

Annual Report for 2021

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st 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 11th 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



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	2021	2020*	Notes
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	
Total Receipts	23,772	19,607	
PAYMENTS			
Direct Costs			
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	
Subtotal	12,551	10,918	
Overheads			
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	
Total Payments	14,638	11,280	
Year's Surplus / (Deficit)	9,134	8,327	
Funds Brought Forward	134,964	126,637	
Funds Carried Forward	144,098	134,964	

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



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH		Notes
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	
Total Liquid Funds	144,098	
OTHER ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		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	-	
Total Fixed Assets	69,790	
Current Assets (Stock)		10
Jars and Lids	3,038	
Frames	1,562	
Foundation	18	
Feed	44	
Honey	250	
Beekeeping Sundries	200	
Branded Merchandise	326	
Total Current Assets	5,438	
Total Assets	219,326	
less Current Liabilities		
Creditors due within one year	(390)	11
Total Net Assets	218,936	
Represented by:		
General Funds	201,270	
Restricted Funds	17,666	12
Total Funds	218,936	



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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
Total	68,517	1,534	(261)	69,790	

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:

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



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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

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