



Lune Valley

Community Beekeepers

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No: 116775

Trustees' Report

for the year ended 28th February 2021

Despite the constantly varying restrictions imposed on us due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have remained active throughout.

Membership has continued to grow throughout the year helped by the introductory courses we were able to run in March and October and a successful Open Day held in July.

We now have a new venue for our monthly meetings but shortly after moving there we had to suspend actual meetings and move to on-line meetings via Zoom. This had not only increased attendance but allowed us to hear from speakers it would otherwise have been too expensive to engage. In the same way, we have been able to provide speakers to explain our approaches to beekeeping to other clubs and organisations over a wide geographical area.

Our newsletter continues to be published monthly and is shared with a number of other clubs both in the UK and abroad.

During the year we were able to ensure that all new members who wanted bees were able to obtain nucleus colonies and install them successfully.

Sales of Lune Valley Long Hives to both members and non-members have progressed steadily throughout the year and detailed plans for those who wish to build their own are now available on our web site.

At the beginning of 2020 we were invited to take part in Lancaster City Council's People's Jury on climate change, and FoodFutures, a North Lancashire based organisation whose objectives are to create a sustainable food system that is predominantly plant-based, local, seasonal, and which uses organic growing methods. Both initiatives are calling for a significant increase in the amount of food that is grown locally in gardens and allotments and will need a significant increase in the numbers of pollinators if they are to fully succeed.

Throughout the year we hosted a team of young people from Lancashire Youth Challenge who have worked on clearing an overgrown section of woodland at the Club apiary, planting a variety of native woodland flowers and restoring part of the main pathway.

A start was made on the creation of our proposed breeding apiary. The site has been cleared and a solid base laid. Further funding is being sought to hopefully complete the project in time for the 2021 season.

Due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, we were unable to hold a practical training course during 2020. However, another is planned for 2021.

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In previous years we have benefitted greatly from the various Community Payback Teams who have assisted with the task of keeping our apiary grounds well managed and tidy. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, they have not been permitted to work on our site this year.

However, we are extremely grateful to all the members who contributed, often working alone, to keeping the site and the meadow as tidy and well-managed as practical in the circumstances.

During the year, Professor Chris Carr resigned as a Trustee and we wish to record our thanks for the contribution he made. We also welcome Mrs Jane York on her appointment as a Trustee.

Notwithstanding the challenges caused by the pandemic, 2020-2021 has been a productive year and we seem set for further growth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Fred J Ayres'.

Dr Fred J Ayres
Chairman of Trustees
1st March 2021

LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY BEEKEEPERS
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No: 1167725
BALANCE SHEET as at 29th February 2020

2019					
for comparison					
		FIXED ASSETS			
	3081	Container costs		3081	
	3463	Apiary Equipment		4198	
	1000	Stocks of bees		1000	
	2795	Other Equipment		3147	
	<u>10339</u>	Total fixed assets		<u>11426</u>	
		CURRENT ASSETS			
1293		Stocks of goods for re-sale	1020		
625		Debtor - Gift Aid	307		
2474		Cash at Bank	<u>2735</u>		
<u>4392</u>				4062	
		CURRENT LIABILITIES			
816		Prepayments	619		
48		Creditors	<u>60</u>	679	
	3528	NET CURRENT ASSETS			3383
	<u>£13,867</u>	TOTAL ASSETS			<u>£14,809</u>
		Represented by:			
4500		Trustees' Loans	3000		
<u>1500</u>	6000	Members' Loans	<u>3000</u>	6000	
		Accumulated Fund			
3478		As at 1st March 2019	7867		
<u>4389</u>	7867	Add: surplus for period	<u>942</u>	8809	
	<u>£13,867</u>			<u>£14,809</u>	

e certify that these records show a true and fair view of the organisation's accounts and record

Signed:

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Dr F J Ayres, Trustee

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Mrs G Ayres, Trustee

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Prof. C Carr, Trustee

LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY BEEKEEPERS
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OPERATING ACCOUNT
Year to 28th February 2021

**2020 for
comparison**

INCOME

516	Subscriptions	552
190	Insurance	364
2407	Course fees	964
1141	Profit on sales	10101
472	Donations	974
307	Gift Aid	294
163	Fund raising	510
1230	Grant income	1572
6426	Total income	15331

EXPENDITURE

2314	Site costs	479
859	Apiary costs	2262
102	Meadow costs	317
0	Cost of sales of goods	9223
949	Course costs	289
590	Insurance	649
293	Web site	59
236	Meeting costs	207
141	Other items	24
5484	Total expenditure	13509
£942	Excess of income over expenditure	£1,822

LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY BEEKEEPERS
Notes on the accounts to 29th February 2020

1 Site cost

The increase is due to the cost of laying the all-weather surface to the apiary at a cost of £2160

2 Stocks of goods for re-sale (at cost)

2 Lune Valley Long Hives	570
135 printed mugs	331
Hive packaging	119
	<u>£1,020</u>

3 Prepayments

This comprises:

* Membership subscriptions 2020-2021	£228
* Insurance premiums 2020-2021	£91
* Course fees paid in advance	£300
	<u>£619</u>

4 Creditors

Aughton Village Hall	<u>£60</u>
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4 Restricted Funding

Morecambe Festival Fund	<u>£230</u>
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5 Grants Received

Morecambe Festival Fund	230
The Skelton Trust	1000
	<u>£1,230</u>

6 Trustees

Mr Huston Clements resigned as a Trustee in March 2019.

LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY BEEKEEPERS
Schedule of Assets at 29th February 2020

Container Costs

As at 1st March 2019 3081.21

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Apiary Equipment

As at 1st March 2019 3463.11

Additions during year

14.03.19 40 bee suits 700.04

30.08.19 new lock for container 34.99

4198.14

Stocks of bees

As at 1st March 2019 **1000.00**

Other Equipment

As at 1st March 2019 2794.25

Additions during year

Mock up teaching hives 352.22

3146.47
