

Trustees' annual report:

Period start date: **01/01/23**

Period end date: **31/12/23**

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 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" session on beekeeping for the public• staff visitors centre based in Heaton Park, opened once each week 48 weeks of the year, offering information on honeybees and native pollinators• 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 general 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">• 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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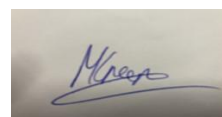
Additional information (optional)

	<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
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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

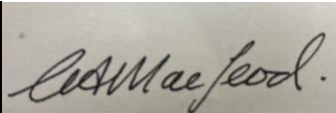

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-23	To	Period end date 31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
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	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)

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 / 2023**.

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:

Date:

19/02/2024

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