

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1164389

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-11-12

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Monmouthshire
- Powys
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£74,051	£46,073	-	-
2024-09-30	£65,905	£53,290	-	-
2023-09-30	£58,142	£51,991	-	-
2022-09-30	£55,024	£64,132	-	-
2021-09-30	£41,992	£30,309	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr John Richard William Adams	Chair	2021-01-26
Glyn Matthew Williams		2020-09-29
Mark Nicholas Richard Newman		2020-09-29
SIR ANTHONY JOHN RIGBY		2015-11-12
William Frank Jones		2025-03-15

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SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Registered Charity Number 1164389

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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The Trustees appoint one of their number to be Chair and appoint one of their number to be responsible for finance. This person may also be Treasurer but this is not a requirement. They also appoint the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Delegate to the British Beekeepers' Association ('BBKA') Annual Meeting as Officers of the Association. The Officers are not required to be Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Glynn Williams (Chair until 15 March 2025)

John Adams (Chair from 15 March 2025)

Sir Anthony Rigby – Oswestry branch representative

Mark Newman

Will Jones (appointed 15 March 2025)

Yvonne Harris acted as Treasurer for this financial year.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of the Charity are set out in the Constitution and are to promote and further the activity of beekeeping.

Activities of the Charity

On 30 September 2025 there were 331 active members of the Association.

The Association has successfully run a number of training courses again this year, including tutorial sessions for selected BBKA modules, Microscopy, Skep making, Beginners courses and Taster days. As a result, it has trained 32 new beekeepers, and provided more hands-on experience/ at the apiary . The Association has also confirmed dates for next year's courses and

has been taking bookings since November 2025. Income from the tutorial sessions is used to expand the Association's library.

The Association hosted a number of meetings over the winter period covering many aspects of beekeeping for all levels of experience. Members of adjacent beekeeping associations are welcome to attend these meetings.

The Association has continued to provide Beginners Courses for the charity Food Behind Bars at HMP Stoke Heath to introduce prisoners to beekeeping.

The Association gives talks to various groups and also attends a number of local events and shows to promote beekeeping and the environmental importance of pollinators in general.

Visits to the apiary site by members of the public continues to increase and requests for tours continue to be received. These visits provide us with the opportunity to explain the importance of bees and beekeeping. Donations received from the public contribute to ongoing improvements to the site facilities and environment. For the third year running we opened the Apiary in May for World Bee Day, numbers of visitors have increased year on year.

Income from our shop which sells both to members and the public continues to support development of the apiary site.

During the year we have been awarded grants from Shrewsbury Town Council and Severn Trent Community Trust. These grants have been used to complete the restoration of the walkways and create a display area. We also received a grant from the NFU Mutual Insurance which will be used to improve access for wheelchair users. Since the year end, we have received grants from the Bill Longmore Foundation Trust and the Veolia Environmental Trust. The latter to convert the existing toilet to provide facilities for disabled members and visitors and replace the septic tank. The former has been used to buy microscopy equipment and to make further site improvements.

In November, the Association was given the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and equivalent to an MBE. The Trustees are proud and honoured for the Association to have received this award which recognises the phenomenal effort of the Association's volunteers. The citation for the Award was as follows:

"Shropshire Beekeepers Association works to promote the craft of beekeeping, supporting beekeepers and training new beekeepers to care for and enjoy honey."

In June, we were presented with the Award by the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire at an event at the apiary attended by members and supporters.

For the third year running we have been classed as "Outstanding" by the RHS Heart of England in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Awards. The awards are judged on Community Engagement, Environmental Awareness and Gardening. For the second year we also achieved a perfect 100%.

Financial Review

The Association has adopted the accruals-based accounting methodology and this year's financial statements are the first prepared using these principles. Accordingly, the comparative figures for the year ended 30 September 2024 have been restated from a cash to an accruals basis.

The Income and Expenditure account shows a surplus for the year of £27,978 and the Association held cash funds of £48,947 on 30 September 2025, with additional fixed term cash investments of £10,000. These funds are held to cover anticipated expenditure and to continue improvements to the Nobold Lane site. As required by the Constitution, the association must retain at least sufficient funds to cover anticipated fixed expenditure in the coming 12 months.

Membership income for the year has decreased by 8% due to a smaller number of members renewals this year. This income includes membership provided as part of some of our courses.

Sales of consumables also decreased by 10% but contributed a profit (after taking stock movements into account) of £12,766.

Donations income from visitors decreased by 51% but income overall increased as a result of a donation from National Farmers' Union of £7,899. This donation will be used to develop a pathway through the orchard area of the site.

Training courses generated a surplus of £9,561 as a result of volunteers generously donating their time to run and manage these events. Our work with Food Behind Bars contributed £4,000 to this surplus.

The Gift Aid reclaim of £2,108 was submitted before the financial year-end but was not received until October and November 2025 for the Shropshire and Oswestry branches respectively. This amount is included in the year-end Debtors figure.

Since the year-end, the following activities have taken place:

- A donation of £5,000 has been received from the Longmore Trust. This will be used to fund equipment for the newly-founded Microscopy group and cladding for the Association's shop.
- Grant funding from Veolia has been confirmed for the replacement of the septic tank and development of a disabled toilet facility.

Risk Management

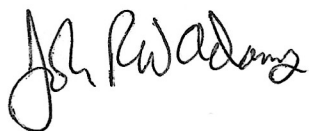
The Association has a number of risk management policies in place which are reviewed in a regular basis and the Trustees consider whether any additional systems and procedures are required to mitigate any further risks identified.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report, on pages 2 to 15, has been approved by the Trustees' and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Adams', written in a cursive style.

J Adams

14 March 2026

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Year ended 30/09/24 restated £
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Subscriptions		10,891	-	10,891	11,880
Gift Aid		2,108	-	2,108	2,569
Donations		9,283	-	9,283	2,827
Course and entry fees		11,939	-	11,939	8,748
Investments		899	-	899	901
Consumable sales		35,950	-	35,950	39,891
Event income		<u>2,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>905</u>
Total		74,051	-	74,051	68,720
Resources expended					
BBKA capitation and bee disease insurance		7,490	-	7,490	8,791
Apiary and maintenance costs		3,249	-	3,249	8,527
Room hire and member's events		811	-	811	1,193
Event costs		2,936	-	2,936	-
Consumables purchases		23,184	-	23,184	26,616
Course costs		2,378	-	2,378	1,329
Trade shows		-	-	-	238
Honorariums		150	-	150	150
Insurance		1,796	-	1,796	1,762
Donations		75	-	75	255
PR and marketing		470	-	470	-
General administrative costs		2,106	-	2,106	795
Depreciation		<u>1,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>1,180</u>
Total		46,073	-	46,073	50,836
Net income		27,978	-	27,978	17,884
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>118,080</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>117,080</u>	<u>99,196</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>146,058</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>145,058</u>	<u>117,080</u>

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total this year £	Last year restated £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets		63,368	-	63,368	47,303
Investment assets		10,029	-	10,029	29
Heritage assets		<u>15,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,388</u>	<u>11,002</u>
Total fixed assets		88,785	-	88,785	58,334
Current assets					
Stock of consumables		13,138	-	13,138	13,737
Debtors		10,712	-	10,712	4,666
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>48,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,947</u>	<u>43,481</u>
Total current assets		72,797	-	72,797	61,884
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		11,324	1,000	12,324	3,138
Net current assets		<u>61,473</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>60,473</u>	<u>58,746</u>
Total net assets		<u>150,258</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>149,258</u>	<u>117,080</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Unrestricted funds		146,058	-	146,058	118,080
Revaluation reserve		<u>4,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>150,258</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>149,258</u>	<u>117,080</u>

The financial statements and related notes were approved by the Trustees on 14 March 2026

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the recognition of certain heritage assets measured at fair value.

Income

Membership income received is recognised in the financial year to which the membership relates.

Training income is recognised in the financial year in which the first day of each training course falls.

Income in respect of other services provided and retail sales is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivables.

Where income is received for a specific activity which is to be delivered in a subsequent financial year, that income is deferred.

Expenditure

Expenditure on goods and services is recognised when, and to the extent that they have been received, and is measured at the fair value of those goods and services.

Expenditure is recognised in operating expenses except where it results in the creation of a non-current asset such as property, plant and equipment.

Investment assets

Investment assets are stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets, other than heritage assets, are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs.

Depreciation on assets is calculated, using the straight-line method, to allocate the depreciable amount to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Leasehold property: over the shorter of 30 years and the remaining lease period
- Plant and machinery: 5 years
- Fixtures and fittings: 5 years.

Heritage assets are stated at fair value and are revalued at the end of each reporting period.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Assets under construction

Assets under construction are stated at cost. These assets are not depreciated until they are available for use and are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell. Stocks are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method and includes the purchase price, including taxes and duties and transport and handling directly attributable to bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

Analysis of income

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations	9,283	-	9,283	2,827
Gift Aid	<u>2,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>2,569</u>
Total	11,391	-	11,391	5,396

Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Subscriptions	10,891	-	10,891	11,880
Course and entry fees	11,939	-	11,939	8,748
Event income	<u>2,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,891</u>	<u>905</u>
Total	25,721	-	25,721	21,533

Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Consumables sales	<u>35,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,950</u>	<u>38,891</u>
Total	35,950	-	35,950	38,891

Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Interest	899	-	899	901

Analysis of Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Membership activities	8,301	-	8,301	9,984
Course costs	2,378	-	2,378	1,329
Apiary maintenance	756	-	756	2,281
Trade shows	-	-	-	238
Event costs	2,936	-	2,936	-
PR and marketing	470	-	470	-
Honorarium	150	-	150	150

Expenditure on trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Consumables cost of sales	23,184	-	23,184	26,616

Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Insurance	1,796	-	1,796	1,762
Administration costs	2,106	-	2,106	-
Premises costs	3,249	-	3,249	6,246
Donations	75	-	75	255
Depreciation	1,428	-	1,428	1,180

Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Leasehold improvements £	Apiary equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
At beginning of year	41,786	16,000	1,220	2,793	1,200	61,799
Additions	12,335	-	370	870	3,918	17,493
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	<u>54,121</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>3,663</u>	<u>5,118</u>	<u>79,292</u>

Depreciation

	Leasehold improvements £	Apiary equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
At beginning of year	12,369	-	724	2,603	-	15,696
Depreciation	866	-	198	364	-	1,528
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of year	<u>13,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>2,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,324</u>

Net book value

	Leasehold improvements £	Apiary equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
At beginning of year	29,417	16,000	496	190	1,200	47,303
At end of year	40,886	16,000	668	696	5,118	63,368

Heritage assets

Cost or valuation

	Trophies £	Library £	Total £
At beginning of year	8,448	2,554	11,002
Additions	-	185	185
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	<u>4,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,202</u>
At end of year	<u>12,650</u>	<u>2,739</u>	<u>15,389</u>

Trophies are revalued at the end of each reporting period based on the silver price and weight of each trophy.

Depreciation and impairments

	Trophies £	Library £	Total £
At beginning of year	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Investment assets

Analysis of investments

	Cash & cash equivalents £	Other £	Total £
Carrying (fair) value at beginning of year	-	29	29
Additions	10,000	-	10,000
Disposals	-	-	-
Impairments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of year	<u>10,000</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>10,029</u>

The Association holds 29 shares in Beecraft Limited with a cost of £29.

Current year

	Cost less impairment £
Cash or cash equivalents	10,000
Other	<u>29</u>
Grand total	<u>10,029</u>

Last year

	Cost less impairment £
Other	<u>29</u>
Grand total	<u>29</u>

Stocks

Other trading activities

	For resale £
Opening	14,745
Added in period	21,577
Expenses in period	(23,184)
Impaired	<u>-</u>
Closing	<u>13,138</u>

Debtors

Analysis of debtors

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	6,663	3,599
Prepayments	4,049	1,000

Creditors and accruals

Analysis of creditors and accruals

	This year £	Last year £
Trade creditors	3,859	976
Accruals and deferred income	8,465	784

Deferred income is for membership subscriptions received in advance and grant income for development projects not yet complete.

Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	784	-
Amounts added in current period	4,242	784
Amounts released from prior periods	<u>(784)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at the end of the reporting period	<u>4,242</u>	<u>784</u>

Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Cash at bank and on hand	48,947	43,481

Charity funds

Movements during current period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted	U	Unrestricted reserves	118,080	74,051	46,073	-	146,058
Restricted	R	Grant received towards leasehold improvements not yet completed	1,000	-	-	-	1,000

Movements during previous period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted	U	Unrestricted reserves	100,196	68,720	50,836	-	118,080
Restricted	R	Grant received towards leasehold improvements not yet completed	-			1,000	1,000

Transfers between funds current year

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	No transfers	-

Transfers between funds previous year

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	Grant received towards leasehold improvements not yet completed	1000

Transactions with trustees*This year*

The Charity has provided Trustees with payments for goods provided to the Charity as listed below:

Name of Trustee	Legal Authority	Other £	Total £
William Jones	Governing document	623	623

The goods provided are considered by the Trustees to be of better quality than those provided by the Charity's usual suppliers and provided at a cost to allow the Charity to generate a profit.

Last year

None of the trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Association. Neither were the trustees been reimbursed expenses for fulfilling their duties.

Trustees' expenses*This year*

	This year £	Last year £
Travel	60	-

Last year

None of the trustees were reimbursed expenses for fulfilling their duties.

Transactions with related parties*This year*

Name of Trustee or Related Party	Relationship to Charity	Amount £
Focus Environmental Ltd	One of directors is son of William Jones	131

The goods provided by Focus Environmental Ltd were provided to the Charity at cost price on their normal trading terms.

Last year

There were no related party transactions.



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
Shropshire Beekeepers Association

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1164389

Set out on pages

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(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 30/9/2024

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. Alexander

Date:

20/02/2026

Name:

Simon Alexander

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA – ICAEW

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Bucks HP8 4UT

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.

NONE

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Richard Hudson (Treasurer) – died
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Mark Newman
John Connolly
John Adams

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Income from the shop which sells both to members and the public continues to support development of the apiary site.

The Association has successfully run a number of training courses again this year, including tutorial sessions for selected BBKA modules, Beginners courses and Taster days. As a result, it has trained 32 new beekeepers. Income from the tutorial sessions is used to expand the Association's library. The Association has also confirmed dates for next year's courses and has been taking bookings since December 2024.

In addition, the Association ran a Beginners Course for Food Behind Bars, a charity promoting food-based education, at HMP Stoke Heath to introduce staff and prisoners to beekeeping. As a result, HMP Stoke Heath has purchased apiary equipment from the Association to continue the development of beekeeping on site. Additional meetings have been arranged to support Food Behind Bars at HMP Stoke Heath. The Association plans to continue this partnership in future.

The Association hosted a number of meetings over the winter period covering many aspects of beekeeping for all levels of experience.

Improvements to the apiary site included ongoing improvements to signage being installed, a project which was started last year. The Association has applied for and been granted planning permission for converting the existing toilet to provide facilities for disabled members and visitors.

For the second year running we have been classed as "Outstanding" by the RHS Heart of England in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Awards. The awards are judged on Community Engagement, Environmental Awareness and Gardening. This year we also achieved an Outstanding Achievement Award for a perfect 100%.

A list of new development projects has been collated and is being prioritised by the Committee alongside the requirement for grant and/or sponsor funding.

Since the year-end the Association has been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and equivalent to an MBE. The Trustees are proud and honoured for the Association to have received this award which recognises the phenomenal effort of the Association's volunteers. The citation for the Award was as follows:

"Shropshire Beekeepers Association works to promote the craft of beekeeping, supporting beekeepers and training new beekeepers to care for and enjoy honey."

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments account shows a surplus for the year of £12,616 and the Association held unrestricted funds of £43,481 on 30 September 2024. These funds are held to cover anticipated expenditure and to continue improvements to the Nobold Lane site. As required by the Constitution, the association must retain at least sufficient funds to cover anticipated fixed expenditure in the coming 12 months.

Membership income for the year has increased by 14% as a result of both recruiting new members and providing local membership as part of the training courses run by the Association.

Sales of consumables have increased by 19% and contributed a profit (after taking stock movements into account) of £11,500.

Training courses generated a cash surplus of £7,804 as a result of volunteers generously donating their time to run and manage these events.

The Gift Aid reclaim of £2,569 was submitted before the financial year-end but was not received until October 2024. This amount is included in the year-end Debtors figure.

Since the year-end, the following activities have taken place:

- Association has received two grants totalling £8,500 to continue improvements to the site. These funds will be assigned to improvements to the walkways.
- The Trustees have invested in an on-line accounting system which will be integrated with its banking, membership and training income systems to streamline recording of receipts, payments and associated income and expenditure.
- The Trustees have decided to change the methodology of year-end reporting and will adopt accruals-based accounting rather than its current method of receipts and payments with effect from 1 September 2024.
- The Trustees have reviewed the capital assets used by the Association and reassigned those still in use to more appropriate categories. As part of the adoption of accruals-based accounting these assets will be depreciated from 1 September 2024 over an appropriate useful life.

Risk Management

The Association has a number of risk management policies in place which are reviewed in a regular basis and the Trustees consider whether any additional systems and procedures are required to mitigate any further risks identified.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

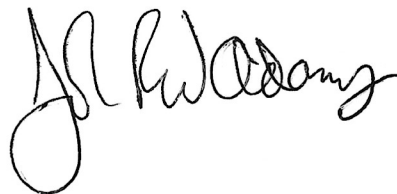
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period in the form of a Receipts and Payments Account, together with specific additional information concerning assets and liabilities at the financial period end.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report, on pages 2 to 5, has been approved by the Trustees' and signed on their behalf by:

~~G Williams~~ J Adams

15 March 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Adams', written in a cursive style.

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Year ended 30/09/23 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	12,664		12,664	11,116
Gift Aid				2,370
Donations	2,827		2,827	2,642
Course and entry fees	8,748		8,748	8,211
Interest	901		901	364
Consumable sales	39,861		39,861	33,439
Other	<u>904</u>		<u>904</u>	-
GROSS INCOME	65,905	-	65,905	58,142
PAYMENTS				
BBKA capitation and bee disease insurance	8,076		8,076	8,096
Apiary and maintenance costs	8,527		8,527	6,826
Room hire and member's events	1,193		1,193	536
Consumables purchases	29,585		29,585	27,710
Course costs	944		944	2,683
Trade shows	-		-	238
Honorariums	150		150	650
Insurance	1,762		1,762	1,643
General administrative costs	<u>795</u>		<u>795</u>	<u>378</u>
	51,032	-	51,032	48,760
Asset purchases				
Apiary equipment	-			1,192
Leasehold improvements	1,200		1,200	2,035
Plant and machinery	620		620	-
Books for library	<u>438</u>		<u>438</u>	-
	2,258	-	4,293	3,231
TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,289	-	53,289	51,991
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	12,616	-	12,616	6,151
Cash funds held at beginning of period	<u>30,865</u>	-	<u>30,865</u>	<u>24,714</u>
CASH FUNDS HELD AT END OF PERIOD	<u>43,481</u>	-	<u>43,481</u>	<u>30,865</u>

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Cash funds – Bank accounts	<u>43,481</u>	<u>-</u>
Other assets	Value £	
Leasehold improvements	71,554	-
Apiary equipment	16,000	-
Fixtures and fittings	1,549	-
Plant and machinery	1,220	-
Literature and artefacts	11,002	-
Stock of consumables	14,745	-
Debtors	2,599	1,000
Prepayments	<u>1,069</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>119,738</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Investment assets		
Shares in Beecraft Limited	<u>6,000</u>	
Liabilities		
Income received in advance	784	
Creditors	<u>976</u>	
	<u>1,760</u>	

The receipts and payments account and related notes were approved by the Trustees on 15 March 2025

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Note

- 1 Income from course and entry fees and consumables is reported net of associated transaction fees.
- 2 The assets listed under Other assets – Unrestricted Fund are valued at original cost where purchased by the charitable organisation.

A number of trophies are included under Literature and artefacts. Where these are silver, these have been valued at the silver price on 30 September 2024. The artefacts are insured for a total value of £30,590.

- 3 The value listed under Leasehold improvements represent amounts spent on the apiary site since the lease from Shropshire Council was granted.
- 4 There were, at the Accounts date, no loans where someone else has agreed to pay if the Charitable Incorporated Organisation cannot, nor are any secured against assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.



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
Shropshire Beekeepers Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 September 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164389

Set out on pages

2 to 8

(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 30/9/2024

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

S. Alexander

Date:

7/3/2025

Name:

Simon Alexander

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA – ICAEW

Address:

7 Murray Crescent

Pinner, London

Middx HA5 3QF

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.

NONE

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1164389

Accounts

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (CHARITY NUMBER 1164389)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Trustees submit their report and receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Structure, governance, and management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 10 November 2015, a copy of which is available from the Secretary.

The Trustees are elected at the AGM to serve for a period of three years. One third of their number retire, in rotation, at each AGM. Additional Trustees can be appointed during the year and any so appointed must retire at the next AGM and if eligible seek re-election. The additional Trustees are not counted in the calculation of the one third who retire by rotation.

A Committee is appointed at the AGM to assist the Trustees in the day to day running of the Association and it meets on a regular basis with the Trustees. The members of the Committee are not Trustees and whilst they may express their opinion on the management of the Association have no vote in deciding on the formal policy(ies) adopted which are the sole prerogative of the Trustees.

The Trustees appoint one of their number to be Chair, in addition they also appointed one of their number to be responsible for finance, this person may also be Treasurer, but this is not a formal requirement. They also appoint the other Officers of the Association these being Secretary, Treasurer, if not the Trustee referred to above, Membership Secretary and Delegate to the BBKA Annual meeting. These latter Officers do not need to be Trustees.

The principal address of the Association is Lilyhurst House, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RL, the Associations apiary site is at Nobold Lane Shrewsbury SY5 8NP.

Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year were:

Glyn Williams– Chair
Richard Hudson – Treasurer
Sir Anthony Rigby – Oswestry Branch Representative
Mark Newman
John Connolly
John Adams

Each year one third of the Trustees retire and, if eligible, can seek re-election, there is no restriction on the number of times each Trustee can be reappointed. The Trustees retiring at this year's AGM are Richard Hudson and Mark Newman. Both being eligible will seek re-

election. The Members of the Association will, in accordance with the Constitution, elect Trustee(s) at the AGM. There is a minimum of 3 Trustees required to hold Office, there is no upper limit to the number who can be appointed.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of the Charity as set out in the Constitution are to promote and further the activity of beekeeping.

Activities

On 30 September 2023 there were 416 members of the Association. Members will have seen that we again used the digital system for renewals which has reduced the time needed to process membership details so receipts and membership insurance certificates, when required, can be issued on a timelier basis.

The number of members of the public visiting the site has been increasing, and specific requests for tours are being received. These have improved the associations finances due to the donation received and sales of non-beekeeping, albeit bee related, merchandise stocked in the shop, the range of which has been gradually increased over the year.

Improvements to the facilities at the apiary site continued to be undertaken during the year. The main item undertaken this year was the installation of signage explaining aspects of the site, funded in the main from a grant received from the Co-op. The electrical installation in the main Building was also improved. The improvement process is an ongoing one, so a new list is currently under discussion for the coming year, with some major expenditure items being considered, with the possibility of grant funding.

The training aspect of the associations aims has continued to expand during this year with two courses for beginners and a taster day for those considering whether to start beekeeping. Both courses included associate membership which we hope will encourage those new to beekeeping to continue their involvement in future years. An innovation was the running of tutorial courses for selected BBKA Modules, the fees received from those attending has been utilised to expand the Association's library. A small team delivered the courses which increases our flexibility in future years. We also ran our usual winter monthly meetings covering many aspects of beekeeping suitable for all levels of experience.

We have arranged the dates for next year's courses and in addition to the evening and Saturday beginners' courses and taster day we will continue to run a tutorial style course for various BBKA Modules. The electronic payment system for course payments has saved a considerable amount of administration as the process is now full automated.

As members of the public have returned to the apiary, we have been able to explain the importance of bees and beekeeping, to a wider element of the general public, as they were guided around the site. The Association also promotes beekeeping to the wider public at a number of local shows and events. We were informed by Shrewsbury Flowe Show that we would be required to fully fund, amongst other things, an element of the marquee costs,

which had always been provided free in previous years. The proposed space allocated to us was also reduced resulting in a potential loss of income from honey sales, hence again increasing the cost of attendance. It was felt that incurring these additional costs, which could have amounted to more than SBKA's element of the members subscriptions, was not an appropriate use of our limited resources. Hence, with much regret, after a long association between the Flower Show and SBKA, which it is understood goes back to the year of our original founding in 1875, the decision was made to not attend the Show.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £7,143 on the unrestricted fund. The Association received a grant of £1,950 from Co-Op in the previous year to enable the erection of information boards around the site, the balance of this grant was spent during this year hence the net expenditure on the restricted fund account. On 30 September 2023, the Association held funds, in total, of £30,865. The unrestricted funds are held to cover anticipated expenditure in the coming years, including further improvements to the site. It is intended that the Association should have, at least, sufficient funds available to cover its anticipated fixed expenditure in the coming twelve months.

We would make the following comments on the individual items:

The Gift Aid reclaim for the year was submitted and paid by HMRC just before the accounting date and amounted to £2,370.

We were able to run two beginners' course and a taster day all of which were fully subscribed; indeed, demand exceeded the course capacity. In addition, we held training sessions for existing members to help improve and extend knowledge.

Once again, the Association has undertaken the purchase and sale of consumables This has generated a surplus for the Association whilst, at the same time benefitting the members with lower costs. The figures within this heading also include, in relation to the year ended 30 September 2022, the sales at Shrewsbury Flower Show, which, as explained above we did not attend in 2023.

On the expenditure items these are self-explanatory.

Risk Management

The Association has a number of risk policies in place which are reviewed on a regular basis and the Trustees consider at that time any additional systems and procedures to mitigate any further risks identified.

Statement of Trustees responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 enable the

Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period in the form of a Receipts and Payments Account, together with specific additional information concerning assets and liabilities at the financial period end.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report, on pages 2 to 5, has been approved by the Trustees' and signed on their behalf by:

G Williams

30 January 2024

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Year ended 30/09/2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	11,116	-	11,116	10,972
Gift Aid	2,370	-	2,370	2,233
Donations	2,642	-	2,642	2,439
Grant	-	-	-	1,950
Course & entry fees	8,211	-	8,211	6,953
Interest	364	-	364	27
Consumables sales	33,439	-	33,439	30,450
	<u>58,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,142</u>	<u>55,024</u>
GROSS INCOME	<u>58,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,142</u>	<u>55,024</u>
PAYMENTS				
BBKA Capitation and bee disease insurance	8,096	-	8,096	8,050
Apiary costs	6,826	-	6,826	4,524
Room hire	536	-	536	773
Consumables purchases	27,710	-	27,710	27,510
Course costs	2,683	-	2,683	1,280
Trade shows	238	-	238	1,066
Flower Show prizes	-	-	-	1,261
Honorariums	650	-	650	800
General administrative costs	378	-	378	1,113
Insurance	1,643	-	1,643	1,438
	<u>48,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,760</u>	<u>47,815</u>
Assets purchases				
Apiary equipment	204	992	1,196	958
Apiary buildings	2,035		2,035	15,359
	<u>2,239</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>3,231</u>	<u>16,317</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>50,999</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>51,991</u>	<u>64,132</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	7,143	(992)	6,151	(9,108)
Cash funds held at beginning of the period	23,722	992	24,714	33,822
CASH FUNDS HELD AT PERIOD END	<u>30,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,865</u>	<u>24,714</u>

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Cash funds - Bank accounts	<u>30,865</u>	<u>-</u>
Other assets - UNRESTRICTED FUND	Value	
Apiary buildings	69,480	
Apiary equipment	14,604	
Computer and microscope equipment	3,089	
Show equipment	3,500	
Trophies	30,590	
Library	2,116	
Stock of consumables	<u>12,224</u>	

The receipts and payments account and related notes were approved by the Trustees on
30 January 2024

RH Hudson
Trustee

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Note

- 1 The restricted fund represents a grant received in respect of a specific capital item which was yet to be completed. Once completed the asset concerned will become unrestricted.
- 2 The assets listed under other assets - unrestricted fund are valued at original cost where purchased by the current charitable organisation. Where the asset was transferred from the predecessor charity on re-registration the value figures given are those adopted for insurance purposes.
- 3 There were, at the Accounts date, no loans where someone else has agreed to pay if the Charitable Incorporated Organisation can not, or are any secured against assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Charity number 1164389)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('The Trust') for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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 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 matter has 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.

Name	MT Jacques
Address	Weston Close, Bishopswood, ST19 9AW
Date	30 January 2024

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1164389

Accounts

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (CHARITY NUMBER 1164389)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Trustees submit their report and receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Structure, governance, and management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 10 November 2015, a copy of which is available the Secretary.

The Trustees are elected at the AGM to serve for a period of three years. One third of their number retire, in rotation, at each AGM. Additional Trustees can be appointed during the year and any so appointed must retire at the subsequent AGM and if eligible seek re-election. The additional Trustees are not counted in the calculation of the one third who retire by rotation.

A Committee is appointed at the AGM to assist the Trustees in the day to day running of the Association and it meets on a regular basis with the Trustees. The members of the Committee are not Trustees and whilst they may express their opinion on the management of the Association have no vote in deciding on the formal policy(ies) adopted which are the sole prerogative of the Trustees.

The Trustees appoint one of their number to be Chair, in addition they also appointed one of their number to be responsible for finance, this person may also be Treasurer, but this is not a formal requirement. They also appoint the other Officers of the Association these being Secretary, Treasurer, if not the Trustee referred to above, Membership Secretary and Delegate to the BBKA Annual meeting. These latter Officers do not need to be Trustees.

The principal address of the Association is Lilyhurst House, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RL, the Associations apiary site is at Nobold Lane Shrewsbury SY5 8NP.

Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year were:

Glyn Williams– Chair
Richard Hudson – Treasurer
Sir Anthony Rigby – Oswestry Branch Chair
Mark Newman
John Connolly
John Adams

Each year one third of the Trustees retire and, if eligible, can seek re-election, there is no restriction on the number of times each Trustee can be reappointed. The Trustees retiring at this year's AGM are Sir Anthony Rigby and John Adams. Both being eligible will seek

re-election. The Members of the Association will, in accordance with the Constitution, elect Trustee(s) at the AGM. There is a minimum of 3 Trustees required to hold Office, there is no upper limit to the number who can be appointed.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of the Charity as set out in the Constitution are to promote and further the activity of beekeeping.

Activities

On 30 September 2022 there were 396 members of the Association. Members will have seen that we again used the digital system for renewals which has considerably reduced the time needed to process membership details so receipts and membership insurance certificates, when required, can be issued on a timelier basis.

As life has returned to a more normal rhythm the number of members of the public visiting the site has been increasing, and specific requests for tours are being received. These have improved the associations finances due to the donation received and sales of non-beekeeping, albeit bee related, merchandise which is now being stocked in the shop.

Improvements to the facilities at the apiary site, which had had to be put on hold, were, in the main, completed during this year. The two main items were the installation of a new storage shed and the levelling of the apiary part of the site, this to enable easier access for all members. The improvement process is an on going one, so a new list is currently under discussion for the coming year.

The training aspect of the associations aims came back in full during this year with two courses for beginners and a taster day for those considering whether to start beekeeping. A team of four delivered the course which increases our flexibility in future years. Both courses included associate membership which we hope will encourage those new to beekeeping to continue their involvement in future years. We also ran our usual winter monthly meetings covering many aspects of beekeeping suitable for all levels of experience.

We have arranged the dates for next year's courses and in addition to the evening and Saturday beginners' courses and taster day we will, for the first time, be running a tutorial style course for Module 1 of the BBKA examination. We introduced an automated enrolment and payment system which has helped streamline the process of enrolling on courses.

The Association promotes beekeeping to the wider public at a number of shows, especially the Shrewsbury Flower Show, all of which have, this year, been reinstated. As members of the public have returned to the apiary, we are also able to explain the importance of bees and beekeeping as they were guided around the site.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account shows a deficit for the year of £2,932 on the unrestricted fund. The Association received a grant of £1,950 from Co-Op to enable the erection of information boards around the site, part of the grant has already been spent with the balance of £992 being held as restricted funds. During the year, the grant received from Severn Trent in the year ended 30 September 2021, £7,168, was spent on the new shed for which it was received. On 30 September 2022 the Association held funds, in total, of £24,714. The unrestricted funds, of £23,722, are held to cover anticipated expenditure in the coming year, including further improvements to the site. It is intended that, at all times, the Association should have, at least, sufficient funds available to cover its anticipated fixed expenditure in the coming twelve months.

We would make the following comments on the individual items:

The Gift Aid reclaim for the year was submitted and paid by HMRC just before the accounting date.

We were able to run two beginners' course and a taster day all of which were fully subscribed.

Once again, the Association has undertaken the purchase and sale of consumables This has generated a surplus for the Association whilst, at the same time benefitting the members with lower costs. The figures within this heading also include the sales at Shrewsbury Flower Show, which was not held in the year ended 30 September 2021, hence the significant increase.

On the expenditure items these are reasonably self-explanatory.

Considerable expenditure occurred on the site in particular the area where the hives are situated was levelled and hardcored to enable easier access for all members.

Risk Management

The Association has a number of risk policies in place which are reviewed on a regular basis and the Trustees consider at that time any additional systems and procedures to mitigate any further risks identified.

Statement of Trustees responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period in the form of a Receipts and Payments Account, together with specific additional information concerning assets and liabilities at the financial period end.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report, on pages 2 to 5, has been approved by the Trustees' and signed on their behalf by:

G Williams

13 December 2022

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Year ended 30/09/2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	10,972	-	10,972	10,160
Gift Aid	2,233	-	2,233	2,012
Donations	2,439	-	2,439	2,134
Grant	-	1,950	1,950	7,168
Course & entry fees	6,953	-	6,953	3,184
Interest	27	-	27	116
Consumables sales	30,450	-	30,450	17,218
	<u>53,074</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>55,024</u>	<u>41,992</u>
GROSS INCOME	<u>53,074</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>55,024</u>	<u>41,992</u>
PAYMENTS				
BBKA Capitation and bee disease insurance	8,050	-	8,050	7,001
Apiary costs	4,524	-	4,524	1,900
Room hire	773	-	773	100
Consumables purchases	27,510	-	27,510	14,408
Course costs	1,280	-	1,280	409
Trade shows	1,066	-	1,066	-
Flower Show prizes	1,261	-	1,261	-
Honorariums	800	-	800	700
General administrative costs	1,113	-	1,113	343
Insurance	1,438	-	1,438	1,342
	<u>47,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,815</u>	<u>26,203</u>
Assets purchases				
Apiary equipment	-	958	958	1,449
Apiary buildings	8,191	7,168	15,359	2,657
	<u>8,191</u>	<u>8,126</u>	<u>16,317</u>	<u>4,106</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>56,006</u>	<u>8,126</u>	<u>64,132</u>	<u>30,309</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(2,932)	(6,176)	(9,108)	11,683
Cash funds held at beginning of the period	26,654	7,168	33,822	22,139
CASH FUNDS HELD AT PERIOD END	<u>23,722</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>24,714</u>	<u>33,822</u>

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Cash funds - Bank accounts	<u>23,722</u>	<u>992</u>
Other assets - UNRESTRICTED FUND	Value	
Apiary buildings	67,445	
Apiary equipment	14,400	
Computer and microscope equipment	3,089	
Show equipment	3,500	
Trophies	30,590	
Library	2,116	
Stock of consumables	<u>9,669</u>	

The receipts and payments account and related notes were approved by the Trustees on
13 December 2022

RH Hudson
Trustee

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Note

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- 3 There were, at the Accounts date, no loans where someone else has agreed to pay if the Charitable Incorporated Organisation can not, or are any secured against assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
(Charity number 1164389)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('The Trust') for the year ended 30 September 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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 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 matter has 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.

Name	MT Jacques
Address	Weston Close, Bishopswood, ST19 9AW
Date	13 December 2022

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1164389

Accounts

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Trustees submit their report and receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 10 November 2015, a copy of which is available on the Association's website, or by request to the Secretary.

The Trustees are elected at the AGM to serve for a period of three years. One third of their number retire, in rotation, at each AGM. Additional Trustees can be appointed during the year and any so appointed must retire at the subsequent AGM and if eligible seek re-election. The additional Trustees are not counted in the calculation of the one third who retire by rotation.

A Committee is appointed at the AGM to assist the Trustees in the day to day running of the Association and it meets on a regular basis with the Trustees. These meeting were, in order to comply with Government Regulations, curtailed for part of the year and recommenced in July 2021, during the hiatus period necessary decisions were taken in the most appropriate way depending on the matter involved. The members of the Committee are not Trustees and whilst they may express their opinion on the management of the Association have no vote in deciding on the formal policy(ies) adopted which are the sole prerogative of the Trustees.

The Trustees appoint one of their number to be Chair, in addition they also appointed one of their number to be responsible for finance, this person may also be Treasurer, but this is not a formal requirement. They also appoint the other Officers of the Association these being Secretary, Treasurer, if not the Trustee referred to above, Membership Secretary and Delegate to the BBKA Annual meeting. These latter Officers do not need to be Trustees.

The principal address of the Association is Lilyhurst House, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RL.

Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year were:

Glyn Williams– Chair
Richard Hudson – Treasurer
Sir Anthony Rigby – Oswestry Branch Chair
Mark Newman
John Connolly
John Adams (appointed 26 January 2021)
Peter Bound (resigned 26 January 2021)
Peter Hampson (resigned 26 January 2021)

Each year one third of the Trustees retire and, if eligible, can seek re-election, there is no restriction on the number of times each Trustee can be reappointed. The Trustees retiring at this year's AGM are Glyn Williams and John Connolly. Both being eligible will seek re-election. The Members of the Association will, in accordance with the Constitution, elect Trustee(s) at the AGM. There is a minimum of 3 Trustees required to hold Office, there is no upper limit to the number who can be appointed.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of the Charity as set out in the Constitution are to promote and further the activity of beekeeping.

Activities

There are currently 377 members of the Association. Members will have seen that we again used the digital system for renewals which has considerably reduced the time needed to process membership details so receipts and membership insurance certificates, when required, can be issued on a timelier basis. This year the quickest response to the renewal notices was 20 minutes.

The first half of the year proceeded as last year finished with everything on hold, a small number of members were involved in the care and maintenance of the apiary and ensured the site remained secure. As restrictions and government advice were relaxed the apiary was gradually reopened, initially to members and then to others. The number of members of the public visiting the site gradually increased which has improved the associations finances due to the donation received.

Improvements to the facilities at the apiary site we had planned had to be put on hold and the only significant item was the installation of a defibrillator unit. Other improvements were delayed and are due to be implemented in the coming year.

Due to the Covid restriction we had had to cancel all training, but we restarted our education programme as soon as we could. In July we had seventeen participants for the beginner's course, including some of those whose courses had been cancelled last year. We altered the course structure so that it was more condensed and mixed the practical and theory elements together. A team of four delivered the course which increases our flexibility in future years. We also held a taster day with fifteen taking part. Both courses included associate membership which we hope will encourage those new to beekeeping to continue their involvement in future years.

We have arranged the dates for next year's courses and in addition to the evening course and taster day we will restart the basics training and hold beginners' sessions on Saturdays. We have introduced an automated enrolment and payment system which has helped streamline the process of enrolling on courses.

Usually the Association promotes beekeeping to the wider public at a number of shows, especially the Shrewsbury Flower Show, but, as in the previous year, could not do so as all events were cancelled. As members of the public were able once again to visit the apiary we were at least able to explain the importance of bees and beekeeping as they were guided around the site.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus of £4,515 on the unrestricted fund. In addition we held £7,168 as restricted funds, this represents a grant received from Severn Trent to enable the erection of a new storage shed. Once the shed is installed and the expenditure has been incurred these funds will be transferred to the unrestricted fund. In total on 30 September 2021 the Association held £33,822. The unrestricted funds are held to cover anticipated expenditure in the coming year, including further improvements to the site. It is intended that, at all times, the Association should have sufficient funds available to cover its anticipated fixed expenditure in the coming twelve months.

We would make the following comments on the individual items:

The Gift Aid reclaim was submitted and paid by HMRC within a few days, just before the accounting date.

We were able to run one beginners' course and a taster day a substantial improvement over the previous year, when courses were cancelled.

Once again, the Association has undertaken the purchase and sale of consumables and managed, by changing the method of working, to continue this during lockdown. This has generated a surplus for the Association whilst, at the same time benefitting the members with lower costs.

On the expenditure items these are reasonably self-explanatory.

As explained above the ongoing improvements which had been planned for the site were placed on hold when the care and maintenance policy was implemented to comply with the Regulations and only recommenced as the restrictions were lifted. The apiary equipment cost represents the defibrillator referred to above, of which £1,000 was received in specific donations.

Risk Management

The Association has a number of risk policies in place which are reviewed on a regular basis and the Trustees consider at that time any additional systems and procedures to mitigate any further risks identified.

Statement of Trustees responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period in the form of an Income and Expenditure Account, together with specific additional information concerning assets and liabilities at the financial period end.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report, on pages 2 to 5, has been approved by the Trustees' and signed on their behalf by:

G Williams

30 November 2021

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Year ended 30/09/2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	10,160	-	10,160	10,174
Gift Aid	2,012	-	2,012	1,869
Donations	2,134	-	2,134	1,363
Grant		7,168	7,168	-
Course fees	3,184	-	3,184	1,221
Interest	116	-	116	17
Consumables sales	17,218	-	17,218	16,389
	<u>34,824</u>	<u>7,168</u>	<u>41,992</u>	<u>31,033</u>
GROSS INCOME	<u>34,824</u>	<u>7,168</u>	<u>41,992</u>	<u>31,033</u>
PAYMENTS				
BBKA Capitation and bee disease insurance	7,001	-	7,001	6,505
Apiary costs	1,900	-	1,900	1,053
Room hire	100	-	100	473
Consumables purchases	14,408	-	14,408	15,296
Course costs	409	-	409	523
Trade shows	-	-	-	36
Honorariums	700	-	700	700
Magazine subscriptions	-	-	-	933
General administrative costs	343	-	343	706
Insurance	1,342	-	1,342	1,130
	<u>26,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,203</u>	<u>27,355</u>
Assets purchases				
Apiary equipment	1,449	-	1,449	-
Apiary buildings	2,657	-	2,657	1,152
	<u>4,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,106</u>	<u>1,152</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>30,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,309</u>	<u>28,507</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	4,515	7,168	11,683	2,526
Cash funds held at beginning of the period	22,139	-	22,139	19,613
CASH FUNDS HELD AT PERIOD END	<u>26,654</u>	<u>7,168</u>	<u>33,822</u>	<u>22,139</u>

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Cash funds - Bank accounts	26,654	7,168

Other assets - UNRESTRICTED FUND	Value
Apiary buildings	52,085
Apiary equipment	13,442
Computer and microscope equipment	3,089
Show equipment	3,500
Trophies	30,590
Library	2,116
Stock of consumables	5,953

The receipts and payments account and related notes were approved by the Trustees on
30 November 2021

RH Hudson
Trustee

SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHROPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the period under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145 (2) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Name MT Jacques

Address Weston Close, Bishopswood, ST19 9AW

Date 30 November 2021