



# **Lune Valley Beekeepers**

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No: 116775**

## **Draft Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

2024-2025 has been a rather mixed year for our organisation.

Membership has continued to grow steadily and our newsletter, which continues to be published monthly and is shared with a number of other clubs both in the UK and abroad via eBees, continues to be well regarded and received.

Our alternative approach to beekeeping, which uses a specially designed long hive that allows easy access to beekeepers of all ages and physical abilities to enjoy the hobby whilst allowing the bee colony to flourish with minimal disruption to the hive and in a more natural, treatment free environment, continues to generate interest amongst new and established beekeepers. Sales of Lune Valley Long Hives to both members and non-members have progressed steadily throughout the year.

The very variable weather throughout last year was not kind to our apiaries and many of our colonies have struggled. Inclement weather also disrupted many of our planned apiary interventions and practical training sessions. A number of site maintenance sessions had to be cancelled and a number of social meetings were not well supported by members. We did, however, stage a very successful annual Open Day.

In mid February we held a General Meeting to encourage members to review all of our activities and assess which continue to attract viable support. We expect to be sharing the outcomes with all members very shortly.

In mid October we organised a regional conference based on our alternative style of beekeeping. This was supported by several speakers of national note and attracted attendees from across the North as well as a few from much further afield and was very well received.

In the last few weeks we have started to set up our second club apiary on a site which is being developed into an outdoor, environmental education centre. Hopefully it will increase our ability to promote the benefits of pollinators to the environment.

We continue to have an involvement with FoodFutures, a North Lancashire based organisation whose objectives are to encourage more people to develop healthy diets by growing more of their own food using organic growing methods. Our objectives are to ensure that their plans and strategies involve appropriate provisions for pollinators.

Our plans for making local people aware of the risks posed by the potential arrival of the Yellow Legged Asian hornet and organising a local trapping and monitoring programme are now well developed and we are currently seeking funding to support this.

Dr Fred J Ayres, Chairman of Trustees.

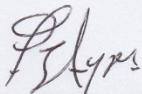
**LUNE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS**  
**Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No: 1167725**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at: 28th February 2025**

Year 2023-2024  
for comparison

	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>As at 29.02.24</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>As at 28.02.25</b>
3146	Containers & Fittings	3146	818	0	3964
1755	Exhibition equipment	1755	0	175	1580
1665	Equipment & tools	1665	1200	287	2578
2655	Hives & stands	2655	0	265	2390
<u>9221</u>	<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>				<u>10512</u>
3500	<b>Colonies of bees as at 28th February 2025</b>				1500
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
	461 Stocks of goods for re-sale		285		
	874 Debtors		594		
	1589 Cash at Bank		1040		
	<u>2924</u>			1919	
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
	-1909 Pre-payments		1240		
	0 Creditors		0	1240	
1015	<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				679
<u><b>£13,736</b></u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				<u><b>£12,691</b></u>
	<b>Represented by:</b>				
	750 Trustees' Loans			477	
1357	607 Members' Loans			0	477
	<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>				
	10836 As at 1st March 2024			12379	
	1543 Less: Loss for period			<b>-1365</b>	
12379	Add: Asset donated			1200	12214
<u><b>£13,736</b></u>					<u><b>£12,691</b></u>

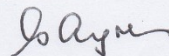
We certify that this Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account show a true and fair view of this organisation's financial position.

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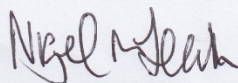
Dr Fred Ayres, Trustee

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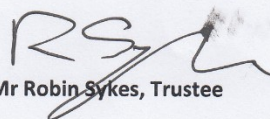
Mrs Glenis Ayres, Trustee

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Mr Nigel Leech, Trustee

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Mr Robin Sykes, Trustee



**LUNE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS**  
**Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No: 1167727**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**Year to 28th February 2025**

**Year 2023-24  
for comparison**

		<b>INCOME</b>	
772	Subscriptions	960	
590	Insurance	486	
730	Course fees	2625	
5137	Sales of goods	5132	
488	Donations	302	
600	Gift Aid	504	
1577	Fund raising	851	
0	Grant income	0	
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9894	<b>Total income</b>	<b>10860</b>	

		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
683	Site costs	262	
93	Apiary 1 costs	98	
0	Apiary 2 costs	298	
0	Meadow costs	0	
4097	Cost of sales of goods	4522	
957	Display materials	130	
45	Course costs	2097	
777	Insurance	874	
338	Web site	621	
30	Other items	155	
516	Obsolete equipment	0	
140	Meeting costs	21	
0	Accountancy	420	
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7676	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>9498</b>	

<b>£2,218</b>	<b>Operational surplus for year</b>	<b>£1,362</b>
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675	Depreciation for year	727	
	Loss of stocks of bees	2000	
		<hr/>	2727
<hr/>	<b>Loss for period</b>	<hr/>	<b>-£1,365</b>

<b>£1,543</b>	<b>Membership at 28th February 2025</b>	<b>64</b>
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## **Lune Valley Beekeepers**

### **Notes to the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2025**

- 1) The accountancy charge of £420 relates to fees incurred in dealing with a number of HMRC enquiries, which
- 2) Additions to Containers and Fittings was a 20ft second hand container bought during the year.
- 3) Additions to Equipment and tools refers to a used motor mower, at valuation, donated during the year.
- 4) stocks refers to our stock of hornet traps at cost
- 5) Debtors refers to our insurance premium for 2025-2026 paid in advance and £5 owing for a hornet trap.
- 6) Prepayment refers to subscriptions £270, insurance premiums £190, course fees £750 and donations £30 received in advance.
- 7) All outstanding members' loans were repaid during the year leaving trustees' loans of £477 outstanding.
- 8) The exact number of colonies of bees at the apiary is not known although there have been significant losses. These accounts show an estimated 5 colonies at a conservative valuation of £300 per colony.