

THE IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1183025

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-04-17

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING.ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF BEES.

Activities: The objects of the CIO are to:1) promote and further the craft of beekeepingand to2) advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environmentThe charity will generally operate in, and draw its membership from Ipswich and east Suffolk.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£19,308	£17,521	-	-
2024-11-30	£13,423	£11,798	-	-
2023-11-30	£31,553	£30,149	-	-
2022-11-30	£18,919	£18,084	-	-
2021-11-30	£13,346	£9,767	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Brian Parrott		2026-02-04
David Charles Adams		2025-02-05
Dr Jonathan James Tuppen		2021-02-03
Gemma Parrott		2025-10-15
Helen Catherine Thorne		2021-02-03
JACKIE MCQUEEN		2019-02-06
Jeremy Denis Quinlan		2019-02-06
Mark Anthony Dua		2024-02-07
Philip Roy Ramsey		2024-10-12
Richard Allen		2019-02-06
Sally Thurlow		2024-02-07

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First Founded 1880, Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1183025
Via the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association, one of the British Beekeepers' Association's associations

The Trustees' Annual Report

for the period from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025

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SECTION A - REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees Listed in alphabetical order	Responsibility (If any)	Date of birth	Contact details
David Charles Adams From 5/2/25	President	14/11/1934	Deben View, Back Lane, Falkenham IP11 0RA 01394 448235 dcadams007@btinternet.com
Richard Allen From 10/10/2016	Hon Secretary	09/09/1962	11 Jupiter Road, Ipswich IP4 4NT 01473 719207 secretary.iesbka@suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk
Barry Crabtree From 15/06/2017 to 14/10/25		16/10/1958	3 Old Cottages, Tattingsstone, Ipswich IP9 2NN 01473 327240 barry.crabtree@gmail.com
Mark Anthony Dua From 7/2/2024		28/9/1964	The Thatch, Stowmarket Road, Ringshall IP14 2HZ 07733 363442 markdua674@gmail.com
Jackie McQueen From 22/02/2012	Hon Treasurer	04/05/1944	643 Foxhall Road, Ipswich IP3 8NE 01473 420187 jackie.mcqueen44@gmail.com
Gemma Parrott From 15/10/25	Newsletter	28/02/1981	1 Bank House, Chelmondiston IP9 1DZ 07758 193847 gemma-parrott@hotmail.com

Barrie Powell 14/10/2015 to 29/12/2024	Former President	03/01/1935	Bristol House, Bristol Hill, Shotley Gate, Ipswich IP9 1PU 01473 787199 beepowell.powell@gmail.com
Jeremy Denis Quinlan From 22/02/2012	Chairman	16/08/1937	The Old Rectory, Dallinghoo, Woodbridge IP13 0LA 01473 737700 jeremyq@tiscali.co.uk
Philip Roy Ramsey From 12/10/2024	Apiary Manager	21/04/1964	47 Colchester Road, Ipswich IP4 3BT 07879 667867 phil_ramsey1@hotmail.co.uk
Helen Catherine Thorne From 03/02/2021	Schools Liaison	13/10/1953	Offton Place, Offton, Ipswich IP8 4SF 07814 506988 hthorne57@gmail.com
Sal Thurlow From 7/2/2024	Mentors and new beekeepers	18/3/1958	Old Post Office, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary CO7 6NP 01473 312080 salthurlow@gmail.com
Jonathan James Tuppen From 03/02/2021	Safeguarding Lead	07/07/1961	Hallfield Cottage, Lower Street, Sproughton IP8 3AD 01473 742862 jonjtuppen@gmail.com

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committee members who prefer not to be Trustees.

Independent examiner of accounts: Paul White

SECTION B - STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document. The association is governed by its constitution; this was accepted by the Association's members at our annual general meeting of 6th February 2019.

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Objects: Working mainly in Ipswich and East Suffolk, our objects are to:

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- b. Advance the education of the public in the environmental and economic importance of bees.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Charitable Activities

When planning the activities of the association, the Trustees bear in mind the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit. In carrying out its charitable objects, the association undertakes a wide range of activities. These include responding to many enquiries from the public on a wide variety of bee related subjects, collecting swarms, school visits, shows, talks and demonstrations, advice and help to new and inexperienced beekeepers, classroom and apiary training courses and preparation for national beekeeping examinations and assessments.

All activities are carried out voluntarily by the members at no cost. The Trustees thank all those who give their time so freely to help the Association to function. We could not manage without their good will and ready practical assistance; we thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Disappointingly, in late 2022, the fourth East Anglian research student (EARS-4) had begun work on establishing the results of not treating for Varroa but suffered ill health and had to stop. Since then, the EARS committee had been

looking for another suitable student. Just before the end of our accounting period one was found researching bee sting tolerance at Plymouth University; this will be EARS-5.

SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Association recognises the need to engage with the public and advance their understanding of the importance of bees and beekeeping both to them and to the environment. During the year we assisted at the Suffolk Agricultural Association's Annual Show and their School Farm Country Fayre - and at many other public events, fetes and open gardens. Eight schools were visited. We continue to provide expert advice and training to HM Prisons, Hollesley Bay and Warren Hill, and to the Ipswich charity 'ActivLives'; each has an apiary with several colonies of bees.

Many members of the public fear bees, particularly honey bees in swarms, and seek information and reassurance by telephone and email. Unfortunately, there is also widespread ignorance of the different bee species so most calls are for either bumble or solitary bees. While we have no great expertise with these, we have helped many with advice. Both the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association and the British Beekeepers' Association maintain lists of those prepared to respond to swarm calls; many of our members volunteer for both. Usually, our people make no charge for responding to such calls.

The association's commitment to education and training continues. To members of the public new to beekeeping, we offered our usual introductory course with follow up guidance for learning and practicing the craft. As always, we accept those with no beekeeping experience and offer free training to those who cannot afford the fee. In 2025, 23 people took our course.

We continue to focus on the training and development of our members. Although our offer of mentoring for those new to beekeeping continues, in 2025, 20 new and inexperienced beekeepers asked for mentor support; 15 experienced people volunteered to be mentors; the difficulty is geographically matching mentors and new beekeepers. Beginners' support requirements range from guidance on hive siting and swarm collection to help with hive inspections. All beginners are encouraged to work towards taking the BBKA's Basic Assessment and to enter the Suffolk Honey Show classes. We need to do more to get them to do both.

Between May and August, we opened our Wherstead apiary for teaching every Sunday afternoon. Over 13 afternoons, we had 156 come; many were repeat attendees. The team set out to encourage those who did not hold the BBKA's Basic to take it; 8 did and were successful. Our particular thanks go to our apiary manager, Phil Ramsey, for whom this is a considerable commitment.

Module examination study groups continued their evening meetings with considerable success. Several other individuals continue to study too.

We want to improve the level of expertise within the association and develop competent knowledgeable teachers of beekeeping, but we have difficulty getting the more experienced but less expert to engage. Liaison is maintained with DEFRA's APHA National Bee Unit Inspectorate in monitoring the health of the honey bee population and promoting good practice. The trustees want all members will take advantage of these services by registering with the NBU's "BeeBase".

Our library of some 350 books and DVDs continues to be both popular and well used by our members. On request, books are sent out by post with the borrower responsible for the cost of return. As last year, thirty are currently out on loan. Suggestions for new books are welcome and new books are added regularly.

In 2017 we signed a lease at, literally, a peppercorn rent with Ardencrest Limited, the legal name of the Eastern Counties' Co-operative Society, moved our apiary to Wherstead Park and installed a hut. While relationships between us are good, we have no security of tenure there, so we continue to look for a small suitable piece of land we might buy for an apiary; so far, we have not found one.

The overall membership of the association continues to be buoyant. During the year our membership reached 249. The maintenance in numbers allowed us to continue to engage good speakers from a distance; this has enhanced

the standards of teaching and training. The general use of Zoom has, however, meant that few are now willing to travel far.

We are very grateful to Tim Wilmshurst, one of our members, who has been engaging speakers and organising talks through to the end of 2025.

Meetings:

Date	Speaker	Subject	Ten Minute Talk, etc
4 Dec	Jeremy Quinlan	Wax & Candles	
2 Jan	Barry Crabtree	Pollen Analysis	Jeremy Quinlan: Honey Bee Waggle Dances
5 Feb	Fiona Dickson	Judging at a honey show	AGM
5 Mar	Dale Gibson	Bermondsey Bees	Olga Hamond: Royal Jelly
2 Apr	Kevin Thorn	The simple Sustainable Apiary for the hobby beekeeper	Barry Crabtree: The BBKA's Basic Assessment
15 Jun	"Safari" in Kirton & Felixstowe areas. Led by Chris Milton & David Burns, Bee Inspectors		
3 Sep	Social/Auction/Forum		
1 Oct	Clive de Bruyn, NDB	Beekeeping Mistakes	
5 Nov	Jeremy Quinlan	The Colony as a Honey Factory	Olga Hammond: Dealing With A Vicious Colony

SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

As usual, some three quarters of our expenditure was paid to outside bodies, principally to our central organisation, the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA), Bee Disease Insurance Ltd and for Bee Craft Magazines. The arrangement for discounted Bee Craft magazines ends in early 2026.

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Income	£18,350	£13,057	£31,553
Expenditure	£17,521	£11,798	£30,149
Surplus/Deficit	£829	£1,259	£1,404
Bank current account at start of year	£10,546	£9,287	£7,883
Bank current account at year end	£11,375	£10,546	£9,287
Deposit account at start of year	£27,713	£27,347	£15,048
Deposit account movement	+£6,958	+£366	+£12,299
Deposit account total at year end	£34,671	£27,713	£27,347
Our total cash holding at year end	£46,046	£38,259	£36,634
Less EARS money on deposit	£18,200	£12,200	£12,200
Our total cash assets at year end	£27,846	£26,059	£24,434

In 2023 the I&ES BKA became the custodian of £12,200 in charitable honey bee research funds donated to EARS; another £6,000 of EARS money was added during the year 2024-25, making the total £18,200.

Gift Aid - tax refund: Our Gift Aid number is ZD09379. In 2024-25 our refund was £1,438.

Reserves policy: The Trustees want to buy some land for an Association apiary; we are looking for a suitable place at a price we can afford.

There were no funds in deficit.

Our accounts have been checked by an independent examiner. He has given his assent to them, signing them electronically. A copy of those accounts accompanies this report.

There were no serious incidents to report.

TRUSTEES' DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signatures:

Who:	Richard Allen	Jackie McQueen	Jeremy Quinlan
Position:	Hon Secretary	Hon Treasurer	Chairman
			February 2026

Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 30 November 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Subscriptions	£ 8,096.55	£ 8,965.55
Research Donations	£ 718.35	£ 721.90
Other Donations	£ 6,000.00	
Gift Aid	£ 1,437.84	£ 1,378.02
Course/Training Fees	£ 1,280.00	£ 1,410.00
Suffolk Show/Honey Sales	£ 780.14	£ 230.40
Refreshments	£ 18.50	£ 36.35
Asian Hornet Campaign		£ 315.00
Miscellaneous	£ 18.50	
	£ 18,349.88	£ 13,057.22
Expenditure		
BBKA, BDI	£ 6,049.65	£ 6,134.10
Direct Debit Costs	£ 67.49	£ 69.80
Research - EARS	£ 6,000.00	
Beecraft	£ 1,705.00	£ 2,413.00
Meetings/ Speakers/Hall	£ 878.04	£ 480.00
Newsletter	£ 6.00	£ 15.40
Course Expenses	£ 646.21	£ 745.99
Honey/Apiary Costs	£ 1,541.37	£ 585.14
Suffolk Show	£ 247.65	£ 20.00
Library	£ 214.90	£ 196.42
Bee Safari	£ 138.99	£ 57.38
General/Stationery	£ 6.80	£ 6.00
Miscellaneous	£ 18.50	
Refund		£ 68.70
Asian Hornet Campaign		£ 1,005.90
	£ 17,520.60	£ 11,797.83
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£ 829.28	£ 1,259.39
Current Account		
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 10,546.19	£ 9,287.35
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 6,324.46	£ 10,546.19
Cash to Deposit Account	£ 5,000.00	
Deposit Account		
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 27,187.08	£ 27,553.21
Cash at Bank Year End (includes EARS)	£ 39,145.02	£ 27,187.08
Deposit EARS account	£ 18,200.00	£ 12,200.00
Interest	£ 957.94	£ 366.13
Total Cash Assets at Year End	£ 45,469.48	£ 37,733.27

Paul White
Accounts Examined

Jackie McQueen
Treasurer

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Steve Willingham From 10/10/2018 to 7/2/24		20/12/1955	380 Norwich Road, Ipswich, IPI 4EJ 07521 467247 steve@tkptr.co.uk

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Together with most of the other beekeepers' associations in East Anglia, we continue to contribute to the advancement of bee sciences. In conjunction with the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Newcastle and nearly every East Anglian beekeeping association, we supported our third East Anglian Research Student (EARS3) as she worked for her PhD, a study of honey bee nutrition in the effects of Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus. This work is now complete and we look forward to reading her thesis. Disappointingly, our next student (EARS4) began work on establishing the results of not treating for Varroa but suffered ill health and had to stop. We hope to find a new beneficiary.

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Meetings:

Date	Speaker	Subject	Ten Minute Talk, etc	No
6 Dec	Jeremy Quinlan	Wax & Candles		
2024				
3 Jan	Dr Jon Tuppen	Bee Sting & Anaphylaxis	Jeremy Quinlan: Soft-set honey	
7 Feb	John Days	Artificial Insemination of Honey Bees	AGM	43
6 Mar	Peter Langford	Rearing Queen Honey Bees	Barry Crabtree: Nosema	50
3 Apr	Peter Dalby	Swarm Control	Brett Baylis: The BBKA's Basic	46
12 May	Wherstead Apiary open every Sunday afternoon			
29-30 May	Suffolk Show			
7 July	Barrie Powell	'Safari': SW of Ipswich		
4 Sep	Sal Thurlow	Auction & Forum		
2 Oct	Nynke Blomer	Bumble Bees' Interaction with Honey Bees	Jeremy Quinlan: Honey Comb	
6 Nov	Michael-Thomas Ramsey	Pesticides and Bee Toxicology	Barry Crabtree: Mini nucs	42

SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

As usual, some three quarters of our expenditure was paid to outside bodies, principally to our central organisation, the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA), Bee Disease Insurance Ltd and Bee Craft Magazine. In 2022, the BBKA increased subscriptions by £2 per year but we decided to absorb half that increase.

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Income	13,423	31,553	18,919
Expenditure	11,798	30,149*	18,084
Surplus/Deficit	1,259	1,403	853
Cash at bank at start of year	9,287	7,883	10,048
Total Cash Assets at Year End	10,546	9,287	7,883

* In 2023 the I&ES BKA became the custodian of unspent EARS funds amounting to £12,200.

Gift Aid - tax refund: Our Gift Aid number is ZD09379. In 2023-24 our refund was £1,378.

Reserves policy: The Trustees would like to buy land for an Association apiary; we are looking for a suitable place at a price we can afford.

There were no funds in deficit.

TRUSTEES' DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signatures:

Full names:	Richard Allen	Jackie McQueen	Jeremy Quinlan
Position:	Hon Secretary	Hon Treasurer	Chairman
			January 2025

Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 30 November 2024

	2024		2023	
Income				
Subscriptions	£ 8,965.55		£ 9,173.65	
Research Donations	£ 721.90		£ 12,903.40	
Other Donations			£ 140.57	
Gift Aid	£ 1,378.02		£ 1,431.15	
Course/Training Fees	£ 1,410.00		£ 1,350.00	
Suffolk Show	£ 230.40		£ 6,302.47	
Refreshments	£ 36.35		£ 201.15	
Asian Hornet Campaign	£ 315.00			
Miscellaneous			£ 50.80	
	£ 13,057.22		£ 31,553.19	
Expenditure				
BBKA, BDI	£ 6,134.10		£ 6,213.65	
Direct Debit Costs	£ 69.80		£ 67.29	
Research - EARS				
Research			£ 300.00	
Beecraft	£ 2,413.00		£ 2,550.26	
Meetings/ Speakers/Hall	£ 480.00		£ 987.22	
Newsletter	£ 15.40		£ 5.66	
Course Expenses	£ 745.99		£ 683.33	
Honey/Apiary Costs	£ 585.14		£ 10.79	
Suffolk Show	£ 20.00		£ 6,302.47	
Library	£ 196.42		£ 260.24	
Bee Safari	£ 57.38		£ 391.32	
General/Stationery	£ 6.00		£ 66.20	
Miscellaneous			£ 50.80	
Refund	£ 68.70		£ 60.00	
Asian Hornet Campaign	£ 1,005.90			
Deposit Account			£ 12,200.00	
	£ 11,797.83		£ 30,149.23	
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Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 9,287.35		£ 7,883.40	
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 10,546.19		£ 9,287.35	
Deposit EARS account	£ 12,200.00		£ 12,200.00	
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Cash at Bank Start of Year		£ 27,347.31		EARS Account £ 12,200.00
Cash at Bank Year End (includes EARS)		£ 27,713.44		
				Deposit account 2024 £ 366.13
				Interest
Total Cash Assets at Year End			<u>£ 26,059.63</u>	

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THE IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183025

Accounts



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We continue to focus on the training and development of our members. Although our mentoring offer for those new to beekeeping continues, in 2023, only 14 new and inexperienced beekeepers asked for mentor support although we had 20 volunteer to be mentors. Beginners' support requirements range from guidance on hive siting and swarm collection to help with hive inspections. While all beginners are encouraged to work towards taking the BBKA Basic Assessment and to enter the Suffolk Honey Show classes we need to do more to get them to do both.

Between May and August, we opened our Wherstead apiary for teaching every Sunday afternoon. Around 50 attended. Currently there are 4 different types of hive here. Our particular thanks go to our apiary manager for whom this is a considerable commitment.

Module examination study groups continued their evening meetings with considerable success. Several other individuals continue to study too.

We would like to improve the level of expertise within the association and develop competent knowledgeable teachers of beekeeping, but we have difficulty getting the more experienced but less expert to engage. Liaison is maintained with DEFRA's APHA National Bee Unit Inspectorate in monitoring the health of the honey bee population and promoting good practice. The trustees want all members will take advantage of these services by registering with the NBU's BeeBase.

Our library of some 350 books and DVDs continues to be both popular and well used by our members. On request, books are sent out by post with the borrower responsible for the cost of return. As last year, thirty are currently out on loan. Suggestions for new books are welcome and new books are added regularly. We hope to introduce a new better listing via the Web so our members can see what books we have and encourage their borrowing.

In 2017 we signed lease at a peppercorn rent with Ardencrest Limited, the legal name of the Eastern Counties' Co-operative Society, moved our apiary to Wherstead Park and installed a hut. While relationships between us are good, we have no security of tenure there, we continue to look for a small suitable piece of land we might buy for an apiary; so far, we have not found one.

The overall membership of the association continues to be buoyant. During the year our membership reached 260, almost as many as the previous year. The maintenance in numbers allowed us to continue to engage good speakers from far away; this has enhanced the standards of teaching and training. The general use of Zoom has, however, meant that few are now willing to travel far.

Tim Wilmshurst, a member, has kindly taken on responsibility for organising talks.

Meetings:

Date	Speaker	Subject	Ten Minute Talk, etc	No
7 Dec	Tracey Clayden & Jeremy Quinlan	Wax & Candles	None	
2023				
4 Jan	Kevin Thorn	"What beekeepers worry about and don't need to"	Helen Thorne: Women Beekeeping in Uganda: report of November visit	
1 Feb	Marian Stephens	Bees and other insects in my garden	AGM	
8 Mar	Theodora Rübensaal-Commandeur	Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus	None	
5 Apr	Greg Monaghan	The Rose Hive: "One Size Box"	None	
7 May	Wherstead apiary began opening every Sunday afternoon until August			
16 July	Safari (an instructional tour of apiaries) south of Ipswich			
6 Sep		Auction/Forum	None	
4 Oct	Rev ^d Dr Sharon Hadley	Bees at HM Prison, Hollesley Bay	Helen Thorne: Beekeeping in Sardinia. See: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001fg4/stanley-tucci-searching-for-italy-series-2-6-sardinia	
1 Nov	Dr Alice Bridges	Bumble bee learning	Chris Stephens: Varroa-Resistant Honey Bees	

SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

As usual, some three quarters of our expenditure was paid to outside bodies, principally to our central organisation, the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA), Bee Disease Insurance Ltd and Bee Craft Magazine. In 2022, the BBKA increased subscriptions by £2 per year but we decided to absorb half that increase.

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Income	31,553	18,919	13,346
Expenditure	30,149	18,084	9,766
Surplus/Deficit	1,403	853	3,579
Cash at bank at start of year	22,931	22,089	18,509
Total Cash Assets at Year End	24,434	22,931	22,089

Gift Aid - tax refund: Our Gift Aid number is ZD09379. In 2022-23 our refund was £1,431.

Reserves policy: The Trustees want to buy land for an Association apiary; we are looking for a suitable place at a price we can afford.

There were no funds in deficit.

TRUSTEES' DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signatures:

Full names:	Richard Allen	Jackie McQueen	Jeremy Quinlan
Position:	Hon Secretary	Hon Treasurer	Chairman
			January 2024

Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 30 November 2023

	2023	2022
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Other Donations	£ 140.57	£ 161.09
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Meetings:

Date	Title	Speaker/Organiser	Type	
01-Dec-21	Playing with Beeswax	Jeremy Quinlan	Face-to-face	
05-Jan-22	Pollen	Barry Crabtree	Zoom	
26-Jan	Queen Rearing	David Evans (The Apiarist)	Zoom	
02-Feb	AGM & Regional Bee Inspector's briefing	Peter Davies	Face to face	35
23-Feb	Sustainable Varroa Control	Norman Carreck	Zoom	
	<i>An Introduction to Beekeeping Course (7 sessions)</i>	James Ferguson & Jeremy Quinlan	Face to face	30
02-Mar	The Forgotten Bees – Bumbles & Solitaries	Hawk Honey	Face to face	
30-Mar	Beyond the Basics: Beekeeping for Improvers	Bob Smith (Kent)	Zoom	
06-Apr	TMT: Building a Bee Vac	Lee Smith	Face to face	
	Microscopy for Beekeeping	Gordon Brown	Face to face	
24-Apr	Bee Health Day	Jane Corcoran, Suffolk BKA	Face to face	30
28-Apr	SAA's School Farm & Country Fair	Jeremy Quinlan, Suffolk BKA	Face to face	3,500
	Wherstead Apiary: Sunday afternoons to August	Barrie Powell	Face to face	50
01-May	Queen Raising course (over 3 weeks)	Jeremy Quinlan	Face to face	4
03-May	SAA's Farming School of the Year	Jeremy Quinlan, Suffolk BKA	Face to face	100
03-May	U3A group visit to Wherstead Teaching Apiary	Chris Stephens	Face to face	18
21-May	Hadleigh Show	Paul White	Face to face	
31 May & 1 June	Suffolk Show (with the other Suffolk associations)	Joy Allen, Suffolk BKA	Face to face	17,500
18-Jun	Hog Roast Wherstead (Our 141 st Anniversary)	Steve Willingham	Face to face	100
16-Jul	Apiary Safari (Kirton & Felixstowe)	Chris Stephens	Face to face	25
07-Sep	Auction of beekeeping equipment	Barrie Powell	Face to face	43
	Felixstowe Beekeepers' monthly winter meetings in the Kirton Pavilion	Chris Stephens	Face to face	20
	Beginners' Beekeeping: monthly winter meetings in Shotley Gate	Barrie Powell	Face to face	11
05-Oct	Asian Hornet	Andrew Durham	Face to face	42
02-Nov	How the Microbiome influences health from Bees to Humans	Drs Jon Tuppen & Nel Syed	Face to face	40

SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Surplus/Deficit	853.03	3,579.77	(715.92)
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Signatures:

Full names: Richard Allen Jackie McQueen Jeremy Quinlan

Position: Hon Secretary Hon Treasurer Chairman

February 2023

Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association
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Teas & Coffees	£ 34.30		£ 29.97
Hog Roast	£ 148.00		£ -
	£ 18,919.27		£ 13,346.33
Expenditure			
BBKA, BDI	£ 6,447.35		£ 5,589.15
Direct Debit Costs	£ 79.26		£ 78.16
Research - EARS	£ 400.00		£ 300.00
Research - BDI	£ 300.00		£ 300.00
Beecraft	£ 2,294.17		£ 1,889.43
Meetings/ Speakers/Hall	£ 529.60		£ 647.88
Newsletter	£ 9.14		£ 17.59
Course Expenses	£ 1,344.61		£ 303.19
Honey/Apiary Costs	£ 494.12		£ 47.67
Suffolk Show	£ 5,494.40		
Cup Insurance			£ 12.00
Library	£ 96.44		£ 320.77
Bee Safari	£ 60.00		£ -
General/Stationery			£ 15.72
Hog Roast	£ 331.15		
Miscellaneous	£ 85.00		
Refund	£ 119.00		£ 245.00
	£ 18,084.24		£ 9,766.56
Excess of Income over Expenditure		£ 835.03	£ 3,579.77
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 10,048.40		£ 6,468.63
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 7,883.40		£ 10,048.40
Cash to Deposit Account	£ 3,000.00		£ 3,579.77
Deposit Account			
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 12,041.01		£ 12,040.71
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 15,048.32		£ 12,041.01
Total Cash Assets at Year End	£ 22,931.72		£ 22,089.41
Accounts Examined Paul White		Treasurer Jackie McQueen	

THE IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183025

Accounts



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First Founded 1880, Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1183025
Via the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association, an area association of the British Beekeepers' Association

The Trustees' Annual Report

for the period from 1st December 2020 to 30th November 2021

This is the report of all eight Trustees, not just of the three who have signed it.

The Charity Commissioners call for this report and specify its format.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Association was first founded in 1880; in 2014, it became a registered charity. On 1st June 2019 we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Correspondence address: c/o The Old Rectory, Dallinghoo, Woodbridge IP13 0LA.

Bank account details: Barclays Bank plc, in the name of The Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association, sort code: 20-44-51, account number: 10570028.

SECTION A - REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees Listed in alphabetical order	Responsibility (If any)	Date of birth	Contact details
Richard Allen From 10/10/2016	Hon Secretary	09/09/1962	11 Jupiter Road, Ipswich IP4 4NT 01473 719207 secretary.iesbka@suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk
Barry Crabtree From 15/06/2017	Talks Programme & Newsletter	16/10/1958	3 Old Cottages, Tattingsstone, Ipswich IP9 2NN 01473 327240 barry.crabtree@gmail.com
Jackie McQueen From 22/02/2012	Hon Treasurer	04/05/1944	643 Foxhall Road, Ipswich IP3 8NE 01473 420187 jackie.mcqueen@ntlworld.com
Barrie Powell From 14/10/2015	President & Apiary Manager	03/01/1935	Bristol House, Bristol Hill, Shotley Gate, Ipswich IP9 1PU 01473 787199 beepowell.powell@gmail.com
Jeremy Quinlan From 22/02/2012	Chairman	16/08/1937	The Old Rectory, Dallinghoo, Woodbridge IP13 0LA 01473 737700 jeremyq@tiscali.co.uk

Helen Catherine Thorne From 03/02/2021	Schools	13/10/1953	Offton Place, Offton, Ipswich IP8 4SF 07814 506988 hthorne57@gmail.com
Jonathan James Tuppen From 03/02/2021	Safeguarding Lead	07/07/1961	Hallfield Cottage, Lower Street, Sproughton IP8 3AD 01473 742862 jonjtuppen@gmail.com
Steve Willingham From 10/10/2018	Mentors for new beekeepers	20/12/1955	380 Norwich Road, Ipswich, IPI 4EJ 07521 467247 steve@tktptr.co.uk

Note: We have two other committee members who prefer not to be Trustees.

Independent examiner of accounts: Paul White

SECTION B - STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document. The association is governed by its constitution; this was accepted by the Association's members at our annual general meeting of 6th February 2019.

How the charity is constituted. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Organisational Management. The Trustees of the Association are responsible for its management and control; they usually meet at least three times a year. Covid restrictions have meant that all but one meeting has had to be by Zoom. We must have at least three trustees and at most twelve. One third of the Trustees must retire in turn at each annual general meeting (AGM) but may offer themselves for re-election. Trustees are elected by the ordinary members of the Association at our AGM. Should there be a vacancy for a trustee, either the members or the trustees may at any time appoint a new one - see our constitution article 13.

SECTION C - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects: Working mainly in Ipswich and East Suffolk, our objects are to:

- a. Promote and further the craft of beekeeping.
- b. Advance the education of the public in the environmental and economic importance of bees.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Charitable Activities

When planning the activities of the association, the Trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In carrying out its charitable objects, the association undertakes a wide range of activities. These include responding to many enquiries from the public on a wide variety of bee related subjects, collecting swarms, school visits, shows, talks and demonstrations, advice and help to new and inexperienced beekeepers, classroom and apiary training courses and preparation for national beekeeping examinations and assessments.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Together with most of the other beekeepers' associations in East Anglia, we continue to contribute to the advancement of bee sciences; in conjunction with the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Newcastle, we support our third East Anglian Research Student (EARS3) as she works for her PhD, a study of honey bee nutrition in the effects of Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus. With Bee Disease Insurance we also support research at the Pirbright Institute into the bacterial endosymbiont Wolbachia and its potential ability to inhibit honey bee viruses such as DWV and CBPV. Both research projects continue; in 2020-21 we gave £600 towards them.

SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The association's wholehearted commitment to education and training continues.

To members of the public new to beekeeping, we offered our usual introductory course with follow up guidance for learning and practicing the craft. Covid restrictions gave us some difficulties, however. As always, we accept those with no beekeeping experience and offer free training to those who can't afford the fee. In 2021 thirty four signed up for the course but three withdrew.

We continue to focus on the training and development of our members and are particularly proud of our mentoring system for those new to beekeeping. In 2021, 35 new and inexperienced beekeepers requested mentor support. Where possible, they were paired up with someone who lives nearby - but only 23 members volunteered as mentors; we will be attempting to persuade more to volunteer. Their support requirements range from guidance on hive siting and swarm collection to help with hive inspections.

Despite restrictions, between May and August we opened our Wherstead apiary for teaching every Sunday afternoon. Around 50 attended. Currently there are 5 different types of hive here. Our particular thanks go to our apiary manager for whom this is a considerable extra commitment. Face-to-face winter evening groups meet in two different places. Two Module study group of 11 & 9 met by Zoom. Two took the BBKA's Module 1 examination; both obtained Credits; one took Module 2 and passed. Four took the BBKA's Basic, all passed.

We would like to improve the level of expertise within the association and develop competent knowledgeable teachers, but we have difficulty getting the more experienced but less expert to engage. Liaison is maintained with DEFRA's APHA National Bee Unit Inspectorate in monitoring the health of the honey bee population and promoting good practice. The trustees actively encourage all members to take advantage of these services by registering with the NBU's BeeBase.

Our library of some 350 books and DVDs continues to be both popular and well used by our members. On request, books are sent out by post with the borrower responsible for the cost of return. Over 50 are currently out on loan.

While the Association has long recognised the need to engage with the public and advance their understanding of the importance of bees and beekeeping to them and to the environment, during the year the Suffolk Agricultural Association's Show and School Farm Country Fayre and many other public events, fetes and open gardens all had to be cancelled. We were, however, able to visit two schools; seven more visits to schools are planned for the new year. We continue to provide expert advice and training to HM Prisons, Hollesley Bay and Warren Hill, and to the Ipswich charity 'ActivLives'; each have an apiary with several colonies of bees.

Many members of the public fear bees, particularly honey bees in swarms, and seek information and reassurance by telephone and email; Covid has made no difference to this. Unfortunately, there is also widespread ignorance of the different bee species so the majority of the calls turn out to be for either bumble or solitary bees. While we have no great expertise with these, we have helped many with advice. Both the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association and the British Beekeepers' Association maintain separate lists of those prepared to respond to swarm calls; many of our members volunteer for both. We recommend there should be no charge for responding to such calls.

In 2017 we signed lease at a peppercorn rent with Ardencrest Limited, the legal name of the Eastern Counties' Co-operative Society, moved our apiary to WWherstead Park and installed a hut. As we have no security of tenure there, we continue to look for a small piece of land we might buy for an apiary; so far, we have not found one.

The overall membership of the association continues to be buoyant. During the year our membership reached 259, the most it has ever been. The growth in numbers allowed us to continue to engage good speakers from far away; this has enhanced the standards of teaching and training. A general much greater experience of Zoom has, however, meant that few are now willing to travel far.

Continuing his most successful series of talks during lockdown, Barry Crabtree, one of our Trustees, continued arranging Zoom talks. From September, we were able to continue face-to-face meetings in the Kesgrave Scout Hall.

Meetings:

Date	Title	Speaker	Type	Comment/ number attending
9 Dec 20	Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus & Nutrition	Theodora Commandeur	Zoom	Newcastle University
6 Jan 21	Beeswax Wraps	Bev Rogers	Zoom	48
20 Jan 21	Nuclei in beekeeping operations	Jamie Ellis	Zoom	52
3 Feb 21	Set Honey; Monthly Q&A	Richard Allen	Zoom	47
17 Feb 21	Bees Abroad	Richard & Jane Ridler	Zoom	34
3 Mar 21	Bee Eyesight	Jeremy Quinlan	Zoom	28
17 Mar 21	A Lifetime with Bees	Barrie Powell	Zoom	64
14-Apr-21	Should we be afraid of wasps?	Dr Ben Aldiss	Zoom	58
28-Apr-21	The month ahead: May		Zoom	26
26-May-21	The Month Ahead: June		Zoom	25
30-Jun-21	The Month Ahead: July		Zoom	16
28-Jul-21	The Month Ahead: August		Zoom	21
25-Aug-21	The Month Ahead: September		Zoom	16
1-Sep-21	Good Queens	Barrie Powell	Meeting	53
29-Sep-21	Women's beekeeping in Uganda	Christine Ryumugabe	Zoom	25
6-Oct-21	Microscopy	Gordon Brown	Meeting	36
2-Nov-21	Queen Cells- Threat or Opportunity?	Jeremy Quinlan	Meeting	c.28
24-Nov-21	Ventilation, the why and why not	Derek Mitchell	Zoom	36

Most activities are carried out voluntarily by the members. The Trustees thank all those who give so freely of their time to help the Association to function. We could not manage without their good will and ready practical assistance; we thank them particularly for their commitment throughout the year.

In 2020-21, 76% of our expenditure went to outside bodies. The principal ones were our central organisation, the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA), Bee Disease Insurance and Bee Craft Magazine. In 2022, the BBKA will increase subscriptions by £2 per year but we have decided to absorb half that increase.

SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Income	13,346.33	8,236.43	10,204.20
Expenditure	9,766.56	8,952.35	10,055.13
Surplus/Deficit	3,579.77	(715.92)	149.07
Cash at bank at start of year	18,509.34	19,210.14	19,038.82
Total Cash Assets at Year End	22,089.41	18,509.34	19,210.14

Gift Aid - tax refund: Our Gift Aid number is ZD09379. In 2020-21 our refund was £2,223 (two years' worth).

Reserves policy: The Trustees wish to buy land for an Association apiary; we are looking for a suitable place at a price we can afford.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: There were no funds in deficit.

SECTION F - OTHER INFORMATION

None.

SECTION G - TRUSTEES' DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signatures:

Full names: Richard Allen Jackie McQueen Jeremy Quinlan

Position: Hon Secretary Hon Treasurer Chairman

February 2022

Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 30 November 2021

	2021		2020
Income			
Subscriptions	£ 8,208.64		£ 7,152.64
Research Donations	£ 621.25		£ 506.50
Other Donations	£ 43.60		£ 10.00
Gift Aid	£ 2,222.87		£ -
Course/Training Fees	£ 2,160.00		£ 350.00
Apiary	£ 60.00		£ -
Teas & Coffees	£ 29.97		£ 36.21
Miscellaneous Payments	£ -		£ 131.08
County AGM	£ -		£ 50.00
	£ 13,346.33		£ 8,236.43
Expenditure			
BBKA, BDI	£ 5,589.15		£ 4,770.85
Direct Debit Costs	£ 78.16		£ 30.03
Research - EARS	£ 300.00		£ -
Research - BDI	£ 300.00		£ 300.00
Beecraft	£ 1,889.43		£ 1,915.52
Meetings/ Speakers/Hall	£ 647.88		£ 591.23
Newsletter	£ 17.59		£ 24.25
Course Expenses	£ 303.19		£ 310.87
Honey/Apiary Costs	£ 47.67		£ 433.00
Cup Insurance	£ 12.00		£ 12.00
Library	£ 320.77		£ 243.23
Oxalic Acid /Fondant	£ -		£ 89.08
General/Stationery	£ 15.72		£ 8.79
Refund	£ 245.00		£ 223.50
	£ 9,766.56		£ 8,952.35
Excess of Income over Expenditure		£ 3,579.77	-£ 715.92
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 6,468.63		£ 7,184.55
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 10,048.40	£ 3,579.77	£ 6,468.63
Deposit			
Deposit Account			
Cash at Bank Start of Year	£ 12,040.71		£ 12,025.59
Cash at Bank Year End	£ 12,041.01		£ 12,040.71
Total Cash Assets at Year End	£ 22,089.41		£ 18,509.34

Accounts Examined
Paul White

Treasurer
Jackie McQueen