

The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association (CIO)

Registered Charity No. 1184766

Report and Accounts 2024

The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association (CIO) ("HBKA")

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees

John Palombo	Chair
John Daffern	Secretary
Les Riley	
Peter Wilson	
Laurence Longe	from 29 March 2024
Robert Croft	from 29 March 2024
Gary Hammond	to 29 March 2024
Paul Cassidy	to 31 December 2024

Executive Committee

John Palombo	Chair
John Daffern	Secretary and representing Hertford & Ware BKA
Laurence Longe	Treasurer from 29 March 2024
Robert Croft	Examinations Secretary and representing Bishops Stortford BKA
Steve Smith	Training and Representing Central & South Herts BKA
Patrick Maxwell	Membership
Chris Mercer	Co-opted member
Les Riley	Representing St Albans BKA
Diane Bruce	Representing West Herts BKA
Peter Cairns	Representing South East Herts BKA
Gary Bellamy	Representing North Herts BKA
Paul Cassidy	Treasurer to 29 March 24

Independent Accounts 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 are 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 2024 were 790 (2023: 800).

Activities

2024 was a mixed year for beekeeping in Hertfordshire with a wet spring and early summer hampering the build-up of colonies and making queen rearing difficult, but with warm weather later in the summer giving many Herts beekeepers a good honey harvest. During the year HBKA ran a full set of training and events. We started the season with our Spring Show and AGM in March where we had a presentation from Peter Davies (our Regional Bee Inspector) and a Honey Competition. Over the summer we ran several training classes, including a Basic Assessment training course and a Queen rearing day. Finally, HBKA ran its third annual Honey Show in the autumn, with competition in eleven different classes and speaking sessions from Steve Riley, Jane Ridler and Jack Silberrad.

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 Yellow Legged 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 2024; 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 22 March 2025 at the Christchurch Peartree Hall, Welwyn.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HBKA

I report on the accounts of HBKA for the year ended 31st December 2024 ("Accounts").

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts, it is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 express 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 accounting records and (b) prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or
- 2) to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Thomas Meadows

Independent Examiner 10 March 2025

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Receipts & Payments Accounts
Year Ended 31 December

	2024			2023 (Restated ¹)		
	Received	Paid	Net	Received	Paid	Net
	£	£	Receipt	£	£	Receipt
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Member Capitation Subscriptions	16,847	15,267	1,580	16,957	15,357	1,600
<u>Events & Training</u>						
AGM & Spring Show	32	284	-251		406	-406
Autumn Honey Show	53	1,032	-979		1,045	-1,045
Queen Rearing Course	1,992	2,088	-96	1,445	1,431	14
Healthy Bee Day				190	43	147
Microscopy Course				270	180	90
National Honey Show		80	-80		80	-80
Examinations		550	-550			
Events & Training Totals	2,077	4,033	-1,956	1,905	3,185	-1,280
<u>Operating Costs</u>						
Trophies & Equipment		141	-141		426	-426
Administration - Meeting rooms		55	-55		94	-94
Gift Aid South East Herts	354	354	0			
Reversal prior period accruals ¹				-43	-37	-6
Operating Costs Total	354	551	-196	-43	483	-526
Net deficit	19,278	19,850	-573	18,819	19,024	-206

Statement of Assets at 31 December	2024	2023
<u>Bank Account</u>	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January	11,395	11,600
Net deficit for year	-573	-206
Balance carried forward 31 December	10,822	11,395
Initial 2020 Endowment	9,178	9,178
Annual surplus brought forward	2,216	2,331
Reversal prior period accruals ¹		91
		2,422
Deficit for year	-573	-206
Surplus carried forward	1,643	2,216
Net HBKA Funds	10,822	11,395

Note: 1. To ensure the current accounting period and the comparative are on the same accounting basis, the prior year comparative has been restated to the simpler receipts and payment basis by reversing prior period prepayments and accrued expenses.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 February 2025