
To

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
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Equipment - Closing Stock value	12,218	-	-
	Gift shop - Closing stock value	9,695	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Apiary equipment	Unrestricted	-	29,469
	Honey processing room	Unrestricted	-	8,695
	Education and display equipment	Unrestricted	-	11,120
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	