

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ludlow & District Beekeepers' Association

Other names charity is known by

L&DBKA

Registered charity number (if any)

1181576

Charity's principal address

Hillfoot House

Lushcott

Easthope, Much Wenlock

Postcode

TF13 6EE

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	GILLIAN SILVERWOOD MACLEAN	Chair Secretary	As Chair to 5 June 2023 As Secretary from 5 June 2023	Membership
2	ALAN JENYON	Chair	As Chair from 5 June 2023	Membership
3	HAMISH CRAIG BARBER	Secretary	As Secretary to 5 June 2023 (Trustee full year)	Membership
4	CLIFFORD DENNIS BLOOMFIELD	Treasurer & Membership Secretary		Membership
5	DR MARY JANE ROSS CARSTAIRS			Membership
6	MARK ADRIAN CRAVEN WRIGHT		To 17 November 2023	Membership
7	JONATHAN FILDES		To 26 August 2023	Membership
8	SUSAN HAYDAY			Membership
9	JENNIFER EMILY POTHECARY		From 20 May 2023	Membership
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 23 February 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the membership at the AGM and/or co-opted by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage

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them.



Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:

A) TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING AND GOOD BEEKEEPING PRACTICES;

B) TO RAISE AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

In accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, the trustees aim to make the most of opportunities to educate and inform the public on the importance of honey bees and of the craft of beekeeping when planning the annual programme of activities of the association.

These activities include:

- Provision of information, educational material and advice to members of the public about the importance of honey bees in the environment;
- Provision of information and advice to anyone considering taking up the craft of beekeeping including the benefits of membership of a beekeeping association and the training needed to be a beekeeper;
- Regular attendance at agricultural shows, village fetes, food festivals and other public events in the local area throughout the year to promote the craft of beekeeping and raise awareness of the importance of pollinators in the environment. This usually includes displaying at least one observation hive of live bees at each event. Products of the hive are also exhibited.
- Beekeeper training - a beginners' course in beekeeping is run every year.
- Answer enquiries and requests for assistance from members of the public made via the Associations' web site.
- Giving talks to groups eg WI, U3A, schools etc interested in learning about the importance of honey bees in the environment and the role of beekeepers in supporting honey bees.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- In addition the charity maintains and provides contact details of those of its members willing to help recover swarms of honey bees reported by members of the public, free of charge.
- The charity also has an Asian Hornet Action Team, one of a number of teams across the country who are working with the NBU and the BBKA in the national effort to monitor and prevent the establishment of this non-native invasive species.

In carrying out the above activities the Trustees of the Association believe they are achieving the charitable aims and delivering tangible benefit to the general public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Membership**

Membership numbers 2023: 175 members

Training and education

Beginners' course 2023 numbers: 14 students. The 'Introduction to Beginners' course comprises eight theory sessions followed by weekly practical sessions throughout the active season (subject to weather).

One member of the Association sat and passed the final module of the seven BBKA Theory exams and gained their Advanced Theory Certificate

Six members of the Association passed the BBKA Basic Assessment.

Winter talks and Apiary Meetings programme

A full programme of talks and apiary meetings was held throughout the year with the aim of informing and educating members on beekeeping issues and improving practical skills

Asian Hornet

The Asian Hornet Action Team continued to respond to queries and reports of potential sightings of this non-native invasive species. Information was available at all public events attended throughout the year. There were no confirmed sightings in our area.

Shows and Events

The association attended a number of public events where visitors could chat to beekeepers and learn about beekeeping and the importance of pollinators in the environment and information about steps they could take to help:

Burwarton Show (attendance est 20,000)

Tenbury Countryside Show (attendance est 6,000)

Clun Carnival

Ludlow Food Festival (attendance est 15,000)

Tenbury Applefest (attendance est 1,400)

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

none

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

R. Alan Jenyon

Full name(s)

Robert Alan Jenyon

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

16 March 2024

LUDLOW & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NUMBER 1181576
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2023

RECEIPTS

Direct charity receipts

Members subscriptions 2023	£	5,388.00
Bee Disease Insurance additional premium 2023	£	621.75
Donations	£	143.61
Gift Aid	£	-
Raffles	£	162.00
BeeCraft subscriptions (2023)	£	284.00
Miscellaneous	£	31.04
Meeting Catering	£	362.50
bank Interest received	£	91.83
Subtotal	£	7,084.73

Activities receipts

Association Honey sales and sales commission	£	1,561.74
Training course fees paid in 2023	£	873.00
Training course fees prepaid for 2024	£	1,190.00
Subtotal	£	3,624.74

Total Receipts

£ 10,709.47

PAYMENTS

Direct charity payments		
BBKA Capitation fees	£	3,348.00
Bee Disease insurance premium	£	603.65
BeeCraft Subscriptions	£	351.50
Insurance	£	413.44
Miscellaneous	£	103.94
Subtotal	£	4,820.53

Activity and asset payments

Capital purchases	£	447.20
Association Apiary	£	2,505.30
AA Consumables	£	865.56
Hall Hire	£	376.00
Show costs/consumables	£	631.00
Talk fees & Travel	£	255.00
Training	£	952.97
Refreshments/social events	£	786.90
Subtotal	£	6,819.93

TOTAL PAYMENTS

£ 11,640.46

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS

£ (930.99)

ASSETS

Bank Account		
Opening balance	£	10,638.16
Net Receipts/Payments	£	(930.99)
Closing Balance	£	9,707.17

Petty cash

Opening balance	£	290.00
Closing Balance	£	290.00