

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
TO December 31st 2024**

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 revised the constitution at the 2022 AGM to take more account of the use of electronic communications

The registered address of the charity is
Leicestershire and Rutland Beekeepers Association
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Leicester
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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

Notice of the AGM to be held on April 9 2024 was sent to all members. This meeting was held online.

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



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	Notes
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	
Total Receipts	31,641	30,590	
PAYMENTS			
Direct Costs			
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	1773	1,740	
Speaker Fees	395	220	
Incidental Operating Costs (Memorials, Prizes etc.)	3,985	273	10
Subtotal	24,038	14,298	
Overheads			
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	
Total Payments	24,496	14,843	
Year's Surplus / (Deficit)	7,145	15,747	
Funds Brought Forward	153,996	138,249	
Funds Carried Forward	161,141	153,996	



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH		2024	2023	<i>Notes</i>
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)		-	-	
Total Liquid Funds		161,141	153,996	
<i>* of which restricted:</i>		0	7,038	14
OTHER ASSETS / LIABILITIES		2024	2023	
Other Current Assets				
Stock	Jars and Lids	4,832	5,414	
	Frames	1,396	2,190	
	Foundation	747	385	
	Other	0	0	
	Total Other Current Assets	6,975	7,989	15
Current Liabilities				
Creditors due within one year		-	(179)	-
Summary schedule of Non-Current Assets retained for the charity's own use				16
Land and Buildings				
				Land at Kilworth Rd, Walton
				Removable apiary buildings
Fixtures and Fittings				(Various)
IT Equipment				PA System
Beekeeping Equipment				Hives and Hive Parts
				Extractors
				Sundry
Apiary Tools / Machinery				Mowers (sit-on x1 / scythe x1)
				Power Tools
				Generators
				Sundry
Educational / Public Engagement Assets				Bee Tent Trailer
				Tents / Gazebos
				Bee Suits
				Professional-grade microscopes (x2)
				Sundry
Regalia				Chains of Office
				Cups and Trophies



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

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:

Opening Balance	7,038	
Interest Earned	180	(prorated)
Walton Building Project CapEx released from Restricted Funds	(7,218)	See note 8 above
Closing Balance	0	
<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.



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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

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 Hercock, 31/03/2025