



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.
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: 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.



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10 Bates Walk, Addlestone, Surrey. KT15 2DQ
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