



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

Section B**Disclosure**

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 2021/2022	Actual 2022/2023	Actual 2023/2024	Current Budget 2024/2025	Actual 2024/2025	Variance
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	
			2025/26 Balance cfwd		£38,582.03	
Current Account						
Opening Balance	£39,271					
income	13,389.46					
Expenditure	£13,978					
Txf to savings	100					
Net movement	-688.51					
Closing balance	£38,582					
Savings Account						
Opening Balance	£0					
income	£100					
Expenditure						
Net movement	£100					
Closing balance	£100					



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.



- **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	KIPPER		<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	BRADBERRY		<i>[Signature]</i>
29	JOHN	ADAMS		<i>[Signature]</i>
30	SARAH	MAICK		<i>[Signature]</i>
31	BOB	POWER		
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