

THE HERTFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (CIO)

Registered Charity No: 1184766

**Report and Accounts for the year ended
31 December 2023**

THE HERTFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (CIO) ("HBKA")

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Management

Those involved in managing

HBKA during the year were:

	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Role</u>
John Palombo	✓	✓	Chair
Paul Cassidy	✓	✓	Treasurer
John Daffern	✓	✓	Secretary & representing Hertford & Ware BKA
Les Riley	✓	✓	
Gary Hammond	✓		
Peter Willson	✓		
Chris Mercer		✓	
Patrick Maxwell		✓	Membership
David Canham		✓	Examinations
Diane Bruce		✓	Representing West Herts BKA
Steve Smith		✓	Representing Central & South Herts BKA
Peter Cairns		✓	Representing South East Herts BKA
Robert Croft		✓	Representing Bishops Stortford BKA
Julian Griffiths		✓	Representing St Albans BKA
Laurence Longe		✓	Representing North Herts BKA

Independent Examiner: Thomas Meadows

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Objectives

The objectives of HBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the County of Hertfordshire and to advance the education of the public within the County of Hertfordshire in the importance of bees in the environment."

Affiliated Local Associations ("ALA")

Seven regional beekeeping associations covering Hertfordshire have become affiliated to HBKA pursuant to clause 9 of the constitution; affiliation provides automatic membership of HBKA to members of the ALA in designated classes, and this in turn provides membership of the British Beekeeping Association ("BBKA") to those members. Paid members for 2023 were 800 (2022: 765).

Activities

Despite some poor weather for beekeeping in 2023, HBKA ran a full set of training and events over the course of the year. We started the season with our Spring Show and AGM in March where we had a presentation from Marin Anastasov and a Honey Competition. Over the summer we ran several training classes, including a Healthy Bee Day, Microscopy training and a Queen rearing day. As well as providing training for members, we provided education for the general public on bees and beekeeping at the Herts County Show. Finally, HBKA ran its second annual Honey Show in the autumn, with competition in eleven different classes and speaking sessions from Simon Rice, David Rudland and Kevin Thorn.

In addition to running events, HBKA has continued to provide a number of other services to Hertfordshire beekeepers, including:

- * running module and practical exams on behalf of BBKA;
- * preparing for Asian Hornet sightings in Hertfordshire; and
- * enabling membership of BBKA, including participation in the BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting.

Governance

Subject to a small number of reserved matters, the Trustees have delegated management of HBKA to an Executive Committee which comprises most of the trustees plus function leads and representatives of each ALA. The committee met four times during 2023; in addition the trustees usually meet once a year on their own to cover certain narrowly governance focussed matters.

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM of HBKA will take place on 23 March 2024 at the Christchurch Peartree Hall, Welwyn.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of HBKA

I report on the accounts of HBKA for the year ended 31st December 2023 (Accounts).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. It is my responsibility to state

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by HBKA and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not expressed an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to (a) keep
- 2) to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the



Thomas Meadows

Independent Examiner

17 Feb 2024

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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER						
	2023			2022		
	Income	Expense	Net Income	Income	Expense	Net Income
Membership Fees						
Member Fees Receivable	£16,957		£16,957	£16,312		£16,312
BBKA Fees Payable		-£15,357	-£15,357		-£14,782	-£14,782
Membership Fees Total	£16,957	-£15,357	£1,600	£16,312	-£14,782	£1,530
Events & Training						
AGM & Spring Show	-	-£406	-£406	-	-£518	-£518
Autumn Show	-	-£1,045	-£1,045		-£1,109	-£1,109
New Season Preparation	-	-	-	£390	-£251	£139
Healthy Bee Day	£190	-£43	£147	£270	-£489	-£219
Queen Rearing	£1,445	-£1,431	£14	£1,920	-£1,860	£60
Microscopy	£270	-£180	£90	-	-	-
County Show		-	-		-£120	-£120
National Honey Show		-£80	-£80		-£80	-£80
Events & Training Total	£1,905	-£3,184	-£1,279	£2,580	-£4,427	-£1,847
Operating Costs						
Equipment		-£426	-£426		-	-
Administration		-£94	-£94		-£100	-£100
Operating Costs Total		-£521	-£521		-£100	-£100
Surplus / Deficit For Period	£18,862	-£19,061	-£200	£18,892	-£19,309	-£417

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT		
	31 DECEMBER	2022
NET ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£11,395	£11,600
Prepayments	£40	£53
Current Assets Total	£11,434	£11,653
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-£125	-£144
Current Liabilities Total	-£125	-£144
NET ASSETS Total	£11,309	£11,509
HBKA FUNDS		
Endowment	£9,178	£9,178
Net Income		
2020 Net Income	£1,410	£1,410
2021 Net Income	£1,338	£1,338
2022 Net Income	-£417	-£417
2023 Net Income	-£200	-
Net Income Total	£2,131	£2,331
HBKA FUNDS Total	£11,309	£11,509

Notes To The Accounts

1. The Accounts are drawn up on an "accruals" basis, i.e. matching income and expenditure to the relevant accounting period, although the related cash receipts or payments may arise in a different period.

2. Prepayments represent amounts paid for the www.HertsBees.org.uk domain name relating to future years.

3. Creditors of £125 (2022: £144) represent the estimated cost to be incurred for trophy engraving for the Spring and Autumn Shows.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by



John Palombo
26 February 2024