

THE BRITISH BEE CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1174123

Details

Other names	SURREY BEES CIO, THE BRITISH BEEKEEPING CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:3.1 TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING AND THE SCIENCE OF BEES, TO THE PUBLIC GOOD.3.2 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF BEES THROUGH TALKS AND SHOWS.3.3 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION TO CHILDREN IN THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING, PROMOTING BEEKEEPING VIA SUMMER CAMPS AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDSNOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT [SCOTLAND] ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Activities: To promote and further the craft of beekeeping and the science of bees, to the public goodTo advance the education of the public in the environmental and economic importance of bees through talks and showsTo advance the education to children in the importance of bees and beekeeping, promoting beekeeping via Summer Camps and Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,358	£42,211	-	-
2024-03-31	£61,195	£59,211	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,504	£25,856	-	-
2022-03-31	£12,911	£3,037	-	-
2021-08-31	£26,313	£4,145	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FRANCES ELIZABETH WITTKE	Chair	2024-01-11
JACQUELINE LIGHT		2024-01-11
KEITH TARLING		2026-01-26
LYNN CHITTY		2020-07-07
NICHOLAS JOHN BARKER		2024-01-11

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024**
Period end date

Period start date To **31st March 2025**

Charity name: The British Bee Charity CIO

Charity registration number: 1174123

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	• To promote and further the craft of beekeeping and the science of bees, to the public good. • To advance the education of the public in the environmental and economic importance of bees through talks and shows. • To advance the education to children in the importance of bees, beekeeping and other pollinators promoting their welfare through educational initiatives.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1. Apiary Activities a. Operation of the Hoebridge Apiary through Membership & Apiary Fees b. Training c. Public Open Days 2. Trading Activities a. Equipment and Product sales to Members b. Event Sales 3. Fund Raising Activities a. Adopt a Hive b. Donations c. Royalties d. Sponsorships & Promotions 4. Charitable Activities a. Donations to Schools & Charities b. Apiary Management
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Charity has 110 Full/Associate members registered at the end of the year. This number is expected to continue to increase in 2025/26 in line with the ongoing training courses. A new category of Supporter Membership was introduced in 2024. There are a number viable colonies on the apiary owned by the CIO, which are used for training, and nearly 50 Member managed hives. The training emphasis is on "hands-on" experience compared with attendance in the classroom and the program had 16 students attending during the Financial Year. In 2023/24 the Charity made grants available to 19 schools with equipment to establish hives, and made a further 20 grants in 2024/25. It expects to make more grants in 2025/26 depending on available funding. Over the last two years the Charity has made grants to schools under the B4S scheme totalling just over £37,000. The BeeBombs4schools (BB4S) educational packs, which are separate from the B4S scheme, are proving to be a success and the Charity partnered with the support of a major retail promotion during the year. There are plans ongoing to update and improve the Website, aimed at improving the operational processes but also to upgrade in line with current IT software developments.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income from activities reduced from £61,195 in 2023/24 down to £46,358 largely as a result of the one off nature of large Corporate sponsorships. Donations in aggregate from both Corporate and the public increased by 50% to £12,959, The Charity generated a surplus of £4,148 during the year increasing the Reserves £47,407, which are very liquid. The Charity is in a sound financial position and, for the last two years, has funded it's Charitable donations to schools from Sponsorships and Donations during the respective years. In the event of reduced Charitable income which is forecast in the current year the Charity may need to look to its Charitable reserves to fund their program.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity's objective is to hold sufficient reserves to fund the Charitable Activities planned for the next two financial years, together with a reserve sufficient to cover the costs of winding down the Charity, including the Apiary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£47,407
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Each Trustee is appointed for a term of one year by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Members. Only Full and Associate Members have voting rights.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The British Bee Charity CIO
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1174123
Charity's principal address	The Chase 59a Copthorne Road Felbridge Surrey RH19 2PB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gregory Bool	Chairman		
2	Nicholas Barker	Deputy Chairman		
3	Tim Steel	Treasurer	Resigned 16/3/2025	
4	Lyn Chitty	Apiary/Trustee		
5	Frances Wittke	Trustee		
6	Jacqui Light	Trustee		
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gregory Bool	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	02/10/2025	

Report of the Trustees of The British Bee Charity CIO for the period ended 31st March 2025

The Charity has 110 full members registered at the end of the year, and have introduced a new category of Supporter Membership. We expect this number to continue to increase in 2025/26 in line with the ongoing training courses. The training emphasis is on "hands-on" experience compared with attendance in the classroom. There are 5 viable colonies on the apiary owned by the CIO, which are used for training, and 42 Member managed hives. In 2023/24 we made grants available to 19 schools with equipment to establish hives, and made a further 20 grants in 2024/25. We expect to make more grants in 2025/26 depending on funding. The BeeBombs4schools educational packs are proving a huge success and we partnered with the support of a major supermarket this year. We plan to extend this program further in 2025/26. These are free and are distributed to schools around the UK. We plan to update the Website due to operational issues with the current system and ongoing IT development. The CIO is looking forward to a successful 2025/26 and beyond.

**Statement of Financial Activities of The British Bee Charity CIO
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

Charity registration number 1174123. Registered on 3rd August 2017.

Trustees

Gregory Bool	Chairman
Nick Barker	Deputy Chairman
Tim Steel	Treasurer (<i>Resigned 18/3/2025</i>)
Lynn Chitty	Education & Apiary Manager
Frances Wittke	Trustee
Jacqui Light	Secretary

The annual year end of the charity is 31st March.

Annual Accounts	Year to 31.3.25		Year to 31.3.24	
Incoming Resources	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	
Income & Endowments from:				
Apiary activities	4320		4436	
Donations & Legacies	8360		8585	
Charitable Activities	15624		30164	
Trading Activities	12844		10252	
Other income	5210		7758	
Total	<u>46358</u>		<u>61195</u>	
Resources expended				
Apiary activities	1792		1049	
Charitable activities	4256		19412	
Trading activities	6455		7743	
Charitable donations to Schools & Charities	21492		20990	
Overheads	5429		4458	
Depreciation	2787		5559	
Total	<u>42211</u>		<u>59211</u>	
Net income & Funds carried forward	4147		1984	
Funds at 1st Apr 2024	<u>43260</u>		<u>41276</u>	
Funds at 31st March 2025	<u><u>47407</u></u>		<u><u>43260</u></u>	
Represented by:				
Fixed Assets				
Intangible Assets	0		0	
Tangible Assets	<u>1478</u>	<u>1478</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>865</u>
Current Assets				
Stocks	4992		3764	
Debtors	319		919	
Cash at Bank	<u>44567</u>	<u>49878</u>	<u>46604</u>	<u>51287</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	3949		8892	
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>3949</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8892</u>
Unrestricted Funds of the Charity	<u><u>47407</u></u>		<u><u>43260</u></u>	

Notes to the financial statements:

1. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost and Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises and with the Charities Act.
2. Income is recognised once the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
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4. Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than two years. Depreciation has been provided so as to write assets off over two years
5. The Trustees have claimed minimal out of pocket expenses, claims relate to travel for collection of stock for sale and equipment for the apiary.
6. Membership subscriptions are included on payment.

Signed by TJR Steel on behalf of the Charity

Date: 4th September 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Bee Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Bee Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.



G. Yeomans FCCA
10 Bates Walk, Addlestone, Surrey. KT15 2DQ
16 September 2025

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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 To 31st March 2024

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Charity registration number:1174123

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1) Apiary Activities a) Operation of the Hoebridge Apiary through Membership & Apiary Fees b) Training c) Public Open Days 2) Trading Activities a) Equipment and Product sales to Members b) Event Sales 3) Fund Raising Activities a) Adopt a Hive b) Donations c) Royalties d) Sponsorships & Promotions 4) Charitable Activities a) Donations to Schools & Charities b) Apiary Management
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Apiary at Hoebridge continues to build on the foundations established in recent years, following the installation of a Community Unit and additional storage facilities. As at the end of March 2024 there were 35 Hives on site 6 of which belong to the Charity. Training is a key element of Beekeeping and new members are required to go through a mandatory 26 week course before they are able to take responsibility for their own hive. The Charity's main activities involve schools and includes the Bees4Schools (B4S) initiative. A grant of a Bee Hive, a Colony of bees, together with associated beekeeping equipment (including suits) to schools nationally who apply. Any schools which have a qualified beekeeping member of staff and a secure, safe area to locate a working hive on, can take this opportunity to move the classroom outside. In 2023/24 the Charity awarded grants to 19 schools under the B4S scheme, and hope to approve up to 20 more schools in the next financial year, once we have sufficient funding. Our BeeBombs4Schools (BB4S) initiative, includes an educational pack together with BeeBombs which are native, wildflower seedballs, handmade in Dorset. Again schools nationally can apply and this initiative is currently sponsored by a major UK supermarket.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Overall Activity Income increased materially in FY23/24 to £61,195 with income from all activities showing an increase, some significantly so. It is however important to recognise the distortive effects of the large promotions that the Charity undertook in this case with a major cereals brand as a result of its Fund Raising Activities. These are one off promotions and can be compared only with just over £5,000 earned from a promotion in the previous FY. Stripping these figures out highlights more modest growth across all activities, but reflects the benefits of regular and continued marketing through social media, as well as the profile gained through the higher profile partnerships.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity objective is to hold sufficient reserves to fund the Charitable Activities planned for the next two financial years, together with a reserve sufficient to cover the costs of winding down the Charity, including the Apiary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£43,260
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Each Trustee is appointed for a term of one year by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Members. Only Full and Associate Members have voting rights.

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1174123
Charity's principal address	The Chase, 59a Copthorne Road, Felbridge, Surrey RH19 2PB

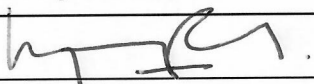
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gregory Bool	Chairman		
2	Nick Barker	Deputy Chairman		
3	Tim Steel	Treasurer	Appointed 11/1/2024	
4	Derick Fulcher	Treasurer	Resigned 6/5/2023	
5	Lynn Chitty	Education		
6	Frances Wittke	Trustee	Appointed 11/1/2024	
7	Jacqui Light	Secretary	Appointed 11/1/2024	
8	Christopher Harvey	Trustee	Died 25/12/2023	
9	Karen Keenan	Membership	Resigned 11/1/2024	
10	Anoop Kotecha	Apiary Manager	Resigned 11/1/2024	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gregory Bool	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	9th Dec 2024	

**Statement of Financial Activities of The British Bee Charity CIO
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Charity registration number 1174123. Registered on 3rd August 2017.

Trustees

Gregory Bool	Chairman
Nick Barker	Deputy Chairman (<i>Appointed 11/1/2024</i>)
Lynn Chitty	Education & Apiary Manager
Derick Fulcher FCA	Treasurer (<i>Resigned 6/5/2023</i>)
Tim Steel	Treasurer (<i>Appointed 11/1/2024</i>)
Christopher Harvey	Trustee (<i>Died 25/12/2023</i>)
Frances Wittke	Trustee (<i>Appointed 11/1/2024</i>)
Jacqui Light	Secretary (<i>Appointed 11/1/2024</i>)
Karen Keenan	Membership (<i>Resigned 11/1/24</i>)
Anoop Kotecha	Apiary Manager (<i>Resigned 11/1/2024</i>)

The annual year end of the charity is 31st March.

Annual Accounts	Year to 31.3.24		Year to 31.3.23	
Incoming Resources	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	8585		14142	
Charitable Activities	40271		6352 *	
Gift Aid	3848		1550	
Other trading activities	8491		4459 *	
Total	<u>61195</u>		<u>26504</u>	
Resources expended				
Raising Funds	199		218	
Charitable activities	21196		4587 *	
Other trading activities	7008		5752 *	
Charitable donations to Schools & Charities	20990		2583	
Web Design	0		2370	
Depreciation	5559		5919	
Other	4259		4427	
Total	<u>59211</u>		<u>25857</u>	
Net income & Funds carried forward	1984		647	
Funds at 1st September 2023	41276		40629	
Funds at 31st March 2024	<u>43260</u>		<u>41276</u>	

Represented by:

Fixed Assets

Intangible Assets	0		0	
Tangible Assets	<u>865</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>4694</u>	<u>4694</u>

Current Assets

Stocks	3764		5482	
Debtors	919		0	
Prepayments	0			
Cash at Bank	<u>46604</u>	<u>51287</u>	<u>31099</u>	<u>36582</u>

Current Liabilities

Creditors	8892		0	
Other	0	8892	0	0

Unrestricted Funds of the Charity	<u>43260</u>		<u>41276</u>	
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Notes to the financial statements:

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2. Income is recognised once the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
3. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out of resources.
4. Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than two years. Depreciation has been provided so as to write assets off over two years
5. The Trustees have claimed minimal out of pocket expenses, claims relate to travel for collection of stock for sale and equipment for the apiary.
6. Membership subscriptions are included on payment.

Signed by TJR Steel on behalf of the Charity

Date: 9th December 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Bee Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Bee Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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I 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.



G. Yeomans FCCA
10 Bates Walk, Addlestone, Surrey. KT15 2DQ

11 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities of The British Bee Charity CIO
for the year ended 31st March 2023
Charity registration number 1174123. Registered on 3rd August 2017.
Trustees

Gregory Bool	Chairman	
Karen Keenan	Membership	
D.Fulcher F.C.A.	Treasurer	resigned 6th May 2023
Christopher Harvey	Trustee	
Anoop Kotecha	Apiary manager	
Lynn Chitty	Education	

The annual year end of the charity is 31st March. The comparative results are for the seven months to 31st March 2022.

<u>Annual Accounts</u>	<u>Year to 31.3.23</u>		<u>7 Months to 31.3.22</u>	
Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	14142		11890	
Charitable Activities	10811		-15	
Gift Aid	1550		1036	
Other trading activities	0		0	
Total	26504		12911	
Resources expended				
Raising Funds	218		0	
Charitable activities	10339		2061	
Charitable donations to schools & charities	2583		0	
Web Design	2370		0	
Depreciation	5919		976	
Other	4427		0	
Total	25857		3037	
Net income & Funds carried forward	647		9875	
Funds at 1st September 2022	40628		30754	
Funds at 31st March 2023	41275		40628	
Represented by:				
Fixed Assets				
Intangible Assets	0		0	
Tangible Assets	4694	4694	1225	1225
Current Assets				
Stocks	5482		2631	
Debtors	0		8864	
Prepayments	0		201	
Cash at Bank	31099	36582	28028	39724
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	0		321	
Other	0	0	0	321
Unrestricted Funds of the Charity	41276		40629	

Signed by Gregory Bool (Chairman) on behalf of the Trustees 10th January 2024

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

Charity name: The British Bee Charity CIO

Charity registration number:1174123

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1) To promote and further the craft of beekeeping and the science of bees, to the public good. 2) To advance the education of the public in the environmental and economic importance of bees through talks and shows. 3) To advance the education to children in the importance of bees, beekeeping and other pollinators promoting their welfare through educational initiatives.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity had over 100 members at the end of the financial year, an increase on the previous year. The focus continues to be on actively growing this number in future. Activities and attendance at local and regional shows have increased since the end of the Covid lock downs and we plan to do even more in 2024 subject to sufficient resources/volunteers. There are five viable colonies on the apiary owned by the CIO, which are used for training. The training emphasis is on "hand-on" experience compared with attendance in the classroom. No charge is made for training unless specialised, in which case a small charge is made to cover additional costs. Ongoing development of the Website continues, both to reflect the growth of the CIO and support the requirements of new sponsors. The CIO is looking forward to a successful 2023/24 and beyond
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in

Commission on public benefit		exercising their powers or duties.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	A welfare unit has been installed at the Apiary which was donated. The CIO paid for some refurbishment works to be carried out both before and after installation. It holds the CIO's stocks and has a small social area to support the training program. The Bees4schools and BeeBombs4schools educational packs are proving very successful with over 200 requests during the year. We plan to encourage more in 2023/24. These are free and are distributed around the UK. Packs and equipment to the value of £2,580 was distributed to schools through these programmes in this financial year. The Adopt a Hive program continues to develop successfully.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity had funds of £41,276 at the end of the financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are currently no reserves held
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This policy is currently under review with a view to creating sufficient reserve in the event of an orderly wind down of the Charity.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	-
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document <i>(trust deed, royal charter)</i>	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods	Para 1.25	Every trustee must be appointed for a term of

including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		one year by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the members. Only full and associate members have voting rights
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The British Bee Charity CIO
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1174123
Charity's principal address	The Chase, 59 Copthorne Road, Felbridge, Surrey RH19 2PB

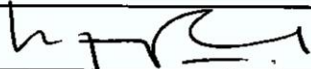
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Gregory Bool	Chairman		-
Karen Keenan	Membership		-
Derick Fulcher	Treasurer		-
Christopher Harvey	Trustee		-
Anoop Kotecha	Apiary Manager		-
Lyn Chitty	Education		-

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gregory Bool	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	10 th January 2024	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Bee Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Bee Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.



G. Yeomans FCCA
10 Bates Walk, Addlestone, Surrey. KT15 2DQ

29 December 2023

THE BRITISH BEE CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1174123

Accounts

Annual accounts

Seven months to : Year to 31.8.21
31st March 2022

Unrestricted Funds Unrestricted Funds

Incoming resources:

Apiary costs less fees: together with stock loss	-648.00	556.62
Extractor rental	43.53	68.60
Adopt a hive	247.15	798.90
Gift aid	1036.24	1346.55
Members subscriptions,magazines and insurance	342.75	1300.00
	<u>1021.67</u>	<u>4070.67</u>
Donations	11889.54	22089.79
	<u>12911.21</u>	<u>26160.46</u>

Total incoming resources**Resources expended:**

Event net income less taster day cost	0	-42.18
Insurance - bee disease and product liability etc., magazines	-281.70	-652.58
Website	-166.15	-401.88
B.Bombs	0.00	-741.00
Depreciation	-976.03	-2195.81
Bank charges,mileage,zoom hub, advertising	-1612.65	-3036.53
	<u>-1612.65</u>	<u>-852.36</u>
	<u>-3036.53</u>	<u>-4885.81</u>
<i>Net incoming resources and funds carried forward</i>	9874.68	21274.65
Funds at 1st September 2021	30753.80	9399.15
Funds at 31st March 2022	<u>40628.48</u>	<u>30673.80</u>

Represented by:**Fixed Assets:**

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Additions: portaloo, new banners, and projector	498.33	3405.88
Depreciation	<u>-4690.62</u>	<u>1225.24</u>
		<u>-3714.59</u>
		1702.94

Current assets:

Stock for Adopt a hive, shows etc., (including B.Bombs)	1545.92	(	2612.00
Other stock	1085.45	(	
Insurance (public and product liability)	201.00		482.70
HMRC - Gift Aid	1033.07		1188.25
Debtors	7830.85		0.00
Paypal cash	7237.32		2362.01
Wix balance and Petty cash	0.00		637.65
Cash at bank	<u>20790.80</u>		<u>22661.35</u>
	<u>39724.41</u>		<u>29943.96</u>

Current liabilities:

B.Bombs and Adopt a Hive	0.00	-893.10
Event income	<u>-321.17</u>	<u>39403.24</u>
		<u>-80.00</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds of the Charity</i>	<u>40628.48</u>	<u>30753.80</u>

Signed by D.J.Fulcher on behalf of the charity:

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Annual accounts

	Year to 31.8.21		Year to 31.8.20	
	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
Incoming resources:				
Apiary costs less fees: together with stock sold		556.62		897.00
Extractor rental		68.60		156.84
Members events & talk fees		0.00		329.87
Adopt a hive		798.90		0.00
Gift aid		1346.55		429.20
Members subscriptions, magazines and insurance		1300.00		2782.00
		<u>4070.67</u>		<u>4594.91</u>
Donations		22089.79		39.00
Total incoming resources		<u>26160.46</u>		<u>4633.91</u>
Resources expended:				
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Website	-401.88		-179.20	
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Insurance (public and product liability)	482.70		451.70	
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Debtors	0.00		258.00	
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Date: 22ND April 2022