

Hon. Treasurer's Report

As in previous years, the biggest single expenditure is the capitation fee to the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) followed by the payment made to Bee Diseases Insurances on behalf of our members. What is left comes to the Herefordshire Beekeepers' Association. We have recently been advised that the BBKA will be increasing next years' capitation fee by £2 per member, and this will have to be passed on to members. It is not the HBKA Committee's current intention to increase its part of the subscription.

Once again, we have shown a small surplus in our current assets, this year of £470.14 after allowing for payments made in 2024 for the beginners' course in 2025. We have estimated that our fixed assets have declined in value by £1476, Display material, including Asian Hornet material, for the Honey Show and other shows, has been expensed in the year, rather than being capitalised

Administration costs increased because we paid for a first aid at work course for a number of members. These members have volunteered to attend LAN meetings, but they will need to requalify in three years' time. We are this year, 2025, acquiring first aid kits to ensure that each LAN has an up to date one

We have invested in some iron-on embroidered badges for resale. We also commissioned hoodies, fleeces and other garments with the Association logo on for purchase by our members. The Association receives a small commission on these, which will be shown in the 2025 accounts.

We continue to sit on a useful financial cushion. There are numbers of options that could be considered for how we might invest this money for the benefits of members, for example the long-mooted training apiary in the East LAN. However, as always, we are short of people who are prepared to undertake the work to fulfil these ideas.

We would encourage anyone prepared to put in the effort to come forward with proposals that accord with our charitable purpose:

To further the craft of beekeeping and advance the education of the public in apiculture and the importance of honey bees in the environment. To encourage, inform and improve the craft of beekeeping for the public benefit.

Roger Gill

Herefordshire Beekeepers Association Financial Activities

January - December 2024 January - December 2023

Herefordshire Beekeepers Association Assets

Cash position:

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	
Income			
Subscriptions	6132.67	7292.30 (2023 included some 2022)	
Total Big Apple Income	1253.40	775.05	
Total LANs income	1005.00	900.00	
Three Counties Show sales	576.32	337.24	
Training Course Fees	1500.00	1774.60	
Other income	139.67	551.56	
Total Income	10607.06	11630.75	
Expenditures			
Total Admin	1541.87	1003.81	
Advertising/promotional/website	859.59	835.20	
B8KA Capitation	3845.00	3973.50	
Bee Diseases Insuranc	766.95	780.80	
Total Big Apple Show expenditure	1086.27	892.14	
H8KA Meetings	292.44	832.19	
Insurances	167.51	165.96	
Online meetings and training	195.00	380.32	
Total LAN costs	184.05	217.33	
Three Counties expenditure	242.76	236.35	
Training apilary expenditures	66.50	53.68	
Training course expenditure	989.97	777.85	
Purchases for resale	182.40	708.00	
Total Expenditures	10420.31	10857.13	
Net Operating Income	186.75	773.62	
Interest on savings	283.39	107.17	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	470.14	880.79	
Training fees paid in advance	1700.00	297.00	
Membership fees paid in advance	111.80	0.00	
Training costs paid in advance	0.00	335.00	
Depreciation	1476.01	1790.68	

less accruals			
Adv trng fees	1700	297	
Adv membership fee	111.8		
Adv trng costs	0	-335	
Current assets	£20,748.61	£20,278.47	Change £470.14

Other assets
For insurance purposes, these are valued at replacement cost

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	
Cups and trophies	2500	0	2500
Boilers/extractors	563.2	-112.64	450.56
Microscopes/projector	524	-104.8	419.2
Apiaries	3971.2	-794.24	3176.96
Gazebos/display materials	537.6	-107.52	430.08
Library	384	-76.8	307.2
Wax melter	217.33	-43.466	217.33
Bee suits	1182.72	-236.544	946.176
TOTAL	9880.05	-1476.01	8447.506

*20% pa declining balance

