

GWENT BEEKEEPERS CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1174746

Details

Other names	GBK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-09-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Holden Apiary & Study Centre Llanover Road Llanfair Kilgeddin Abergavenny Gwent NP7 9DY
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Activities

Objects: THE ENCOURAGEMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping for public benefit

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Blaenau Gwent
- Monmouthshire
- Newport City
- Torfaen

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£13,389	£14,078	-	-
2024-09-30	£27,705	£18,796	-	-
2023-09-30	£23,744	£16,266	-	-
2022-09-30	£21,892	£22,137	-	-
2021-09-30	£22,456	£27,044	-	-
2020-09-30	£62,746	£125,318	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Marc Leonard		2022-09-06
Andrew Simon Tuggey		2019-11-16
Cyrene Amie Dominguez		2019-11-16
David John Barrell		2019-11-16
Dene Caple		2025-03-26
Graham Evans		2019-11-16
Peter William Lewis Maloney		2018-11-17
Stephen John Ham		2025-12-01

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GWENT BEEKEEPERS CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1174746

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 13/11/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

13/11/2025

Name:

Susan Steele

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BA (Hon) Business and Finance

Address:

6 Oak Street

Blackwood

NP12 1PY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

Gwent Beekeepers CIO						
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Current Budget	Actual	Variance
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2024/2025	
Income						
Opening Balance	£24,779	£22,137	£29,655	£39,271	£39,271	0.00
Unallocated					0.00	0.00
GBK Subscription	3,463.00	3,385.00	2,700.00	3,240.00	3,091.00	-149.00
BBKA Subscription	5,349.00	4,467.00	2,919.00	3,780.00	3,864.82	84.82
BDI Subscriptions	896.00	825.35	606.15	850.00	668.95	-181.05
Magazine Subscriptions	619.00	554.00	306.00	300.00	320.00	20.00
Donations /Fundraising	759.00	948.13	730.40	1,000.00	586.18	-413.82
Miscellaneous, Square costs	3,693.00	121.88	229.80	250.00	(171.28)	-421.28
Gift Aid		1,596.04	1,148.70	1,200.00	0.00	-1,200.00
Courses and Events/ grant	6,293.00	9,118.00	6,911.00	4,000.00	4,390.46	390.46
Prior Year	255.00					0.00
Honey sales/Equipment Hire	1,580.00	2,838.41	11,816.20	1,500.00	639.33	-860.67
Miscellaneous	155.00	12.00	567.73	100.00	0.00	-100.00
Total Generated Income	£19,369	£23,744	£27,705	16,220.00	13,389.46	-2,830.54
Expenditure						
Moved to savings					100.00	-100.00
BBKA capitation	5,394.00	4,565.50	3,370.00	3,780.00	3,367.50	412.50
BDI capitation	924.00	826.00	665.40	850.00	418.15	431.85
Magazine Subscriptions	444.00	375.82	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Apiary costs, products for	5,459.00	6,184.76	11,729.78	9,000.00	3,495.12	5,504.88
Building Running Expenses	393.00	1,218.18	858.26	1,000.00	1,243.91	-243.91
Prior Year / Gift Aid Repay	742.00	15.35				0.00
Insurance	917.00	951.53	1,025.10	1,200.00	1,837.30	-637.30
Refunds		243.57	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00				615.72	-615.72
Course expenses & Speakers	210.00	590.61	918.05	1,842.00	2,750.27	-908.27
Show expenses/marketing	3.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Grant Project Expenditure		657.98				0.00
Building / Grounds	3,712.00	475.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Total Expenditure	£26,993	£21,891	£16,226	£22,722	£14,078	8,644.03
Surplus/deficit	-£4,673	-£2,522	£7,518	-£6,502	-£689	
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Current Account						
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Txf to savings	100					
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Closing balance	£38,582					
Savings Account						
Opening Balance	£0					
income	£100					
Expenditure						
Net movement	£100					
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2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Detail	Information
Date	29th November 2025
Start Time	14:00 hrs or 2pm
Location	Holden Apiary & Study Centre, Llanover Road, Llanfair Kilgeddin ABERGAVENNY, NP7 9DY
Chair	Peter Maloney (Chaired General Business); Dr. Nicola Bradbear MBE (Chaired Election of Trustees and Presentations)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Peter Maloney, who welcomed the high number of attendees.

Committee Present: Peter Maloney (Chair), John Holden (Vice Chair), Dave Barrell (Acting Secretary), Dene Caple (Treasurer), Andy Leonard (Membership Secretary), Andrew Tuggey, Graham Evans, Steve Ham, Nicola Bradbear MBE, and Ceri Joyner.

Please see Appendix A for the signed register of attendees.

Apologies for Absence: Andrew Tuggey, Daniel Baxter, Dave Stoneman, Eva Linde, Graham Evans, Jonathan Griffiths, Jonathan Smith, Mark English, Miriam Knight, Steve Jackson, Viv Laing, Jan Smith, and Robbie.

2. Report from the Chair (Peter Maloney)

- **Organizational Changes:** The Chair noted it has been a year of transition. He expressed sincere thanks to outgoing trustees Wendy York (former Treasurer and Vice Chair), Sami White (former Secretary), and Eva Linde (Beginners Course/Taster Coordinator). He welcomed Dene Caple as the new Treasurer and Steve Ham as Secretary.
- **Obituaries:** The Association recorded with sadness the passing of Pip Carter, who was instrumental in school visits and a valued volunteer.
- **Achievements:** Major highlights included the resurfacing of the apiary for accessibility and winning 2nd prize for the "Best Commercial Stand" at the Usk Show.
- **Future Strategy:** The trustees are conducting a review of skills to strengthen the charity and ensure the advancement of beekeeping.
- **Special recognition** was given to beekeepers celebrating milestone birthdays: Ken Key (100) and John Holden (90).

3. Report from the Treasurer (Dene Caple)

- **Financial Summary:** The accounts for the year ending 30th September 2025 were examined and approved by Susan Steele.

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity No. 1174746

(Founded 1884)



- **Financial Standing:**
 - **Opening Balance:** £39,271.
 - **Closing Balance:** £38,582.
 - **Net Movement:** A deficit of £689 for the year.
- **Income/Expenditure:** Income from subscriptions and courses totalled approximately £12,400, while major costs included apiary maintenance (£3,495), building/insurance (£3,000), and course expenses (£2,750).
- **Further Details available in Appendix B**

4. Apiary and Education Report (Ceri Joyner)

- **Apiary Management:** The apiary team manages approximately 11 colonies, all of which have been treated for Varroa and prepared for winter. Ceri Joyner thanked the dedicated apiary team for their support during a challenging year.
- **Education:** 20 individuals registered for the beginners' course. Active study groups for BBKA modules and basic certifications have seen high success rates this year.

5. Report from Membership (Andy Leonard)

- **Membership Figures:** The Association has **208–209 subscribed members**. This is a slight decrease from previous years, reflecting a wider UK trend.
- **Breakdown:** 178 Full BBKA members, 25 Local members, 5 Country members, and 1 Honorary member.
- **Engagement:** Membership growth has been targeted through local shows (Monmouth Bee Festival, Usk Open Gardens, Llanthony Show) and school talks in Abergavenny and Cross Ash.

6. Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) Update

- **UK Sightings:** As of 21st November 2025, there have been 544 sightings and **161 confirmed nests** destroyed in the UK.
- **Ireland:** Sightings were verified in Cork and Dublin (36 sightings, 2 nests), with the first confirmed sighting in Northern Ireland occurring on 10th October 2025. Members were urged to remain vigilant and use the reporting app.

7. Election of Trustees

Chaired by Dr Nicola Bradbear MBE, the following trustees were standing down: John Holden, Vivian Laing, and Eva Linde.

Elected Committee for 2025–2026:

- **Chair:** Peter Maloney
- **Vice Chair/Secretary:** Steve Ham
- **Treasurer:** Dene Caple
- **Apiary Manager/Education:** Ceri Joyner
- **IT/Website:** Dave Barrell



- **Membership Secretary:** Andy Leonard
- **Marketing:** Cyrene Dominguez
- **Grounds:** Graham Evans
- **Trustee:** Andrew Tuggey.

The committee was confirmed en bloc by the membership.

8. Proposals for the AGM

- **Subscription Fees:** It was proposed that the **£2 increase** from the BBKA be passed on to members, while the Gwent Beekeepers' portion of the fee remains unchanged.
- **Resolution:** Proposed by Wendy York, seconded by Rachel; the motion was carried.

9. Presentations and Awards

- **Education Achievements:**
 - **Basic Certificate:** Sam Marshall, Gary Connell, Roberta Skybova, Dave Stoneman, Loui Estanthiou, Lorri Ciccione, Sam Marshall, and Jess Jones.
 - **BBKA Modules:** Sam Marshall (Mod 1), Joanne Pullen (Mod 3), Brinley Williams (Mod 5), and Wendy York (Mod 5).
 - **Microscopy:** Dave Barrell (the first person to sit this exam in Gwent).
- **Major Awards:**
 - **June James Award :** "The Apiary Team", Jo Pullen, Lorri Ciccione, Gary Connell, Roberta Skybova, Kathy Hague, Dai Stoneman, Dave Barrell
 - **Chirnside Challenge Cup (Usk Show Points):** Daniel Baxter
 - **Beginners Awards:** Steve Ham, Dai Stoneman, Das
 - **Beginners Cup:** Kathy Hague

10. Any Other Business (AOB)

- **Tribute to John Holden:** The Association offered a special thanks to John Holden, who has served since 1992. He was praised as a "guiding force," educator, and expert bee inspector.
- **Commemorative Planting:** To mark his service, a **Lime Tree** was provided for planting at the site.

Meeting Closed: 15:30 (approx.), followed by tea, cake, and the ceremonial tree planting.

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Appendix A - Attendees Register

#	First Name	Surname	Membership Number (If Known)	Signature
1	ANDY LEONARD	LEONARD	10005	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	PETER	MAZUM	27.04.26	<i>[Signature]</i>
3	SOLO	LEONARD	31	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	DENE COOPER	CARLO	10007	<i>[Signature]</i>
5	CERI FARR	JOYNER	27.0.400	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	JULIET BARRELL →			<i>[Signature]</i>
7	SHARON	HAM		<i>[Signature]</i>
8	GILL CHITTSIDE	CHITTSIDE		<i>[Signature]</i>
9	RACHAEL BANYARD	BANYARD		<i>[Signature]</i>
10	JOHN	HARRIS		<i>[Signature]</i>
11	SAMANTHA	MACDONALD		<i>[Signature]</i>
12	RICHARD	SPENCER		<i>[Signature]</i>
13	GUY	LEE		<i>[Signature]</i>
14	JULIET	ANDERSON		<i>[Signature]</i>
15	MARN	LEPPER		<i>[Signature]</i>
16	WENDY	YORK		<i>[Signature]</i>
17	GARY	CONNELL		<i>[Signature]</i>
18	DAVID	BARRELL		<i>[Signature]</i>
19	DAVID	WATKINS	27.0.91	<i>[Signature]</i>
20	KAREN	HAGUE		<i>[Signature]</i>
21	SIMON	BROOK		<i>[Signature]</i>
22	LORRI	ACCIONE		<i>[Signature]</i>
23	HELEN	DANIS		<i>[Signature]</i>
24	TONY	DAVIES		<i>[Signature]</i>
25	GARETH	BAKER		<i>[Signature]</i>
26	GARY	WESTWICK		<i>[Signature]</i>
27	MICHAEL	GWILLIAM		<i>[Signature]</i>
28	NICOLA	BRADBARE		<i>[Signature]</i>
29	JOHN	ADAMS		<i>[Signature]</i>
30	SARAH	MAICK		<i>[Signature]</i>
31	BOB	POWER		
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Appendix B – Audited Account Summary

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Accounts



Welcome to Gwent Beekeepers CIO

Annual General Meeting

16th November 2023



Education

- Beginner course this year with 27 registered on the course
 - Core group of regulars attending the Tuesday Apiary session
- BBKA Modules – Study groups at the Castle at USK
- Congratulations to Ceri Joyner who has qualified as Master Beekeeper



Apiary

Apiary

- Approx 26 Colonies
- All colonies treated for Varroa with ApiLife Var
- All setup for winter with supers under and mouse guards

Engagement: Shows / Events

Events:

- Usk Open Gardens
- Monmouth Bee Festival
- Go Wild @ Pontypool Park
- Llanthony Show
- Usk Show
- Monmouth Show

Promoting Beekeeping and answering questions we have also been informing the public of the threat of the Yellow Legged Hornet and the importance of reporting.



Thank you for the support from



Ottimo digital who have donated a new Event Gazebo and have also helped with the updating of our event signage.



Study Centre

- Taster Sessions (5 sessions – 51 attendees)
- Beginners Course
- Courses
 - Bees for Development - Bee identification day
 - Microscopy course run by Sean Stephenson
- Winter lectures as well as being held online.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Back to Basics

- Clear Strategy for the future
- In a process of review of Skills to and develop & strengthen knowledge as a charity
- Association for existing members as well as beginners.
- Education: Train the Trainers – Widening support to provide training
- Reliance on the few

..... **GWENT BEEKEEPERS NEEDS YOU!**

The trustees and I would ask you to share your time, expertise and volunteer to help the association.



Membership Report

Total of 245 fully subscribed members (236 -2023)

Breakdown of membership

- 162 Full BBKA membership (219 – 2023)
- 0 Junior (1- 2023)
- 0 School (1- 2023)

Membership has grown through the beginner's course, taster sessions and the bee talks.

The three big shows we did this year has also helped and YLH (Yellow Legged Hornet) awareness has definitely increased.

We would still like to pass the 250 mark.

Renewals were mostly paid online this year. Cheques and cash are still being used.

Election of trustees

To be administered by Gwent Beekeepers President: Dr Nicola Bradbear MBE

Elected Role	Current	Proposed
Chair	Peter Maloney	Peter Maloney
Vice Chair	Vacant (Wendy York acting)	
Secretary	Vacant during maternity leave of Sami White (Dave Barrell acting)	<i>Maternity Cover</i>
Treasurer	Wendy York	Wendy York
IT/Website	Dave Barrell	Dave Barrell
Membership Secretary	Andy Leonard	Andy Leonard
Marketing	Cyrene Dominguez	Cyrene Dominguez
Grounds	Graham Evans	Graham Evans
Building Lead	Vacant - (Dave Barrell acting)	
Beginner's Training - Admin	Eva Lindhe	Eva Lindhe
Trustee	John Holden	John Holden
Trustee	Andrew Tuggey	Andrew Tuggey
Trustee	Mark English	Mark English
Trustee		Viv Laing



Thank you to Miriam!



Gwent Beekeepers CIO						
	Actual (Aug 21)	Actual (Oct 22)	Actual (Sept23)	Current Budget	Current Actual	
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024	
Income						
Opening Balance	29367.01	£24,779	£22,137	£29,655	£29,655	Notes
GBK Subscription	£4,170	3463	3,385.00	3,750.00	2,700.00	1
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BDI Subscriptions	£840	896	825.35	850.00	606.15	
Magazine Subscriptions	£915	619	554.00	600.00	306.00	
Donations /Fundraising	£5,854	759	948.13	1,000.00	730.40	
Gift Aid			1,596.04	1,500.00	1,148.70	
Courses and Events/ grant income for tasters	£3,740	6293	9,118.00	7,000.00	6,911.00	3
Prior Year	£3,921	255				
Honey sales/Equipment Hire/grant for equipment/works/apiary		1580	2,838.41	11,385.00	11,816.20	4
Miscellaneous		155	12.00	100.00	567.73	
Total Generated Income	£22,320	£19,369	£23,744	£31,435	£27,705	
Expenditure						
BBKA capitation	£3,943	5394	4,565.50	5,250.00	3,370.00	
BDI capitation	£871	924	826.00	850.00	665.40	
Magazine Subscriptions	£661	444	375.82	600.00	0.00	
Apiary costs, products for resale	£14,853	5459	6,184.76	19,068.00	11,729.78	
Building Running Expenses		393	1,218.18	1,500.00	858.26	
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Insurance	852.62	917	951.53	1,000.00	1,025.10	
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Miscellaneous, Square costs	£921	3693	121.88	200.00	229.80	
		0				
Courses / Events	£307	210	590.61	850.00	918.05	
Show expenses/marketing		3		1,000.00		
Grant Project Expenditure MSCT			657.98			2
Build Project from Reserves	£4,584	3712	475.00	2,500.00	0.00	
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2024/25 Balance cfwd						
Budgeted balance going into 2023/24	£29,654.75			£38,563.54		
less creditors falling due 2023/24	£1,596.04		plus debtors	707.00		
plus debtors falling due 2023/24	£642.25					
bank balance end 2022/2023	£28,700.96		cash balance	£39,270.54		
Designated Reserves from 2023/24	£1,683					

Designated Reserves new income	£9,885					
Designated Reserves expenditure	£7,310					
Designated Reserves balance f/wd to 2024/25	£4,258					
Notes						
1. target 250 members in budget						
2. reserves £683 designated for equipment from 2022/23						
3. reserves £1000 designated for course fees from 2022/23						
4. incls TNL grant £9885						
RESERVED FUNDS:						
Donor	Donation	Donation for:		actions	Balance	
Western Power	£1,000	Lab equipment		m-scopy equip	0.00	
National Heritage	£9,900	Landscaping and signage		Groundwork (additional stone) costs for tress, patio, carpark, apiary space	0.00	
MSCT	£2,300.00	accessible taster fees (1000) and equipment (1300)		hives purchased	1642.02	
TNL	£9,885.00	observation hut/groundworks		partial works	2615.73	



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Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15/11/24

Name:

Paul Joyner

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

COMPANY DIRECTOR (RETIRED)

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

GWENT BEEKEEPERS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1174746

Accounts

Gwent Beekeepers CIO
Registered Charity Number 1174746

Annual Report Year ending 30 September 2023

1. Trustees Report
2. Statement of Trustees responsibilities
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1. Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Charity policies and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Objectives and Activities

Meeting the Object of the Charity: Encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promoting the importance of bees in the environment.

Shows and Demonstrations provide the opportunity to meet members of the public and talk to them about pollinators and how they can be supported in the natural environment. Members set up a stall with information and attended:

Usk open gardens

Usk Farmers Club Agricultural Show (won best stand in horticulture tent)

Home School Group were given a talk and demonstration on bees at the Holden Apiary

WBKA sponsored Microscope Day for Beekeepers

In addition, the charity provided 6 **Taster sessions** during the year, each with 12 to 14 attendees of the public being given the opportunity to learn about and handle live bees. Taster sessions encourage members of the public to be further involved in the art of beekeeping and to become beekeepers themselves.

Talks were given in the community to 3 Community Groups, 11 Primary Schools, a nursing home and a supported living centre for adults with learning disabilities. A training session was given to approximately 25 members to undertake these talks.

The **Beginners Training Course** is offered to members of the public, many who have attended taster sessions. The course includes 8 x 2hr weekly theory sessions as well as practical apiary sessions in the summer months. Once students are deemed competent by a senior beekeeper, they become beekeepers and look after a small number of bee colonies. New beekeepers are mentored by experienced members and are encouraged to organise local support groups to promote contact with other beekeepers. 30 people were trained in two training blocks. Additionally, 9 people were trained in a two-weekend immersion course.

BBKA Basic Assessment

Students are supported to develop the skills and are encouraged to take the BBKA Basic Assessment and receive certificate of competence in basic beekeeping.

Further Training

Beekeepers are encouraged to continue training with BBKA, taking modules to gain knowledge and inform their own beekeeping practice, leading to certification as qualified beekeepers and aspiring to Master Beekeeper level certification. An additional course in microscopy was held at the centre.

Winter lectures are offered to the members. Learning from technology used during the Covid lockdown, these lectures are offered over Zoom as well as face to face in the Apiary. Technology is also used to invite guest lecturers to present specialist talks from distant locations without incurring travel costs as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

Ongoing Support

Member beekeepers are invited to join WhatsApp groups that provide real time communication for asking questions and sharing information. The periodical GBKCIO newsletters are sent to all members providing information about issues and opportunities in beekeeping in our area.

Holden Apiary and Study Centre

The centre was completed during lockdown and is now fully used for training in beekeeping husbandry. The centre includes a lecture room, storage and workshop room, kitchen and accessible toilets. The kitchen was awarded a Food Hygiene rate of 5 and is used for honey extraction and bottling.

Facilities are available for members to use (for reasonable fees) to assist with their own honey extraction and general hygiene. The space is also available for hire to external groups that bring further expertise to keeping bees.

Future Plans – two areas for development

Disability Beekeeping

The charity has been successful with funding to purchase specialist equipment and set up a volunteer team to provide training that is fully accessible to people with disabilities. The study centre has a demonstration area for those who can't wear a bee suit, observing safely through the patio doors.

Group Presentations in the Apiary

The charity has also raised funds to build a gazebo within the apiary to enable children and young people as well as people with learning disabilities to watch bees in their environment.

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In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

3. Independent Examination

There is no requirement to have the accounts independently examined or audited by the Charity Commission unless gross income is between £25,000 and £500,000 and an audit is needed where the gross income exceeds £500,000. Gross income in the financial year ending 30 September 2022 was £23,744 and an independent examination is not required legally or by the constitution.

However, an independent examination was carried out by Paul Graham Joyner. The report states that the accounts give a "true and fair" view and no material matters in connection with the examination were found:

- The accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
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4. Statement of Financial Activities

Gwent Beekeepers CIO		No (if any) 1174746	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-22	To 30-Sep-23	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GBKCIO Subs	£3,385	-	-	3,385	3,464
BBKA subs	£4,467	-	-	4,467	5349
Bee Disease Insurance	£825	-	-	825	897
Magazine Subs	£554	-	-	554	619
Donations/Fundraising	£2,544	-	-	2,544	759
Courses/ Events	£9,118	-	-	9,118	6111
Product Sales	2,838	-	-	2,838	1580
Prior year		-	-		255
Miscellaneous	£12	-	-	12	208
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,744	-	-	23,744	19,242

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-

-	
-	-
-	-

Total receipts **23,744** **-** **-**

23,744 **19,242**

A3 Payments

BBKA subs	£4,565	-	-
Bee Disease Insurance	£826	-	-
Magazine Subs	£376	-	-
Apiary	£6,185		-
Prior year	15	-	-
Courses/Events	£591		-
Study Centre Running Costs	£1,218		
Miscellaneous	£122	-	-
Product purchases			
Build Project	£475		-
		-	-
Sub total	16,266	-	-

4,565	5394
826	924
376	444
6,185	5,459
15	742
591	213
1,218	1,311
122	1,308
	2,385
475	3,712
	-
16,266	21,892

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	16,266	-	-	16,266	21,892
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,518	-	-	7,518	- - 2,650
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23659	1,128	-	24,787	24,787
Cash funds this year end	27,018	1,683	-	28,701	22,137

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance	27,018	1,683	-
	Petty cash			-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,018	1,683	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land at Llanvair Kilgeddin	General	-	-
	Building at Holden Apiary and Study Centre	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Wendy York	Wendy York	14/5/2024
Peter Maloney	Peter Maloney	14/5/2024

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Usk open gardens
Usk Queen Jubilee celebration
Monmouth Bee Festival
Llanthony Valley Show
A Whole School Approach to Wellbeing in Cardiff
Usk Agricultural Show

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School visits were postponed due to the ongoing disruption from Covid 19 restrictions.

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The charity intends to seek funding to purchase specialist equipment and set up a volunteer team to provide training that is fully accessible to people with disabilities. The study centre has a demonstration area for those who can't wear a bee suit, observing safely through the patio doors.

School Presentations

The charity plans to train members who can reach out to schools, offering visits in schools and at the Apiary. The aim is to encourage and support schools who wish to keep bees.

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A1 Receipts					
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BBKA subs	£5,349	-	-	5,349	2904
Bee Disease Insurance	£897	-	-	897	844
Magazine Subs	£619	-	-	619	965
Donations	£759	-	-	759	5862
Courses/ Events	£6,111	-	-	6,111	3752
Product Sales	1580	-	-	1,580	
Prior year	255	-	-	255	-
Miscellaneous	£208	-	-	208	3921
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,242	-	-	19,242	22456

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-

-	
-	-
-	-

Total receipts **19,242** - -

19,242 22456

A3 Payments

BBKA subs	£5,394	-	-
Bee Disease Insurance	£924	-	-
Magazine Subs	£444	-	-
Apiary	£5,459		-
Prior year	742	-	-
Courses/Events	£213		-
Study Centre Running Costs	£1,311		
Miscellaneous	£1,308	-	-
Product purchases	£2,385		
Build Project	£3,712		-
		-	-
Sub total	21,892	-	-

5,394	3943
924	871
444	661
5,459	15843
742	-
213	573
1,311	
1,308	569
2,385	
3,712	4584
	-
21,892	27044

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	21,892	-	-	21,892	27044
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,650	-	-	- 2,650	- 4588
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23659	1,128	-	24,787	29367
Cash funds this year end	21,009	1,128	-	22,137	24779

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance	21,009	1,128	-
	Petty cash			-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,009	1,128	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land at Llanvair Kilgeddin	General	-	-
	Building at Holden Apiary and Study Centre	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Wendy York	Wendy York	27/4/2023
David Barrell	David Barrell	16/5/2023

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021

Charity name: Gwent Beekeepers CIO

Charity registration number: 1174746

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping for public benefit
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	• A membership association for beekeepers in Gwent • Providing annual courses for (c.25) beginner beekeepers • Providing a programme of monthly seminars or practical training for members • Providing a swarm collection service to wider population • Raising awareness of bees, and the importance of pollination to the wider population and schools • Fundraising to support achievement of above activities • In this period, the new study centre and apiary has been completed on land purchased by GBKCIO at Llanvair Kilgeddin in the last period.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Public benefit is demonstrated in a number of ways: • Activities such as swarm collecting provide a public service – a swarm collection coordinator maintains a list of members willing to be called out immediately to collect swarms • Raising awareness of the public about the benefits of bees and their impact in food production and wider environment, including regularly visiting schools and community groups. • The planning of courses and seminars supports members in their understanding of how to keep bees and the impact within the eco-system.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All activities are carried out by volunteers (mainly but not exclusively members of GBK CIO) such as: • Stands at shows promoting GBK and its objectives • Visits to school and community groups • Planning and delivering of courses • Administering membership services • Running of the CIO – accounts, banking, supporting meetings
Other		N/A

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 new education centre build project has been the focus during this period - with completion of Phase 2 (internal works). Phase 3 has commenced, involving ancillary sheds, landscaping and tree-planting. This has involved a number of members and non-member volunteers, completing much of the work ourselves. Other volunteers have helped with painting and other tasks. Winter seminar programme: online talks were provided to members Beginners courses: A new weekend beginners course was launched this year in person within the new study centre. In addition, the weekly beginners course remained online for theory sessions. A total of 17 beginners participated in the courses. Where delivered on site adjustments were made to ensure compliance with COVID19 regulations. Taster sessions: 111 people paid for COVID19-secure taster sessions in August 2021

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising is normally via stands at agricultural and other shows, but these have been cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic. An opportunity to donate is included in membership renewals and established online shopping links provide a small amount of income £5,800.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The closing balance of this period was £24,779. Phase 2 of the build project was achieved within the spending plan agreed. Non-build project-related income during the period had increased from previous periods, due to an increase in new members.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in case of emergency work required to the building or apiaries and to manage seasonal fluctuations in income / expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Funds of £24.8k remain going into the next period to: a) meet the remaining costs of phase 3 b) pay outstanding costs relating the running of the apiary throughout the season (c. £4k) c) Funds held in reserve of £10k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Risks are considered low as income is sustained via membership renewals and beginners' courses. These have been stable for a number of years and have also been stress-tested during Covid19 where interest in both has increased.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Beginner's courses provide c£4k income per year. Although there are some costs associated with the courses, most is net income.
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		GBK CIO subs are included in the membership fee and raise c£4k per year (based on membership of 200-250). Small additional amounts are raised throughout the year from donations, honey sales, speaker fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	GBK CIO does not make investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	COVID19 continues to provide a level of risk due to: • Restrictions on events (and therefore income generating activities) • Apiary management relies on the resources of a very small number of people (creating potential resilience issues) Normal risks relate to: • Sustained interest in beekeeping, and the resulting interest in courses and membership • Competition from other course providers, resulting in reduced course bookings • Emergency repairs to the new building/site and apiary equipment
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	GBK CIO Constitution
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	The process for selection is included in the constitution. • Nominations for trustees are requested when vacancies arise. • Appointment of trustees will be via a single vote at the AGM with vacancies filled in order of most votes received. • The election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Secretary) are elected annually at the first Committee meeting following the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees are provided access to GBKCIO shared drive including access to: • the Governing Document (Constitution) • Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements • Minutes of Trustees' (Committee) meeting • A copy of the Members' Information Pack which sets out the activities of the organisation All new trustees are directed to the Charity Commission's 'Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees' guidance.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	A number of sub-groups have been established in this period: 1) Study Centre Building Project group (time limited) 2) Apiary management 3) Public/Members Engagement – Newsletter, Website, Social Media, Events, Lectures 4) Training/Exams

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Gwent Beekeepers CIO remains affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association CIO (BBKA) and collect membership fees from our full members on their behalf. We continue to be involved with Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) and insurance collect premiums from our full members on their behalf.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gwent Beekeepers CIO
Other name the charity uses	GBK
Registered charity number	1174746
Charity's principal address	The Holden Apiary & Study Centre Llanover Road, Llanfair Kilgeddin Monmouthshire, NP7 9DY

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	David Barrell	Chair	Chair from 23/1/21	(Previous vice chair)
2	Peter Maloney	Secretary		
3	Nicola Williams	Treasurer	Resigned 30/9/2021	
4	Matt Williams	Membership Secretary	Resigned 30/9/2021	
5	Miriam Knight	Apiary Manager		
6	John Holden			
7	Joseph Jobling			
8	Caroline Jobling			
9	Cyrene Graham			
10	Andrew Tuggey			
11	Graham Evans			
12	Eva Lindhe			
13	Russell Flynn		Resigned 8/8/2021	
14	Graham Bent		Resigned 2/3/2021	
15	Ceri Joyner		Resigned 23/1/2021 - Previous chair	
16	Dave Ashford		Resigned 2/3/2021	
17				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

Signature(s)

	

Full name(s)

David Barrell	Dr Nicola Williams
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Gwent Beekeepers CIO

No (if any)
1174746

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Sep-20

To

Period end date
30-Oct-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
CIO Subs	£4,208	-	-	4,208	-
BBKA subs	£2,904	-	-	2,904	-
Bee Disease Insurance	£844	-	-	844	-
Magazine Subs	£965	-	-	965	-
Donations	£5,862	-	-	5,862	-
Courses/ Events	£3,752	-	-	3,752	-
Prior year	0	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	£3,921	-	-	3,921	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,456	-	-	22,456	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,456	-	-	22,456	-
A3 Payments					
BBKA subs	£3,943	-	-	3,943	-
Bee Disease Insurance	£871	-	-	871	-
Magazine Subs	£661	-	-	661	-
Apiary	£15,668	175	-	15,843	-
Prior year	0	-	-	-	-
Courses/Events	£573	-	-	573	-
Miscellaneous	£569	-	-	569	-
Build Project	£3,570	1,014	-	4,584	-
		-	-		-
Sub total	25,855	1,189	-	27,044	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,855	1,189	-	27,044	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,399	- 1,189	-	- 4,588	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,867	2,500	-	29,367	-
Cash funds this year end	23,468	1,311	-	24,779	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance	23,468	1,311	-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,468	1,311	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land at Llanvair Kilgeddin	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Nicola Williams	16/10/2021

GWENT BEEKEEPERS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1174746

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020

Charity name: Gwent Beekeepers CIO

Charity registration number: 1174746

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The encouragement, improvement and advancement of beekeeping for public benefit
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	• A membership association for beekeepers in Gwent • Providing annual courses for (c.25) beginner beekeepers • Providing a programme of monthly seminars or practical training for members • Providing a swarm collection service to wider population • Raising awareness of bees, and the importance of pollination to the wider population and schools • Fundraising to support achievement of above activities • In this period, a new study centre and apiary has been built on land purchased by GBKCIO at Llanvair Kilgeddin in the last period.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Public benefit is demonstrated in a number of ways: • Activities such as swarm collecting provide a public service – a swarm collection coordinator maintains a list of members willing to be called out immediately to collect swarms • Raising awareness of the public about the benefits of bees and their impact in food production and wider environment, including regularly visiting schools and community groups. • The planning of courses and seminars supports members in their understanding of how to keep bees and the impact within the eco-system.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All activities are carried out by volunteers (mainly but not exclusively members of GBK CIO) such as: • Stands at shows promoting GBK and its objectives • Visits to school and community groups • Planning and delivering of courses • Administering membership services • Running of the CIO – accounts, banking, supporting meetings In addition, during this period, much of the new education build has been undertaken by volunteers: project management, plumbing, electrics, painting, carpentry etc.
Other		N/A

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 new education centre build project has been the focus during this period, following the purchase of a 5 acres field at Llanfair Kilgeddin. A timber frame building was erected in March (Phase 1) and internal works are nearing completion (Phase 2). This has involved a number of members and non-member volunteers with trade experience, completing much of the work ourselves. Other volunteers have helped with painting and other tasks. The final stages (external storage shed, landscaping) will be completed in the next period. Winter seminar programme: six talks were provided to members (others planned for the springer were curtailed due to the COVID19 pandemic) Beginners courses: 30 beginners participated in the course this year – which moved online from March, with adjustments made for practical sessions (1-1 mentors in place of group sessions) Taster sessions: 40 people attended COVID19-secure taster sessions in August 2020

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising is normally via stands at agricultural and other shows, but these have been cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic. Fundraising has focused on grants and donations to support the build project – this has included £24.9k grant income and £16.5k donation (attracting gift aid)
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The closing balance of this period was £29,367. Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the build project were achieved within the spending plan agreed. A substantial donation of £16k (plus gift aid which has been claimed for but not yet been paid) was received to support the build project. Non-build project-related income during the period had also increased from previous periods, due to an increase in new members.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in case of emergency work required to the building or apiaries and to manage seasonal fluctuations in income / expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Funds of £29.4k remain going into the next period to: a) pay remaining creditors of phase 2 (c. £2.4k) b) meet the costs of phase 3 (external storage, replacement of apiary equipment, landscaping (£13k budget) c) pay outstanding costs relating the running of the apiary throughout the season (c. £4k) d) Funds held in reserve of £10k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Risks are considered low as income is sustained via membership renewals and beginners' courses. These have been stable for a number of years and have also been stress-tested during Covid19 where interest in both has increased.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Beginner's courses provide c£4k income per year, however this period includes receipts for the 2020 cohort and the 2021 pre-booked cohort. It should be noted that this means income from courses will be lower next year. Although there are some costs associated with the courses, most is net income.
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		GBK CIO subs are included in the membership fee and raise c£3k per year (based on membership of 150-200). Small additional amounts are raised throughout the year from donations, honey sales, speaker fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	GBK CIO does not make investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	COVID19 provides a level of risk due to: • Restrictions on events (and therefore income generating activities) • Apiary management relies on the resources of a very small number of people (creating potential resilience issues) Normal risks relate to: • Sustained interest in beekeeping, and the resulting interest in courses and membership • Competition from other course providers, resulting in reduced course bookings • Emergency repairs to the new building/site and apiary equipment
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	GBK CIO Constitution
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	The process for selection is included in the constitution. • Nominations for trustees are requested when vacancies arise. • Appointment of trustees will be via a single vote at the AGM with vacancies filled in order of most votes received. • The election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Secretary) are elected annually at the first Committee meeting following the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees are provided access to GBKCIO shared drive including access to: • the Governing Document (Constitution) • Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements • Minutes of Trustees' (Committee) meeting • A copy of the Members' Information Pack which sets out the activities of the organisation All new trustees are directed to the Charity Commission's 'Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees' guidance.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Two sub-groups have been operational in this period: 1) Study Centre Building Project group (time limited) - comprising the trustees who have significant involvement in the new education centre building project (project lead, chair, apiary manager, fire safety lead, treasurer) 2) Officers' group (ongoing) – comprising the trustees who have specific roles (Chair/Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership

		Secretary) and the Apiary Manager, This is an operational group to support progressing work outside of routine committee meetings.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Gwent Beekeepers CIO remains affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association CIO (BBKA) and collect membership fees from our full members on their behalf. We continue to be involved with Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) and insurance collect premiums from our full members on their behalf.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gwent Beekeepers CIO
Other name the charity uses	GBK
Registered charity number	1174746
Charity's principal address	24 Grosvenor Road Abergavenny NP7 6AH

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	Ceri Joyner	Chair		
2	David Barrell	Vice Chair	From 16 November 2019	
3	Peter Maloney	Secretary		
4	Matt Williams	Membership Secretary		
5	Nicola Williams	Treasurer	From 16 November 2019	
6	Miriam Knight	Apiary Manager		
7	John Holden			
8	Joseph Jobling			
9	Caroline Jobling			
10	Cyrene Graham		From 16 November 2019	
11	Russell Flynn			
12	Andrew Tuggey		From 16 November 2019	
13	Ken Key			
14	Eva Lindhe		From 16 November 2019	
15	Graham Evans		From 16 November 2019	
16	Graham Bent			
17	David Ashford			
	Janet Bromley		Resigned 4 June 2020	
	Dan Baxter		Resigned 7 March 2020	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ceri Joyner

Dr Nicola Williams

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

23/10/20



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Gwent Beekeepers CIO

No (if any)
1174746

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Sep-19		30-Oct-20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
CIO Subs	3,190	-	-	3,190	6,699
BBKA subs	4,026	-	-	4,026	
Bee Disease Insurance	827	-	-	827	690
Magazine Subs	1,025	-	-	1,025	879
Donations	34,349	9,900	-	44,249	23,582
Courses/ Events	8,544	-	-	8,544	3,150
Prior year	228	-	-	228	-
Miscellaneous	657	-	-	657	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,846	9,900	-	62,746	35,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,846	9,900	-	62,746	35,000
A3 Payments					
BBKA subs	3,800	-	-	3,800	3,021
Bee Disease Insurance	911	-	-	911	690
Magazine Subs	892	-	-	892	879
Apiary	2,855	-	-	2,855	2,481
Prior year	2,585	-	-	2,585	
Speaker Fees	230	-	-	230	351
Miscellaneous	933	-	-	933	561
Room hire	431	-	-	431	331
Build Project	92,724	19,957	-	112,681	7,573
Sub total	105,361	19,957	-	125,318	15,888
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	105,361	19,957	-	125,318	15,888
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 52,515	- 10,057	-	- 62,572	19,112
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,382	12,557	-	91,939	72,827
Cash funds this year end	26,867	2,500	-	29,367	91,939

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	26,867	2,500	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	26,867	2,500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land at Llanvair Kilgeddin	General	55,001	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr Nicola Williams	23/01/21
	Ceri Joyner	23/01/21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Gwent Beekeepers CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1174746

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

V. Hall

Date:

25 / 11 / 2020

Name:

V. R. HALL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

NA

Address:

17 Llewellyn Park Drive

Morniston, Swansea

SA6 8PF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details
of any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

None