

MOUNT EDGCUMBE CORNISH BEE GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1177493

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-03-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE CIO IS ESTABLISHED IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC (AND PARTICULARLY AMONGST BEEKEEPERS) ON THE SUBJECT OF NATIVE UK POLLINATORS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANTS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM, AND TO PROMOTE GOOD PRACTICES IN IMPROVING THE STOCK OF LOCAL HONEYBEES.

Activities: The charity operates from an apiary in one of the formal gardens at Mt Edgcumbe Country Park, England's first Native Honey Bee Reserve. The conservation programme is used to educate the public about the importance of pollinators and to help beekeepers improve their own stock using best practice guidelines. Activities include open days, demonstrations, courses, citizen science and public events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£3,021	£5,235	-	-
2023-08-31	£2,736	£2,988	-	-
2022-08-31	£2,830	£2,988	-	-
2021-08-31	£2,830	£1,558	-	-
2020-08-31	£2,578	£3,409	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Chadwick		2018-03-09
KATHRYN ANN LOVEGROVE		2018-03-09
LEE STENNING		2018-03-09
NICHOLAS BUTCHER		2018-03-09

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Trustees' Report
Registered Charity No 1177943
1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

Introduction

This is the sixth Annual Report to the Charity Commission and takes in the period after the improvements to the Apiary. The trustees and the team of volunteers got use to the improved facilities and are now able to work safely in all weathers. The only alterations carried during this period was to install purpose-built worktops that allowed us to uptake specific tasks in inclement weather within the internal work area and work outside with the bees on drier days.

Conservation of the Native Honey Bee

We again successfully managed to bring another 22 colonies through the winter. The early part of 2023 was warm and dry which turned into damp, cold and windy weather during late spring until early June which did not do our bees any favours. With some late intervention through July and August we manage to recover. There was little or no honey production because of the weather conditions and any honey stores were left with the colony to help them recover for the poor early season.

Education & Community Engagement

The team of trustees and volunteers continued to monitor each colony for varroa and decided that with the records we had collected over the year to concentrate on breeding from queens that led colonies that showed signs of varroa tolerance/hygienic behaviour. We only treated the one or two colonies with high varroa drop and moved them off site. Our continued partnership with surrounding beekeepers and local beekeeping associations meant that we had another increase in volunteers who assisted in a range of bee management and queen raising techniques that would not have been available to them elsewhere.

Whilst the teams were monitoring the bees, one volunteer would explain the visitors in the View Area what work was being undertaken and gently encourage visitors to look at plants to encourage pollinators into their own gardens

Pollination

Whilst we work with native black honeybees (*Apis Mellifera Mellifera*), we continue to inform beekeepers and members of the public about the important role that all pollinators play in our daily lives.

We have continued our work with staff of Mt Edgcumbe House and County Park to improve and increase the variety of forage within the Country Park and surrounding area.

Funding

We decided that this year we would purchase our own honey extraction equipment to allow us more flexibility in the future.

The group continued to purchase consumables: such as foundation sheets and feed.

We continued to work with a Local bee farmer who supplies us with sugar syrup.

Our sponsors **Songbird Naturals** have continued to support our aims and we are discussing with them a number of projects over the coming years

Conclusion

The year 2023-2024 has been a challenging one with the very changeable weather, but we have continued to improve our working arrangements and now have a steady group of volunteers who are also committed to the work we are undertaking. We continue to improve the knowledge and understanding of the importance of pollinators within our volunteers and members of the public.

We look forward to the coming year with the help of our volunteers and our sponsors.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-23	To	Period end date 31-Aug-24
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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					
Donations	280	-	-	280	540
Sponsors	1,200	-	-	1,200	300
Apiary Sales	1,541	-	-	1,541	1,896
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,021	-	-	3,021	2,736
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,021	-	-	3,021	2,736
A3 Payments					
Apiary Equipment	1,343	-	-	1,343	52
Apiary Consumables	722	-	-	722	212
Apiary Improvements	53	1,527	-	1,580	7,673
Apiary Maintenance	1,558	-	-	1,558	-
Education	32	-	-	32	-
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Parking	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,708	1,527	-	5,235	7,937
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,708	1,527	-	5,235	7,937
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 687	- 1,527	-	- 2,213	- 5,201
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,550	1,527	-	8,077	13,278
Cash funds this year end	5,863	-	-	5,864	8,077

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	4,356	1,527	-
	Bank	1,507		-
	Cash		-	-
	Total cash funds	5,863	1,527	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
	John Chadwick	John Chadwick	09-Jan-25	

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Trustees' Report

Mount Edgumbe Cornish Bee Group
Registered Charity No. 1177943
1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023

Introduction

This fifth Annual Report to the Charity Commission covers an intense period of activity. Having received the grant of £9,200 from the National Lottery Awards for All England in the spring of 2022, the improvements outlined in the bid had to be completed by May 2023. This meant any outdoor work had to be carried out over the winter when the bees weren't flying. Also, any work directly affecting the colonies, had to be managed carefully so as not to cause undue stress which could hinder their development and lower their resilience.

These goals were largely met, resulting in an enlargement and upgrading of the beekeepers' work area, establishment of a new 'nursery' area for young colonies, and an enhancing of the Visitors' Viewing Area. The Nursery Garden now adjoins the main apiary which reduces time spent in travelling to the previous mating site. In addition, it makes it much easier to access equipment and stores, and to liaise with other beekeepers on the main site.

Conservation of the Native Honey Bee

During the preparation of the new mating apiary over the winter, a number of colonies were kindly fostered by volunteers. These were assessed in the spring and either re-homed or absorbed into the main apiary. Reviewing all the stock, it was decided that the colonies had improved enough to persevere with the existing breeding lines without bringing in any new genetic strains.

This year, colony increase was largely due to making splits. The warm spring and consistent nectar flow meant the colonies expanded at a quicker rate than expected so the team took advantage of the high population numbers and production of swarm cells to create nucs. The fair weather continued into the summer, leading to a good percentage of successful open mating and production of an encouraging honey crop.

Education and Community Engagement

The continued monitoring of each main colony's Varroa mite drop provided interesting information about their state of development and health. This led to much debate on how to use this data to guide decisions on whether to apply treatment or not - and, if treatment was deemed necessary, which kind to choose. The group's findings, together with international research and expert views, presented a very mixed picture. While no clear conclusions were made, the Varroa Monitoring Project and general discussions have proved very educative.

The £9,200 grant from National Lottery Awards for All England was maximised by careful spending on new materials and recycling materials where possible. The majority of the improvement work was carried out by volunteers, with professionals brought in for specialised work such as electricity, internet connection, plumbing and

drainage. A bonus from this project is the expansion of our local network to include skilled trades people and non-beekeeper volunteers.

In February 2023 the MtECBG hosted a visit requested by B4, an organisation that promotes the native dark honey bee through sustainable beekeeping. The group included Directors of B4 CIC, associated academics and media contacts. The visit enabled all parties to have a better understanding of overlapping interests and how collaborative working could be of mutual benefit. These links have been pursued in the period covered by this report with longer term outcomes anticipated.

As well as new partnerships being forged, stronger links have been developed with Liskeard Beekeepers who are members of the Cornwall Beekeeping Association and the BBKA. Beginner and Improver beekeepers were welcomed to join in the activities at the Mt Edgcumbe Apiary; by extending their beekeeping experiences, a greater understanding of beekeeping issues and skills was gained by both sides.

Pollination

The National Lottery grant included a budget for improving information displays in the Public Viewing Area to encourage awareness of native pollinators and ways of helping them thrive. It also enabled the purchase of wild flower meadow seeds which were planted in the Mt Edgcumbe Park Grounds.

One of the Directors of B4 had introduced the MtECBG Trustees to the iNaturalist app which can be used as part of a 'BioBlitz' project. The app was subsequently used to set up a data base to record flowering plants and insect pollinators in the wider parkland. This is the first step to establishing forage availability and therefore work out the best ways to support our honey bees and other native pollinators in the Mt Edgcumbe area.

Funds

Very little new equipment was needed to be purchased during this report period. An inventory showed that sufficient kit had been built up over the last 4 years to maintain the activity level forecast.

Consumables such as wax foundation sheets, medicinal treatments and feed were still needed. The arrangement with Tesco to collect free sugar from damaged bags was becoming unsustainable so it was transferred to a local bee farmer. In return he has agreed that, when he converts it into syrup feed he will meet MtECBG needs for no cost.

During the summer the apiary was visited by representatives from Songbird Naturals Ltd. This Somerset-based company produces a natural beeswax-based massage medium as an alternative to water-based oils and lotions. The original hope was that MtECBG could supply Songbird with native honey bee wax, but it soon became clear that it would not be possible to produce the quantities required. Having been impressed by the shared ethical approaches, however, the company decided to sponsor MtECBG by donating £100 on a monthly basis. This started in June 2023.

Conclusion

The year 2022-2023 has been a very varied and demanding one for the charity but the Trustees and Volunteers have risen to the challenge. Stronger foundations have been established for the MtECBG and progress has been made on all aspects of our charitable objective.



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Mount Edgcombe Cornish Bee Group

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-22	To	Period end date 31-Aug-23
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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					
Donations	540	-	-	540	2,830
Sponsors	300	-	-	300	-
Apiary Sales	1,896	-	-	1,896	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	9,200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,736	-	-	2,736	12,030
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,736	-	-	2,736	12,030
A3 Payments					
Apiary Equipment	52	-	-	52	1,236
Apiary Consumables	212	-	-	212	1,666
Apiary Improvements	-	7,673	-	7,673	-
Apiary Maintenance	-	-	-	-	43
Education	-	-	-	-	23
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	20
Parking	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	264	7,673	-	7,937	2,988
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	264	7,673	-	7,937	2,988
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,472	- 7,673	-	- 5,201	9,042
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,078	9,200	-	13,278	-
Cash funds this year end	6,550	1,527	-	8,077	9,042

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	5,245	1,527	-
	Bank	1,272	-	-
	Cash	33	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,550	1,527	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
	John Chadwick	John Chadwick	31-Jul-24	

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Trustees' Report

Mount Edgumbe Cornish Bee Group
Registered Charity No. 1177943
1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

Introduction

The period covered by this fourth Annual Report to the Charity Commission coincided with Covid restrictions being lifted. The most influential change was in May 2021 when up to 30 people were able to meet outdoors. This meant that work in the Mt Edgumbe apiary and gardens could resume in a more normal manner. As a result, the charity was able to move forward at a considerably better rate, especially as the introduction of the new Beekeepers Volunteer Programme opened up several new avenues for advancing the charity's objectives.

Education

Six Beekeeper Volunteers were recruited in June 2021 to help with outdoor tasks in the apiary and its surrounds. This doubled our workforce and brought a wider mix of skills, ideas and experience. In return for their help, the volunteers were offered the chance to learn while working alongside the trustees and to participate in the various citizen science projects being conducted. More formal tuition was also given through Zoom meetings and training events.

Significant changes to beekeeping practices were introduced in April 2022 with a day's training on using 'double brooding' and the original Demaree method of swarm prevention. Implementing these systems increased stock control and quality. This, in turn, raised the standards of the nucleus colonies being produced for the conservation programme. A further effect was the generation of a higher honey yield which could be sold to increase funds.

Much incidental education takes place through contact with the public in the safe enclosure called 'The Viewing Area'. While inspecting colonies, members of the group are able to converse with visitors through a protective mesh screen, answering questions and demonstrating the work being done. During the year there have been pre-arranged visits with individuals, a home schooling group and a Year 1 class from a local primary school. A group of beginner beekeepers also took part in a practical session at the apiary after completing a theory course with the local BBKA group.

Conservation of the Native Honey Bee

By being situated in a designated Black Bee Reserve, the charity's efforts are directed towards maintaining and improving the existing stock of native honey bees through a managed hive system. In April 2022 the annual Spring Assessment of all colonies on site was carried out using an established set of criteria devised by the group. The results led to each retained colony being allocated a role in the breeding programme; surplus colonies were re-homed with beekeepers in East Cornwall and West Devon. In this way, the genetic pool is being spread across the area.

Queens which headed colonies representing three breeding lines were used in the new season's queen-rearing activities. By June 2022, due to various natural

circumstances, only one was proving reliably successful. The trustees have now contacted other local breeders to bring in some new genetic material.

One of the citizen science projects being carried out by the charity involves monitoring varroa mite populations in the hives to see which colonies may be exhibiting 'hygienic behaviour'. The aim is to use such information to encourage the development of this trait through selective breeding and, in this way, help the native honey bee to evolve and survive this threat.

The data so far shows that certain colonies are more susceptible than others to stress and damage to their immune systems, even though there is a relatively equal chance of varroa mites establishing themselves in a hive. In previous years the advice and conventional practice was to treat prophylactically but our records have shown that only those colonies struggling to cope with the pest need treatment. This project is informing the selection of which queens to breed from.

Pollination

Until more volunteers can be co-opted, projects to support native pollinating insects have been limited. In April 2022, members of the group did a guided walk around Mt Edgcumbe Park's formal gardens led by the Head Gardener. A record was made of the current forage available and plans made to increase the amount and diversity. A bid which the charity submitted to the National Lottery Fund included an amount for wild flower seeds to be scattered across a meadow which had suffered fire damage.

Funds

The three main sources of income for the charity are collection boxes, re-homed colonies and honey sales. Over each of the past three years, despite the drawbacks of Covid, the group has been able to maintain a steady annual income of between £2,422 and £2,830. This consistency has been an asset in maintaining cash funds at a secure level for ease of budgeting.

Expenditure in the previous financial year (£1,558) was limited since Covid restrictions had reduced the charity's activities and outgoings. Higher spending on apiary equipment and consumables during the current 2021-2022 financial year has reflected the increased demands due to returning to a full programme of activities. In particular, the decision to move to 'double brooding' led to the need to purchase more brood boxes, and the success of the experiment with BS Honey 2 in 1 nucleus boxes encouraged the group to invest in additional ones so as to raise more colonies.

In the spring of 2022 a bid was made to the National Lottery Awards for All England for £9,200 to carry out improvements to the apiary complex. The grant was approved in May 2022 for enlarging and upgrading the beekeepers' work area; creating a panoramic display in the visitors Viewing Area; and setting up the new nursery area for young colonies. The success of the application heralds a new phase in the development and work of the Mt Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group.



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Charity Name Mount Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group	No (if any) 1177493
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Sep-21	To	Period end date 31-Aug-22
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grant	-	9,200	-	9,200
Donations	2,830	-	-	2,830
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,830	9,200	-	12,030
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,830	9,200	-	12,030
A3 Payments				
Apiary Equipment	1,236	-	-	1,236
Apiary Consumables	1,666	-	-	1,666
Apiary Maintenance	43	-	-	43
Education	23	-	-	23
Refreshments	20	-	-	20
Parking	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,988	-	-	2,988
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,988	-	-	2,988
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 158	9,200	-	9,042
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,236	-	-	4,236
Cash funds this year end	4,078	9,200	-	13,278

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	3,098	9,200
	Bank	955	-
	Cash	25	-
	Total cash funds	4,078	9,200
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

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

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
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			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature	Print Name
Annette Quartly	Annette Quartly

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Last year

to the nearest £

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1,558

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-
-
1,272



**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

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**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

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**When due
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Date of approval

9-Feb-23

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Trustees' Report

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1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021

Introduction

The period covered by this third Annual Report to the Charity Commission falls in the middle of the Covid Lockdown. The restrictions imposed during this time severely affected the success of the Mount Edgumbe Cornish Bee Group in meeting its objectives with respect to community and educational events. However, since managed honey bees are regarded as livestock, conservation and pollination jobs continued to be carried out diligently with the five trustees being regarded as essential workers.

Funds

All the income this year came from donations with the bulk coming from beekeepers who homed colonies raised from our native bee stock. The formal gardens at Mt Edgumbe House and Country Park were closed to the public but the grounds were still open. Although visitors could not reach the apiary, there were still generous amounts placed in donation boxes around the site.

Since activities were confined to bee husbandry, expenditure was almost exclusively related to apiary equipment, consumables and maintenance. The trustees' focus was on increasing stock so it was decided to invest in purchasing some newly designed BS Honey 2 in 1 nucleus boxes for raising young colonies. These required fewer worker bees to care for virgin queens during the mating process. They proved to be more effective than the usual standard 6-frame nucleus boxes.

At the end of the accounting period, funds had risen from £2,964 to £4,236 which could be used for other projects once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Conservation of the Native Honey Bee

Due to travel restrictions, surplus colonies were only moved relatively short distances from Mt Edgumbe. This was actually a positive aspect of our conservation programme since it accelerated the spread of Amm (*Apis mellifera mellifera*) genetic material in the vicinity of the Rame peninsula.

By being able to concentrate on the bees and the apiary, the trustees were able to experiment more freely with queen-raising methods and increase skills of grafting live larvae to artificial cups. This should improve the rate of queen-rearing next season.

Summary

The trustees are confident that the best use was made of the funds available and of the limited opportunities for the charity to develop during this reporting year. It is with renewed optimism that they approach the next stage and plan for future community and educational projects.



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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Sep-20	To	Period end date 31-Aug-21
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Membership	-	-	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-
Donations	2,830	-	-	2,830
Publicity	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,830	-	-	2,830
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,830	-	-	2,830
A3 Payments				
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Apiary equipment	679	-	-	679
Apiary consumables	759	-	-	759
Apiary maintenance	115	-	-	115
PPE	-	-	-	-
Honey bottling materials	-	-	-	-
Publicity	-	-	-	-
Reporting meeting expenses	-	-	-	-
Parking	5	-	-	5
Sub total	1,558	-	-	1,558
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,558	-	-	1,558
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,272	-	-	1,272
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,964	-	-	2,964
Cash funds this year end	4,236	-	-	4,236

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	77	-
	Bank	4,129	-
	Bank	30	-
	Total cash funds	4,236	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Awaiting invoice		-
	Apiary equipment	Unrestricted	942
	Apiary consumables	Unrestricted	773
			-
			-

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

Signature	Print Name
	Annette Quartly

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Last year
to the nearest £

6
60
2,442
70
-
-
-
-
2,578

-
-
-

2,578

48
1,407
1,499
-
79
97
249
30
3,409

-
-
-

3,409

-	831
-	-
	3,795
	2,964



**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

-
-
-
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval

29-Sep-22

MOUNT EDGCUMBE CORNISH BEE GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1177493

Accounts



Trustees' Report

Mount Edgumbe Cornish Bee Group
Registered Charity No. 1177943
1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020

Introduction

This is the second annual report of the Mt Edgumbe Cornish Bee Group to the Charity Commission. Progress and plans went ahead as expected in the first half of this period but were badly affected due to Covid restrictions between March - August 2020. During the first lockdown and throughout the summer, the six trustees took on all the tasks of caring for the bees, socially distanced as was expected. Unfortunately all other projects had to be abandoned once travel and social mixing was curtailed.

Until the end of the beekeeping season in October 2019, the premises at the Mt Edgumbe Country Park were well used. Links which were being forged with local beekeeping groups, schools and organisations had begun opening up opportunities for furthering our aims related to Conservation, Education and Pollination. Some of these were pursued as recorded below and others put on hold until the Covid rules would be relaxed.

Conservation of the Native Honey Bee

All 25 colonies had overwintered successfully but, in order to concentrate the highest standards in the Rame peninsula, it was decided to reduce the numbers and focus on breeding from the best. In March, eleven colonies went to other sites, thus widening the influence of the native sub-species. The fourteen colonies remaining were designated either as key breeders or reserves.

During the early part of the season time was spent on refining the recording system so that more useful information was noted about the performance of the queens and the characteristic behaviours of the worker bees. This enabled us to improve the stock being produced and aid the selection process when assessing the colonies at a later stage.

Despite the lack of volunteer help due to the pandemic, the trustees resolved to follow through with the queen rearing plans so as not to interrupt the conservation programme.

Some changes to routine made the job more manageable and, at the peak of the season (July/August), the trustees were able to manage 45 colonies at different stages of development. This formed a solid basis on which to select for conservation suitability.

Funds

Donations from the public and from local funding sources enabled the charity to cover maintenance and running costs, as well as the purchase of necessary consumables and additional equipment. Partly due to the pandemic, no ambitious projects were put forward this year so applications for grants were minimal.

The largest sources of income were from visitors placing cash in donation boxes; sale of Mt Edgcumbe honey at the park's Christmas Fayre; and contributions from beekeepers who had received colonies raised from our bee stock. In difficult times, the charity has been able to continue functioning and maintain its conservation aims without suffering serious setbacks.

Education and Community Engagement

The Mt Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group was asked to participate in a number of events and attended three conferences in the autumn/winter of 2019-2020 with displays and successful interaction with the attendees. Kathy Lovegrove gave a slide presentation about the work of the group at the 'Sustainable Beekeeping Conference: A Future without Imports' which prompted interest in supporting the work of the charity.

In November 2019 the group held its annual meeting which invites associate members to contribute to a review of the year and make suggestions on the next year's plans. There was a good response to the discussion and participants were then pleased to welcome Tricia and Alan Nelson from Somerset who gave a presentation on 'The Importance of Preparation before Attempting Queen-Rearing'. This was a prelude to a training course they had agreed to run for Mt Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group in April of 2020. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled but will be reinstated when the pandemic is not such an issue.

The final community event before lockdown was a visit by the Year 1 Class from Millbrook Primary School. The teachers had prepared the pupils by introducing them to topics related to bees, and the children were enthusiastic about what they saw and the equipment they handled.

Summary

The Mt Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group has held steady both financially and in its charitable focus throughout a challenging year. There has been distinct progress in some areas with others put into abeyance until Covid restrictions are lifted.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Mount Edgcumbe Cornish Bee Group	1177493

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Sep-19		31-Aug-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 £
A1 Receipts				
Membership	6		-	6
Grants	- 0	60	-	60
Donations	2,442	-	-	2,442
Publicity	70	-	-	70
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,518	60	-	2,578
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	2,518	60	- 0	2,578
A3 Payments				
License	- 0	-	-	-
Insurance	48	-	-	48
Fundraising	- 0	-	-	-
Education	- 0	-	-	-
Stationary	- 0	-	-	-
Apiary Structures & Services	- 0	-	-	-
Apiary Equipment	927	480	-	1,407
Apiary Consumables	505	994	-	1,499
Personal Protective Equipment	79	-	-	79
Honey bottling materials	97	-	-	97
Publicity	189	60	-	249
Reporting meeting expenses	30	-	-	30
Sub total	1,875	1,534	-	3,409
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total payments	1,875	1,534	- 0	3,409
Net of receipts/(payments)	643	- 1,474	-	- 831
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,321	1,474	-	3,795
Cash funds this year end	2,964	-	-	2,964

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds	cash	121	-
	bank	2,843	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	2,964	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Awaiting invoice:		-
	Apiary Equipment	unrestricted	316
	Apiary Consumables	unrestricted	618
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
	Annette Quartly		

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Last year
to the nearest £
24
6,304
2,757
-
-
-
-
-
9,085
-
- 0
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9,085
1
20
20
123
1
2,291
1,461
1,373
-
-
5,290
-
5,290
3,795
-
-
3,795
Endowment funds
to nearest £

-
-
-
-
OK
Endowment funds
to nearest £
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-
-
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Current value (optional)
-
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Current value (optional)
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-
When due (optional)
Date of approval
19-Dec-20