



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 To 31st March 2024

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 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

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

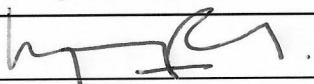
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	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	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>)
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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	61195		26504	
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	59211		25857	
Net income & Funds carried forward	1984		647	
Funds at 1st September 2023	41276		40629	
Funds at 31st March 2024	43260		41276	

Represented by:

Fixed Assets

Intangible Assets	0		0	
Tangible Assets	865	865	4694	4694

Current Assets

Stocks	3764		5482	
Debtors	919		0	
Prepayments	0			
Cash at Bank	46604	51287	31099	36582

Current Liabilities

Creditors	8892		0	
Other	0	8892	0	0

Unrestricted Funds of the Charity	43260		41276	
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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.
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
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.



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11 October 2024