

# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1163520

## Details

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**Other names** LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS, LRBKA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-09-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PRESERVE THE HONEYBEE BY PROMOTING THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC OF THE BENEFIT OF BEES IN THE ENVIRONMENT. THE CHARITY WILL GENERALLY OPERATE IN, AND DRAW ITS MEMBERSHIP FROM THE COUNTIES OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND ALTHOUGH MEMBERSHIP FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION IS ALLOWED.

**Activities:** Preservation of the Honey Bee by promoting the craft of beekeeping, educating and training beekeepers, improving bee husbandry. Educating the public about the benefits of bees in the environment by providing speakers, taster sessions and hands on bee experiences using our bee demonstration tent where children can handle bees and see inside a real live bee hive.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Leicestershire
- Rutland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£33,512	£118,025	-	-
2024-12-31	£31,641	£24,496	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,590	£14,843	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,256	£37,997	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,772	£14,638	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,834	£12,507	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christopher Heath</b>	Chair	2023-01-26
Craig Lee Turner		2021-04-06
Deanne Michelle Mitton		2026-04-14
Duncan Bellamy		2024-04-09
JAMIE MATTHEW ANDERSON		2018-04-05
MICHAEL PETTY		2017-04-04
Nigel Andrew Collier		2020-05-11
PAUL BRIAN OWEN CROOKES		2019-04-02
Paul Farmery		2025-04-01
Sarah-Jane Manning		2026-04-14
Simon Castleman		2024-04-09

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Annual report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## Overview

The Leicestershire & Rutland Beekeepers Association was founded in 1882 and was registered as an unincorporated charity (number 510687) on 11 November 1980.

On 1 January 2016, the activities of the charity were transferred to the incorporated charity (number 1163520), which was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 September 2015.

The charity revised its constitution at the 2022 AGM to take greater account of the use of electronic communications.

The registered address of the charity is:

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## Objectives

The objectives of the Association are:

1. Preserve the honeybee by promoting the craft of beekeeping
2. Provide education and training for members, improving bee husbandry
3. Educating the public about the benefits of bees in the environment by providing speakers, taster sessions and live bee experiences using our observation hive

All activities are undertaken in furtherance of these objectives and for the public benefit.

## Governance and Management

The charity is managed by its trustees, who are elected by the membership attending the AGM.  
(in accordance with the constitution)

Notice of the AGM, held on 1 April 2025, was sent to all members and the meeting was conducted online.

The trustees during the year were:

Jay Anderson, Caroline Beardsmore, Craig Turner, Paul Crookes, Mike Petty, Nigel Collier, Christopher Heath, Emma Musson, Andy Stuart, Simon Castleman, Duncan Bellamy and Paul Farmery.

Trustees receive ongoing support through meetings, reports, and access to relevant guidance to ensure effective governance.

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## Membership and Activities

LRBKA had 401 members at 31 December 2025, of whom 94% were full members.

The year was one of considerable activity for LRBKA. Our programme of training for beginners followed the usual pattern of a Theory Course in spring and Practical Courses over the summer months. This year, for the first time, we recorded the five evenings of presentations that form the main part of the Theory Course, and these were made available to course participants up to the 'Meet the Bees' event that concludes the course. The stimulus to do this came from a Muslim member who found it difficult to join the zoom sessions in real time because they coincided with Iftar (the nightly breaking of the fast during Ramadan). The ability to revisit the recorded sessions proved popular because it meant that no participant missed out on any of the presentations.

The practical courses ran in three venues (Walton, Brooksby, and Markfield). As always, there was some drop-off in attendance as the courses progressed from early May to mid-July, but generally they were well-received, and few sessions were spoiled by poor weather.

Courses for Improvers ran in parallel with the beginners practical classes running at the Brooksby Apiary, nearly all of the participants had taken the beginner course over the previous 2 years.

Monthly member meetings continued to be held online, with the exception of the Christmas meeting. A similar in-person event was held during the summer, and a bring-and-buy event was also held at the Brooksby Apiary in the spring.

The year saw the long-awaited erection of the building at Walton. The final decision was to have a wooden building, the parts of which were made in Essex and delivered on site in spring. The ground works and erection of the building was done by a firm of local builders, and the building completed in autumn. LRBKA is grateful to our volunteer project manager for seeing the project through.

Once the building has been furnished for use, it will transform the opportunities for training and education, and means that there will be another venue where members will be able to buy consumables and hire an extractor from.

The Brooksby Apiary lease was successfully negotiated for a further 25 years.

A new generator was installed following reduced output from the previous unit, and future works are planned to renew the existing buildings, which are now dated.

The Markfield Apiary had a fence kindly installed by the landowner. As part of routine maintenance and asset protection, the shed is planned to receive a wood preservation treatment to improve durability, prevent weather-related deterioration, and extend its useful life.

During the year the Association took part in nine local events, showcasing an observation hive with live bees at five events, together with the new information display boards, beekeeping equipment, candle rolling activities, and local beekeepers to engage and educate the public about beekeeping. Over the nine events over 30 of the Association members volunteered to enable all this to happen and found the experience very rewarding.

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## Financial Review and Reserves

The year ended with a deficit of £84,513, as payments exceeded receipts due to major planned expenditure on the new Clubhouse building at the Walton Apiary.

Reserves at year-end stood at £76,628. These reserves are held in accordance with the Association's reserves policy and are intended to support future development and maintenance work, particularly at the Brooksby Apiary.

The trustees consider the current level of reserves to be appropriate for the charity's ongoing needs and plans.

## Conclusion and Acknowledgements

LRBKA is completely run by volunteers, several of whom roll their sleeves up to help at our apiaries. Activities include working parties to maintain the grounds, individuals who help provide access for deliveries, those who clean up equipment, help at social events, and enrich the Association in many ways. The Trustees would like to record their thanks to everyone who helps in any way, without which the work of the Association would not be possible.

The social groups have continued to be important occasions for members to get together to share information, cry on each other's shoulders, offer practical help when needed, and welcome new members. Social groups are informal (they are not mentioned in the Constitution) but are firmly established in the life of the Association. Strong local groups are helpful in providing volunteers to help at local shows where LRBKA are attending, to educate and inform the public about bees and beekeeping.

The trustees further acknowledge and thank all donors and fundraisers whose financial contributions have helped to sustain and develop the Association's activities.

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The above statement complies with the S 162 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts & Report Regulations 2008



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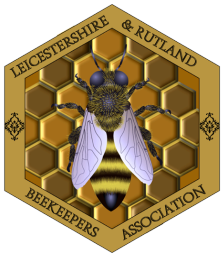
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Capital Items	91,776	8,075	7
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Venue Hire	-	-	
Payment Platform Fees	552	470	
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Membership Insurance Cover	1,892	1,773	
Speaker Fees	315	395	
Incidental Operating Costs (incl. Prizes, Memorials)	11	3,985	10
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>110,652</b>	<b>24,038</b>	
<b>Overheads</b>			
Web Hosting and Computer Software	325	325	
Computer Hardware (non capital)	-	-	
Internet and Telephone	10	-	
Licences and Permits	219	-	
Advertising and Promotion	1,987	-	11
Postage and Stationary	30	74	
Subscriptions	91	59	
Bank/Finance Charges	-	-	
Legal and Professional Fees	4,320	-	12
Association General Insurances	391	-	13
Sundry Overhead	-	-	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>118,025</b>	<b>24,496</b>	
<b>Statement of Movement in Funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<i>Notes</i>
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Natwest Bank - Business Reserve		10,005	40,203	
Market Harborough Building Society		32,341	80,500	
Loughborough Building Society		31,189	30,350	
Paypal		1,058	3,164	
Cash in Hand		-	-	
Cash in Transit (PayPal to Natwest)		-	-	
<b>Total Liquid Funds</b>		<b>76,628</b>	<b>161,141</b>	
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OTHER ASSETS / LIABILITIES		2025	2024	Notes
Other Current Assets				14
Stock	Jars and Lids	2,279	4,832	
	Frames	2,426	1,396	
	Foundation	1,646	747	
	Other	0	0	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>6,351</b>	<b>6,975</b>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors due within one year		<b>2,132</b>	-	15



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## Summary Schedule of non-current assets retained for the charities use

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	Passmore Building at Walton Apiary	
	Removable Apiary Buildings	
<b>Fixtures and Fittings</b>	(Various)	
<b>IT Equipment</b>	PA System	
<b>Beekeeping Equipment</b>	Hives and Hive Parts	
	Extractors x5	
	Sundry	
<b>Apiary Tools / Machinery</b>	Mowers (Sit-On x1 / Scythe x1)	
	Power Tools	
	Generators	
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<b>Education / Public Engagement</b>	Bee Tent Trailer	
	Gazebos x 2	
	Bee Suits (22 xAdult / 12 xChild)	
	Professional Grade Microscopes x2	
	Sundry	
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5. There is no gift aid claim in this year as it was rejected by HMRC due to details not matching because of the changeover in Treasurers, this has since been corrected and resubmitted. So all outstanding gift aid will be claimed and appear in the 2026 accounts.
6. The increase in apiary running costs was due to new hive roofs and super boxes being purchased for the Walton Apiary, also hedgecutting and mowing/flailing was carried out at the end of 2024 and was not invoiced until January (for two years growth). At the Brooksby Apiary a skip was hired for a clear up, and Electrical Testing was also carried out.
7. Capital Expenditure for 2025 consisted of:

Description	Cost
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Scope of Works - Bowden Consulting	1,110
Passmores Pre-fabricated Building	18,804
Building Control Fees - Blaby District Council	632
A.G.Tilley - Assembly of the building, and various site preparation works, including foundations.	70,031
<i>Subtotal (Walton Building Project)</i>	
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<i>Plus:</i>	
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As required by The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, we report:

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At current levels of turnover, an independent examination of the accounts is required (under sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011); the LRBKA Constitution also requires this.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or honorarium.

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Duncan Bellamy - Treasurer and Trustee

On behalf of the board of Leicestershire and Rutland Beekeepers Association Trustees:- 10/02/26



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## Report of the Independent Examiners

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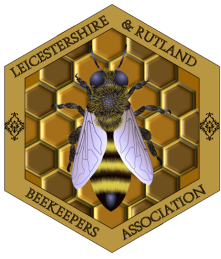
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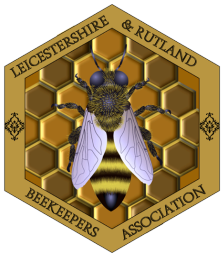
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ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
TO December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

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The trustees (Jay Anderson, Caroline Beardsmore, Craig Turner, Paul Crookes, Mike Petty, John Randall, Nigel Collier, Christopher Heath, Emma Musson, Andy Stuart, Simon Castleman and Duncan Bellamy) continued to manage the charity

The Association had 376 members at 31/12/2024. Full members constitute 94% of the membership.

Our beekeeping theory course was able to continue using the internet. Practical training was carried out at Brooksby; Walton and Markfield, in addition to taster day events. Monthly meetings continued to be run online, with the exception of the Christmas meeting.

At our Walton Apiary work has continued to improve the site including specifying and putting in hand the provision of a Clubhouse.

The Association attended 7 local events with their observation hive containing live bees together with other beekeeping equipment to educate the public in the craft of beekeeping.

Financially we were able to end the year with an excess of income over expenditure of £7589. Our reserves stand at £161,144. The reserves donated for the construction of a building at the Walton Apiary have been wound down to £0 The charity has a reserves policy.

Thanks must go, once again, to all those who have donated their time and/ or money to help the charity, without whom we would be unable to operate

The above statement complies with the S 162 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts & Report Regulations 2008



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<i>Notes</i>
Membership Fees	11,163	10,188	1
Training Course Fees	2,940	2,890	
Sale of Beekeeping Equipment	10,023	10,520	
Swarm Collector Fees	240	160	
Sale of Honey / Wax	-	-	
Sale of Sundry Items	155	-	2
Equipment Hire Fees	169	80	
Event Registration Fees	455	1,150	3
Sundry Event Income (Teas, Raffles etc.)	177	164	
Donations Received	661	420	4
Gift Aid Rebate	2,197	3,146	5
Bank Interest Received	3,461	1,812	6
Other Income	-	60	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>31,641</b>	<b>30,590</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Purchase of Equipment for Resale	7,648	7,360	
Apiary Running Costs	950	2,044	7
Capital Items	8,075	1,893	8
Bee Tent Running Costs	430	-	9
Event-specific Costs	72	59	
Venue Hire	-	114	
Payment Platform Fees	470	451	
Swarm Collection Platform Fees	240	144	
Membership Insurance Cover	1,773	1,740	
Speaker Fees	395	220	
Incidental Operating Costs (Memorials, Prizes etc.)	3,985	273	10
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>24,038</b>	<b>14,298</b>	
<b>Overheads</b>			
Web Hosting and Computer Software	325	149	11
Computer Hardware (non capital)	-	-	
Internet and Telephone	-	-	
Postage and Stationery	74	46	
Subscriptions	59	-	
Bank/Finance Charges	-	45	
Sundry overheads	-	305	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>14,843</b>	
<b>Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>7,145</b>	<b>15,747</b>	
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>153,996</b>	<b>138,249</b>	
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>161,141</b>	<b>153,996</b>	



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH	2024	2023	Notes
Natwest Bank - Current Account	6,924	12,837	
Natwest Bank - Business Reserve	40,203	-	12
Market Harborough Building Society	80,500	120,500	13
Loughborough Building Society	30,350	20,000	
PayPal	3,164	659	
Cash in Hand	-	-	
Cash in Transit (PayPal to Natwest)	-	-	
<b>Total Liquid Funds</b>	<b>161,141</b>	<b>153,996</b>	
<i>* of which restricted:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7,038</i>	<i>14</i>
OTHER ASSETS / LIABILITIES	2024	2023	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Stock			
Jars and Lids	4,832	5,414	
Frames	1,396	2,190	
Foundation	747	385	
Other	0	0	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>6,975</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors due within one year	-	(179)	-
<b>Summary schedule of Non-Current Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			<b>16</b>
<b>Land and Buildings</b>			
		Land at Kilworth Rd, Walton	
		Removable apiary buildings	
<b>Fixtures and Fittings</b>		(Various)	
<b>IT Equipment</b>		PA System	
<b>Beekeeping Equipment</b>		Hives and Hive Parts	
		Extractors	
		Sundry	
<b>Apiary Tools / Machinery</b>		Mowers (sit-on x1 / scythe x1)	
		Power Tools	
		Generators	
		Sundry	
<b>Educational / Public Engagement Assets</b>		Bee Tent Trailer	
		Tents / Gazebos	
		Bee Suits	
		Professional-grade microscopes (x2)	
		Sundry	
<b>Regalia</b>		Chains of Office	
		Cups and Trophies	



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### Notes to the Accounts (subject to inspection):

1. The Association had 376 members at 31/12/24 - (vs. 385 prior year). Full members constitute 94% of the membership (vs. 91%), 35% of whom are female (vs. 33%). The increase in revenue is accounted for by timing differences arising from late payments of 2023 Membership Fees - settled in early 2024, and the timely settlement of 2025 fees. Membership revenues for the Membership Year 2024 were £10,946, with receipts spanning both FY23 and FY24.
2. Sales of Sundry Items arose from second-hand equipment sales at Brooksby, and the introduction of candle rolling at bee tent events.
3. Event registrations arose from a successful Taster Day event, which was attended by 16 members of the public in early August. (Note that 2023 figures were boosted by a Nosema Day event).
4. Donations increased principally due to a generous £300 donation from Gates Garden Centre, in lieu of support kindly provided to them by Mike Petty.
5. Gift Aid receipts are markedly lower than in 2023, due to timing differences still working their way through the accounts from the changes to the timing of membership renewals (in 2022, inflating the 2023 claim).
6. The Association continues to make efforts to ensure adequate interest is earned on all its deposits. This included the opening of a new Business Reserve account during 2024. Additionally, the interest rate landscape was comparatively favourable.
7. Apiary Running Costs fell back to more normal levels in 2024, following expenditure incurred in 2023 to continue the kit-out of the Walton apiary.
8. Capital Expenditure in FY24 comprised the following items.

	FY24 Additions (£)
<b>Walton Building Project related</b>	
Planning and related fees	280
Design / engineering consultancy	810
Prefabricated Building - Initial Deposit	6,300
<b>Subtotal (Building Project)</b>	<b>7,390</b>
<i>Plus:</i>	
Walton Apiary infrastructure (pathways / hive stands)	580
Sundry Equipment	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,075</b>

Capital Expenditure is expected to continue to increase in FY25 as a result of the development of the Walton site, which is now fully underway, and which involves the erection of a substantial timber clubhouse (currently in manufacture), and related groundworks. Furthermore, the Association expects to sign a long-term lease of the Brooksby site in early 2024, with the security of tenure expected to serve as a platform for future investment.



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Asset disposals extended only to the scrapping of a projector, for which no proceeds were realised.

9. Bee Tent Running Costs comprised the purchase of new polo shirts for event volunteers.
10. Incidental Operating Costs include £3,600 transferred to the client account of the solicitors acting on behalf of the arrangement of the Brooksby lease.
11. Web Hosting and Computer Software costs increased due to the purchase of an Association subscription for Zoom
12. A Natwest Business Reserve Account was opened in 2024. Sitting alongside the current account, this is instant-access and interest bearing.
13. Deposits at MHBS were reduced below the £85,000 threshold implied by the FSCS deposit guarantee, as a risk mitigation measure.
14. Restricted Funds are those ringfenced specifically for the construction of a new building at the Walton apiary. The Charity has a reserves policy. Restricted Funds movements are as follows:

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>7,038</b>	
Interest Earned	180	(prorated)
Walton Building Project CapEx released from Restricted Funds	(7,218)	See note 8 above
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	
<i>Walton Building Project CapEx released from Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>(172)</i>	<i>See note 8 above</i>

15. Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, in line with UK GAAP. 'Other' stock (comprising branded merchandise, and small amounts of honey and sundry beekeeping kit) is recorded at zero value, as a result of its low materiality and questionable saleability.
16. In line with what is permitted by the Charity Commission (per notice CC16b), and with accepted conventions for accounts produced on a receipts and payments basis, the Association no longer publishes either a valuation of its fixed assets nor - as a consequence - a full balance sheet. This approach is endorsed by the independent examiners, and is reflective of the subjective nature of any related valuations. Asset registers are, and will continue to be available for review by members on request.



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with Charity Commission guidelines (publication CC16b). They are in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

As required by The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, we report:

a) particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.	None apply
b) particulars of any debt outstanding at the date the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.	None apply

At current levels of turnover, an independent examination of the accounts is required (under sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011); the LRBKA Constitution also requires this.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or honorarium.

Craig Turner ACMA - Treasurer and Trustee

On behalf of the LRBKA Board of Trustees, 15/03/2025

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

We report to the Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the Leicestershire and Rutland Beekeepers Association (the Association) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Association accounts set out on pages 1 to 4. We have completed our examination.

We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

We 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.

Stephen Boyd, 31/03/2025

Alison Hercocock, 31/03/2025

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163520

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## **Annual Report for 2023**

### **LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st NOVEMBER 2023**

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Take-up of training courses was strong. 40 members attended the Theory training, with 26 going on to participate in the practical courses. 15 members joined the improvers sessions at Brooksby. One taster day was run in 2023 with 14 attendees. In addition to these regular training activities an additional event; open to the public to attend; was run by Nigel Collier on the specific subject of Nosema disease with 19 attendees.

We again attended county shows with our revised bee tent experience, a reflection of the times and dwindling volunteer numbers, yet still managing to interact with the public.

To ensure that the historical written records of the Association were better protected and capable of being accessed by members and the general public, where appropriate, the Trustees arranged for all paper based minutes and annual reports, starting with the first recorded meeting of the Association in 1882 to be electronically scanned. The files of the scanned documents were uploaded to the LRBKA Sharepoint system with the original paper documents placed in storage in waterproof and fireproof boxes.

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## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<i>Notes</i>
Membership Fees	10,188	13,494	1
Training Course Fees	2,890	3,340	
Sale of Beekeeping Equipment	10,520	9,536	
Swarm Collector Fees	160	-	
Sale of Honey / Wax	-	125	
Sale of Sundry Items	-	728	2
Equipment Hire Fees	80	120	
Event Registration Fees	1,150	540	3
Sundry Event Income (Teas, Raffles etc.)	164	404	
Donations Received	420	1,128	2
Commissions Received	-	223	4
Gift Aid Rebate	3,146	2,708	
Bank Interest Received	1,812	608	
Other Income	60	302	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>30,590</b>	<b>33,256</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Purchase of Equipment for Resale	7,360	11,682	5
Apiary Running Costs	2,044	3,268	6
Capital Items	1,893	20,244	7
Event-specific Costs	59	154	
Venue Hire	114	107	
Payment Platform Fees	451	497	
Swarm Collection Platform Fees	144	-	
Membership Insurance Cover	1,740	1,507	
Speaker Fees	220	490	8
Incidental Operating Costs (Memorials, Prizes etc.)	273	48	9
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,298</b>	<b>37,997</b>	
<b>Overheads</b>			
Web Hosting and Computer Software	149	167	
Computer Hardware (non capital)	-	60	
Internet and Telephone	-	55	
Postage and Stationery	46	117	
Bank/Finance Charges	45	81	
Association General Insurances	-	540	10
Sundry overheads	305	88	11
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>14,843</b>	<b>39,105</b>	
<b>Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>-5,849</b>	
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>138,249</b>	<b>144,098</b>	
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>153,996</b>	<b>138,249</b>	



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

<b>BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<i>Notes</i>
Natwest Bank - Current Account		12,837	9,759	
Charities Aid Foundation - Current Account		-	5,964	12
Market Harborough Building Society *		120,500	120,500	
Loughborough Building Society		20,000	-	13
PayPal		659	88	
Cash in Hand		-	158	
Cash in Transit (PayPal to Natwest)		-	1,780	
<b>Total Liquid Funds</b>		<b>153,996</b>	<b>138,249</b>	
<i>* of which restricted:</i>		<i>7,038</i>	<i>7,582</i>	<i>14</i>
<b>OTHER ASSETS / LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
Stock	Jars and Lids	5,414	5,750	
	Frames	2,190	1,000	
	Foundation	385	200	
	Other	0	375	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>7,989</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors due within one year		(179)	(268)	16
<b>Summary schedule of Non-Current Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				<b>17</b>
<b>Land and Buildings</b>	Land at Kilworth Rd, Walton			
	Removable apiary buildings			
<b>Fixtures and Fittings</b>	(Various)			
<b>IT Equipment</b>	PA System			
	Projector			
<b>Beekeeping Equipment</b>	Hives and Hive Parts			
	Extractors			
	Sundry			
<b>Apiary Tools / Machinery</b>	Mowers (sit-on x1 / scythe x1)			
	Power Tools			
	Generators			
	Sundry			
<b>Educational / Public Engagement Assets</b>	Bee Tent Trailer			
	Tents / Gazebos			
	Bee Suits			
	Professional-grade microscopes (x2)			
	Sundry			
<b>Regalia</b>	Chairs of Office			
	Cups and Trophies			



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Association had 385 members at 31/12/23 - (vs. 396 prior year). Full members constitute 91% of the membership (vs. 90%), 33% of whom are female (vs. 35%). The drop in revenue is mainly driven by timing differences arising from the numbers of members making timely renewals for the following membership year (252 in FY22, dropping to 220 in FY23). Membership revenues for the Membership Year 2023 were £11,031, with receipts spanning both FY22 and FY23.
2. Drops in Sundry Income and Sundry Event Income are due to exceptional sales in FY22 (Brooksby auction and library book sales) not repeated in FY23.
3. Event registrations were boosted by a successful Nosema Day in April, hosting 19 fee-paying delegates, including 7 beekeepers from neighbouring associations.
4. The cessation of the original "Simon the Beekeeper" operation has led to the Association no longer earning commissions on related sales to members. An alternative discount scheme with Bee Equipment has since been put in place.
5. The Association experienced ongoing significant demand for jars, frames and foundation (reflected in the sales (up 10%)). The material fall in stock replenishment outgoings is attributable to high stocks (notably of jars) going into 2023.
6. The fall in Apiary Running Costs is attributable to higher than normal spend during FY22 as the Walton apiary underwent an initial 'ramp-up'. This has now levelled-off.
7. Capital Expenditure in FY23 comprised only the following items. This is expected to increase significantly in FY24 as a result of the planned development of the Walton site.

	FY23 Additions (£)
Ongoing enabling works - Walton	648
New Hive Parts - Walton	600
Varro Eddy - for internal use / member hire	360
Gazebo for reconfigured Bee Tent	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,893</b>

8. Speaker Fees fell in FY23 as a result of several speakers appearing gratis.
9. Incidental Operating Costs include the purchase of a Copyright Licence, which the Association intends to maintain annually, as a risk mitigation - especially in relation to the reuse of published materials for educational purposes and similar membership engagements.
10. Association General Insurances fell to zero, as a result of Trustees Liability Insurance now being incorporated into the Combined Commercial policy which now covers all member and officer risks, and which represents better value-for-money.
11. Sundry Overheads include one-off spend in relation to the physical archiving of LRBKA's historical documents, and valuation fees in relation to the LRBKA regalia.



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12. The Charities Aid Foundation current account was closed in FY23. This was a non-interest-bearing account, which incurred a monthly account fee.
13. A savings account (60-Day Notice) was opened with the Loughborough BS. This has market-leading interest rates, and will serve to better protect the Association from inflation. It will allow funds to be spread in FY24 - specifically from the Market Harborough BS account - to ensure all the Association's deposits are covered by the FSCS guarantee.
14. Restricted Funds are those ringfenced specifically for the construction of a new building at the Walton apiary. The Charity has a reserves policy. Restricted Funds movements are as follows:

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>7,582</b>	
Capital Expenditure	(648)	Access and groundworks
Interest Earned	104	(prorated)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>7,038</b>	

15. Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, in line with UK GAAP. 'Other' stock (comprising branded merchandise, and small amounts of honey and sundry beekeeping kit) is recorded at zero value, as a result of its low materiality (£375 at 31/12/22) and questionable saleability.
16. Creditors comprise refunds due to members (£60) and expenses due to apiary managers in relation to routine expenditure on consumables (£119)
17. In a departure from previous practice, and both in line with what is permitted by the Charity Commission (per notice CC16b), and with accepted conventions for accounts produced on a receipts and payments basis, the Association will no longer be publishing either a valuation of its fixed assets nor - as a consequence - a full balance sheet. This change has been undertaken with the full support of the independent examiners, and is a decision taken as a consequence of the subjective nature of any related valuations. During 2024, it is the intention to rewrite existing policies and procedures in relation to the recording of non-current assets, and to implement a new asset register. This will include all assets above a nominated value threshold (and valued on 'relevant, reliable and understandable' bases), irrespective of whether these were purchased by the Association, or donated. Asset registers are, and will continue to be available for review by members on request.



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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At current levels of turnover, an independent examination of the accounts is required (under sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011); the LRBKA Constitution also requires this.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or honorarium.

Craig Turner ACMA - Treasurer and Trustee

On behalf of the LRBKA Board of Trustees, 22/03/2024

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

We report to the Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the Leicestershire and Rutland Beekeepers Association (the Association) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Stephen Boyd, 22/03/2024

Alison Hercoc, 22/03/2024

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163520

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# Annual Report for 2022

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Our object is to preserve the honeybee, by promoting the craft of beekeeping and educating the public about the benefit of bees in the environment

The Association had 396 members at 31/12/22 - identical to the prior year.

Full members continue to constitute 90% of the membership, 35% of whom are female. Revenue growth is mainly driven by the increase in the Full Membership fee introduced for 2023 renewals.

During 2022 we have invested in improving basic facilities at the Walton apiary site, standardising a training curriculum and establishing a better understanding of what our members expect from the association.

Take-up of training courses was strong. 46 members attended the Theory training, with 35 going on to participate in the practical courses, including 10 at Walton, where training recommenced in 2022. 14 members joined the improvers sessions at Brooksby. In contrast with the prior year, only one taster day was run in 2022.

A 140th anniversary celebration day, incorporating an inaugural LRBKA equipment auction was held at Brooksby in August, which raised over £750 in total. Over £200 was also raised from the sale of old library books, which were offered to the membership..

Good savings have been made in the sourcing of general insurances for the Association. The intention is to further consolidate policies in 2023.:

We attended county shows with our revised bee tent experience, a reflection of the times and dwindling volunteer numbers, yet still managing to interact with the public.

Thanks must go, once again, to all those who have donated their time and/ or money to help the charity, without whom we would be unable to operate

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# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	Notes
Membership Fees	13,494	12,260	1
Training Course Fees	3,340	2,282	2
Sale of Beekeeping Equipment	9,536	4,641	3
Sale of Honey / Wax	125	286	
Sale of Bees	-	-	
Sale of Sundry Items	728	-	4
Equipment Hire Fees	120	126	
Event Registration Fees	540	907	2
Sundry Event Income (Teas, Raffles etc.)	404	98	4
Donations Received	1,128	(253)	5
Commissions Received	223	92	6
Gift Aid Rebate	2,708	2,070	
Bank Interest Received	608	1,229	7
Other Income	302	34	8
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>33,256</b>	<b>23,772</b>	
PAYMENTS			
Direct Costs			
Purchase of Equipment for Resale	11,682	7,942	3
Apiary Running Costs	3,268	663	9
Capital Items	20,244	1,534	
Event-specific Costs	154	-	
Venue Hire	107	53	
Payment Platform Fees	497	254	10
Membership Insurance Cover	1,507	1,705	
Speaker Fees	490	400	
Incidental Operating Costs (Memorials, Prizes etc.)	48	-	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37,997</b>	<b>12,551</b>	
Overheads			
Web Hosting and Computer Software	167	243	
Computer Hardware (non capital)	60	179	
Internet and Telephone	55	-	
Postage and Stationery	117	410	
Bank/Finance Charges	81	96	
Association General Insurances	540	1,159	11
Sundry overheads	88	-	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>39,105</b>	<b>14,638</b>	
<b>Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-5,849</b>	<b>9,134</b>	
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>144,098</b>	<b>134,964</b>	
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>138,249</b>	<b>144,098</b>	



# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

<b>BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH</b>		<i>Notes</i>
Natwest Bank - Current Account	9,759	
Charities Aid Foundation - Current Account	5,964	
Market Harborough Building Society	120,500	
PayPal	88	
Cash in Hand	158	
Cash in Transit (PayPal to Natwest)	1,780	
<b>Total Liquid Funds</b>	<b>138,249</b>	
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		12
Land and Buildings	32,032	
Assets Under Construction	10,173	
Fixtures and Fittings	2,000	
IT Equipment	500	
Beekeeping Equipment	17,629	
Apiary Tools / Machinery	13,216	
Bee Tent	7,150	
Other Educational / Public Engagement Assets	7,334	
Regalia	-	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>90,034</b>	
<b>Current Assets (Stock)</b>		13
Jars and Lids	5,750	
Frames	1,000	
Foundation	200	
Feed	0	
Honey	125	
Beekeeping Sundries	100	
Branded Merchandise	150	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>7,325</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>235,608</b>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors due within one year		(268) 14
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>235,340</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
General Funds		227,758
Restricted Funds		7,582 15
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>235,340</b>



# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Association had 396 members at 31/12/22 - identical to the prior year. Full members continue to constitute 90% of the membership, 35% of whom are female. Revenue growth is mainly driven by the increase in the full membership fee introduced for 2023 renewals.
2. Take-up of training courses was strong. 46 members attended the theory training, with 35 going on to participate in the practical courses, including 10 at Walton, where training recommenced in 2022. 14 members joined the improvers sessions at Brooksby. In contrast with the prior year, only one taster day was run.
3. The Association experienced significant demand for jars, frames and foundation (which is reflected in both the sales and the related expenditure on stock replenishment).
4. A 140th anniversary celebration day, incorporating an inaugural LRBKA equipment auction was held at Brooksby in August, and which raised over £750 in total. Over £200 was also raised from the sale of old library books, which were offered to the membership.
5. On a like for like basis, donations to the association increased materially in 2022. This included over £350 raised in the memory of our former member, Chris Davidson, who sadly died this year. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Helen and the family.
6. The membership appeared to make greatly increased use of the Simon the Beekeeper discount scheme during 2022, giving rise to related commissions. Unfortunately, Simon's decision to cease trading brings this arrangement to an end. However a new, replacement discount scheme with Bee Equipment has been made available to members for 2023.
7. Bank interest suffered as a result of rate reductions from 2021 onwards, applying to building society deposits.
8. At 31/12/22, the Association was in receipt of a number of unsolicited payments and duplicated membership payments. £120 was due for refund to members.
9. Underlying apiary running costs did increase across the board; However, the large year-on-year increase in cash outgoings was driven mainly by: a) the ramp-up of the Walton apiary (~£1.5k), b) the payment of 2021 Brooksby toilet hire in FY22, and c) some costs arising from kit-out at Markfield.
10. Payment Platform fees continue to grow, as a result of the Association's increasing use of PayPal and GoCardless (for membership and events) and Square (for point of sale). This will be monitored going forward.
11. Good savings have been made in the sourcing of general insurances for the Association. The intention is to further consolidate policies in 2023.
12. In line with previous conventions, fixed assets are valued at the lower of the acquisition cost or replacement value, and are due to be next revalued in 2025. Assets are not depreciated. This policy will be reviewed during 2023. Asset movements are as follows. There were no disposals during 2022:



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

	at 31/12/2021	Additions	at 31/12/2022	Notes
Land and Buildings	27,500	4,532	32,032	New sheds (all 3 apiaries)
Assets Under Construction	-	10,173	10,173	Walton access and groundworks
Apiary Tools / Machinery	10,042	3,174	13,216	Ride-on mower, Brooksby
Bee Tent	5,914	1,236	7,150	Portable AV; new gazebo
Beekeeping Equipment	16,500	1,129	17,629	Hives, nucs, stands - Walton
Educational Assets	7,334		7,334	
Fixtures and Fittings	2,000		2,000	
IT Equipment	500		500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,790</b>	<b>20,244</b>	<b>90,034</b>	

13. Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, in line with UK GAAP. Physical stock counts are pending.
14. Creditors comprise refunds due to members (£120) and expenses due to apiary managers in relation to routine expenditure on consumables (£148).
15. Restricted Funds are those ringfenced specifically for the construction of a new building at the Walton apiary. The Charity has a reserves policy. Restricted Funds movements are as follows:

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>17,666</b>	
Capital Expenditure	(10,173)	Access and groundworks
Interest Earned	89	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>7,582</b>	



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with Charity Commission guidelines (publication CC16b). They are in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

As required by The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, we report:

a) particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.	None apply
b) particulars of any debt outstanding at the date the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.	None apply

At current levels of turnover, an independent examination of the accounts is required (under sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011); the LRBKA Constitution also requires this.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or honorarium.

Craig Turner ACMA - Treasurer and Trustee  
On behalf of the LRBKA Board of Trustees, 04/04/2023

### AUDITORS STATEMENT

The Association's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion on those statements, and to report our opinion to you.

We have conducted an audit of all of the disclosures and amounts in the financial statements. We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence that the financial statements are free from misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 31st December 2022.

Alison Hercock, 04/04/2023

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163520

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report for 2021

## LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021

The Leicestershire & Rutland Beekeepers Association was founded in 1882 and was registered as an unincorporated charity number 510687 on 11 November 1980. On the first of January 2016 the activities of the charity were transferred to the incorporated charity 1163520 which was registered with the charity commission on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The charity adopted the current constitution at registration.

Our new registered address is: 1890 Melton Road, Rearsby, Leicestershire LE7 4YS

Notice of the AGM to be held on April 6 2021 was sent to all members. This meeting was held electronically using Microsoft Teams

The following members were Trustees within the calendar-year 2021: Jay Anderson; Caroline Beardsmore; Craig Turner; John Rowbotham; Paul Crookes; David Greenleaf; Mike Petty; Karen Phillips; John Randall; Philip Shepherd; John Skeet; Nigel Collier and Simon Skerritt.

Our object is to preserve the honeybee, by promoting the craft of beekeeping and educating the public about the benefit of bees in the environment

The Association had 396 members at 31/12/21 - an increase from 372 in the prior year.

Full members continue to constitute 90% of the membership, 36% of whom are female.

Our beekeeping theory course was able to continue using the internet. The easing of restrictions in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic permitted the running of practical training at Brooksby and Markfield, in addition to taster day events. Monthly meetings continued to be run online, with the exception of the Christmas meeting.

There has been continuing development at Brooksby with the introduction of the Calendar Garden, a new kitchen, revised storage areas and re-queening of colonies.

October saw our treasurer of 30 years, Dr Phil Shepherd, standing down from his position and the board. We recognise the tremendous amount of time and effort that he has put into the association over this time. We thank him greatly and wish him well in his retirement.

Our new treasurer Craig Turner has modernised our financial systems, enabling us to take card payments for the first time and has digitised the record keeping for the association.

The trustees, partly due to the effects of having to operate under the Covid rules, have spent much time and effort in specifying changes to the constitution with a resolution to be put forward at the 2022 AGM to endorse their proposals.

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic reduced our financial performance, we were able to end the year with an excess of income over expenditure of £9,134. Our reserves stand at £144,098. The reserves include £17,666 donated for the construction of a building at the Walton Apiary. The charity has a reserves policy.

Thanks must go, once again, to all those who have donated their time and/ or money to help the charity, without whom we would be unable to operate.

The above statement complies with the S 162 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts & Report Regulations 2008



# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<i>Notes</i>
Membership Fees	12,260	9,105	1
Training Course Fees	2,282	540	2
Sale of Beekeeping Equipment	4,641	5,396	
Sale of Honey / Wax	286	55	
Sale of Bees	-	275	
Equipment Hire Fees	126	70	
Event Registration Fees	907	-	2
Sundry Event Income (Teas, Raffles etc.)	98	10	
Donations Received	(253)	373	3
Commissions Received	92	-	
Gift Aid Rebate	2,070	2,023	
Bank Interest Received	1,229	1,430	
Other Income	34	330	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>23,772</b>	<b>19,607</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Purchase of Equipment for Resale	7,942	4,371	4
Apiary Running Costs - Brooksby	558	276	
Apiary Running Costs - Walton	105	469	
Capital Items	1,534	3,910	5
Venue Hire	53	160	2
Payment Platform Fees	254	112	6
Membership Insurance Cover	1,705	1,165	
Speaker Fees	400	420	
Incidental Operating Costs (Memorials, Prizes etc.)	-	35	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,551</b>	<b>10,918</b>	
<b>Overheads</b>			
Web Hosting and Computer Software	243	221	
Computer Hardware (non capital)	179	-	
Postage and Stationery	410	27	7
Bank/Finance Charges	96	96	
Association General Insurances	1,159	-	8
Sundry overheads	-	19	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>14,638</b>	<b>11,280</b>	
<b>Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>9,134</b>	<b>8,327</b>	
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>134,964</b>	<b>126,637</b>	
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>144,098</b>	<b>134,964</b>	

\* 2020 figures restated to show net receipts and payments in each income/expenditure category



# LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

<b>BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH</b>		<i>Notes</i>
Barclays Bank - Current Account	15,570	
Charities Aid Foundation - Current Account	5,037	
Market Harborough Building Society	120,500	
PayPal	705	
Cash in Hand	2,286	
<b>Total Liquid Funds</b>	<b>144,098</b>	
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		9
Land and Buildings	27,500	
Fixtures and Fittings	2,000	
IT Equipment	500	
Beekeeping Equipment	16,500	
Apiary Tools / Machinery	10,042	
Bee Tent	5,914	
Other Educational / Public Engagement Assets	7,334	
Regalia	-	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>69,790</b>	
<b>Current Assets (Stock)</b>		10
Jars and Lids	3,038	
Frames	1,562	
Foundation	18	
Feed	44	
Honey	250	
Beekeeping Sundries	200	
Branded Merchandise	326	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5,438</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>219,326</b>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors due within one year		(390) 11
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>218,936</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
General Funds		201,270
Restricted Funds		17,666 12
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>218,936</b>



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

### Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Association had 396 members at 31/12/21 - an increase from 372 in the prior year. Full members continue to constitute 90% of the membership, 36% of whom are female. Further uplift arises from a more timely collection of 2022 membership fees.
2. The easing of restrictions in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic permitted the running of practical training at Brooksby and Markfield, in addition to taster day events. Monthly meetings continued to be run online, with the exception of the Christmas meeting.
3. Net donations are negative, as a result of a £750 donation that was refunded.
4. The Association significantly replenished stocks of jars and frames during 2021.
5. 2021 capital items comprise the purchase of 35 new bee suits for use in taster days and similar public engagement activities.
6. The Association now welcomes card payment at the Brooksby apiary. With members increasingly also opting to pay membership fees by card or direct debit, related transaction fees have increased accordingly.
7. All members were sent letters in Q2, in relation to insurance matters.
8. In addition to the cover provided for members, the Association has, in 2021, and on professional advice, taken out a trustees liability insurance policy.
9. In line with previous conventions, fixed assets are valued at the lower of the acquisition cost or replacement value, and are due to be next revalued in 2025. Assets are not depreciated. This policy will be reviewed during 2022. Asset movements are as follows:

	at 31/12/2020	Additions	Disposals	at 31/12/2021	Notes
Land and Buildings	27,500			27,500	Walton apiary land
Apiary Tools / Machinery	10,042			10,042	
Bee Tent	5,914			5,914	
Beekeeping Equipment	16,500			16,500	
Educational Assets	5,800	1,534		7,334	Bee suits purchased
Fixtures and Fittings	2,000			2,000	
IT Equipment	761		(261)	500	Laser printer scrapped
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,517</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>(261)</b>	<b>69,790</b>	

10. Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, in line with UK GAAP.
11. Creditors comprise amounts due to members (£25) and invoices for toilet hire (£365)
12. Restricted Funds are those ringfenced specifically for the construction of a new building at the Walton apiary. The Charity has a reserves policy. Restricted Funds movements are as follows:

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>18,236</b>	
Donations	(750)	Refunded donations
Interest Earned	180	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>17,666</b>	



## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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As required by The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, we report:

a) particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.	None apply
b) particulars of any debt outstanding at the date the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.	None apply

Although no audit is required (under sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011), the LRBKA Constitution requires one.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or honorarium.

Craig Turner ACMA - Treasurer and Trustee

On behalf of the LRBKA Board of Trustees, 17/03/2022

### AUDITORS STATEMENT

The Association's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion on those statements, and to report our opinion to you.

We have conducted an audit of all of the disclosures and amounts in the financial statements. We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence that the financial statements are free from misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 31st December 2021.

Alison Hercock

Sam Parker