

## **Trustees' annual report:**

Period start date: **01/01/22**

Period end date: **31/12/22**

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

Charity Number: **1159052**

<b>Objectives and Activities.</b>	
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"><li>• promote and exemplify good practice in the management of honeybee colonies</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers including the placement of apiaries and the issue of over foraging a given area</li><li>• 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</li><li>• 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</li></ul> <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"><li>• Maintain and improve bee health within the association and the Teaching Apiary. Particularly improve the general understanding of the treatment of Nosema ceranae within colonies of honeybees</li><li>• Maintain &amp; extend the training and education programmes to include Queen Rearing and more advanced hive management and swarm control systems</li><li>• Maintain online and remote learning/communication systems and reintroduce face to face training as appropriate</li><li>• Increase awareness in the general public about honeybee and native bee needs and how various populations can be supported by humans</li><li>• 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</li><li>• Ensure the safety of volunteers and association members in view of the changing guidance from Government.</li></ul>
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

<b>Additional information (optional)</b>	
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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<b>Achievements and Performance:</b>	
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"> <li>• All Trustees are familiar with their role and the committee is working well as a group and the associations constitution has been reviewed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Improvers training is in place which focuses on beekeepers in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent years of beekeeping. This year it focused on colony manipulations which support bee health and swarm management.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The regular quarterly association newsletter has been maintained and continues to give news, advise and interesting information.</li> <li>• The WhatsApp provision continues and is a good support for beekeepers in their first or second years of beekeeping.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The associations web site has been reviewed and substantially altered to encourage more awareness of both Honeybees and native pollinators.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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Additional information (optional)	
	<p>Future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disseminate the Pollinator talk over a wider audience including all park workers and partner charities</li> <li>• Encourage more beekeepers to undertake BBKA examinations, specifically the Basic Beekeeping certificate</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• Extend the WhatsApp group to include a provision aimed at new or first year beekeepers</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• To explore collaborative work with other charities that work for Pollinators (Bug Life, Bumble Bee Conservation Trust etc.)</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jan-22

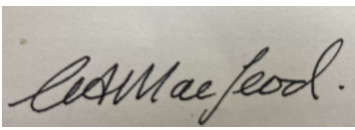
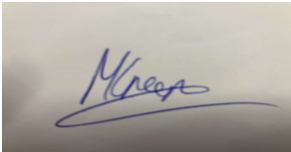
To

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>54,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,820</b>	<b>37,227</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,820</b>	<b>37,227</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,449</b>	<b>33,766</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,449</b>	<b>33,766</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>3,461</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>38,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,259</b>	<b>34,797</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>53,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,630</b>	<b>38,258</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Credit with Sumup	457	-	-
	Credit with Paypal	1,938		
	Bank	50,254	-	-
	Petty Cash	981	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>53,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Equipment - Closing Stock value	12,300	-	-
	Gift shop - Closing stock value	7,143	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Apiary equipment	Unrestricted	-	25,894
	Honey processing room	Unrestricted	-	7,960
	Education and display equipment	Unrestricted	-	9,825
		-	-	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	
		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):**

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