

# THE HERTFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1186777

## Details

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**Other names** CENTRAL AND SOUTH HERTS BEEKEEPERS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-12-05

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING; TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AMONGST BEEKEEPERS IN THE HBCSA; TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BEEKEEPING AND HIVE PRODUCTS AND TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES IN THE ENVIRONMENT;

**Activities:** To promote and further the craft of beekeeping by providing training and education to beekeepers and by providing advice and information to the public at shows and events

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£17,811	£18,378	-	-
2024-12-31	£17,268	£17,341	-	-
2023-12-31	£13,188	£12,806	-	-
2022-12-31	£13,738	£13,812	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,505	£7,127	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Phillip Michael Jepson</b>	Chair	2019-12-05
Andrew Richard Groom		2022-04-25
Duncan Ian Newton		2022-04-25
Louise Rosemary Hare		2022-04-25
Nicholas John Leech		2021-04-28
Stephen Cyril Smith		2022-04-25

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# Accounts

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**The  
Hertfordshire  
Beekeepers  
Central & South  
Association**

**Accounts for the Period  
from 1st January to 31st  
December 2025**

	<b>Incom e</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Net 2025</b>
Membership Fees	517		517
Membership Fees	266	234	32
Membership Fees	2637	2617	20
Insurance Fees	392	394	(2)
	<b>3811</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>567</b>
Education & Training	2866		
Administrati on	23		
Donations	26		
Apiary	550		
Honey Sales	5439		
Events	4065		
Gift Aid	667		
Interest	364		
<b>Other Income Total</b>	<b>14000</b>		
<b>Total Income Expenditure</b>	<b>17811</b>		
Education & Training		1555	
Administrati on		1382	
Lockup		2723	
Donations		0	
Apiary		1152	
Honey Sales		4722	
Events		3601	
Tax		0	
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		<b>15134</b>	

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>18378</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(568)</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st December 2025**

	<b>2025</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at Bank	16070
Prepayments	0
Equipment/Leaflets/Brochures	1250
Debtors	234
<b>Current Assets Total</b>	<b>17554</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
2026 membership payments in advance	93
<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>17461</b>
Capital Account	17738
Retained Funds	291
Net Surplus/Deficit	(568)
<b>Charity Funds</b>	<b>17461</b>

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## Herts Beekeepers Central and South Association - "HBCSA"

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting  
held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Woolmer green Village Hall.

There were 27 attendees:

Louise Hare, Steve Hare, Ian Fairclough, Mick Cox, Rachel Leech, Nick Leech, Andrew Branch, Duncan Newton, Phil Jepson, Gabrialla Ross, Peter Folge, Vincent Ronet, Mitsuyo Osada, Hans Paschalis, Barry Derbyshire, Dominic Cox, Philip Raine, Morna Rees, Lieva Nation, Mike Goodhew, Mark Pontin, Dagmar Louw, Bartose Michnowick, Dorota Bialezne, Andrew Groom, Haris D, Steve Smith.

There were apologies from Rob Watt, Anthony Abbodoo, Terry Davis and Jennifer Meek.

Phil Jepson, Chairman, addressed the group. He talked about events this year that were planned and encouraged new beekeepers to join in and see how we talk to the public about Beekeeping and Honey production.

Steve Smith, Treasurer, presented the accounts. The Income mostly came from our Education and Training Programme, especially the Beginners Course and Honey Sales. The expenditures were on training, a new laptop for presentations and the Lock-up being our most costly expenditures. Other items being 3 metal sheds for Apiaries, a school hive and Asian Hornet traps.

He explained that he had had to do a tax return and had come to an arrangement to pay £74 and would not be expected to do so again for 4 years.

At the end of 2024 there was approximately £16,500 in the bank. It was discussed that this was more than necessary. He asked members for ideas on expenditures.

Phil talked about the Sum-Up machine that allowed us to take card payments at events. It was agreed that we took roughly twice as many payments by card as with cash last year.

We discussed Apiary Sites that were available for members. Steve explained that Waste Not Want Not may close in the future as The Council has now sold the land to a private owner. There are currently 20 hives there.

Duncan Newton, Apiary Coordinator listed other sites : Mitsubishi in Hatfield, has high security so visits out of hours need to be booked; Potterells near Welham Green is a large site but we have no contact with the Beekeepers there currently; Panshanger is a big site. There are currently 14 hives and could take 2 or 3 more; Lower Kits End Farm – Barnet could have 2 or 3 hives; Essendon, Home farm is a very big new site; Dane End is being used by Nick and Alan. It is good why dry but very difficult when wet; Digswell has plenty of space, Rob Watt has his hives there; There are also 2 sites on Allotments in Welwyn Garden City.

Nick Leech, Training Officer, talked about the New Seasons Preparation Course in February which had 14 attendees and the Beginners Course in March which had 27 attendees. The Apiary Meetings for this are to be held in May. He asked for people to come forward as Bee Buddies for the beginners.

Steve Smith talked about the Swarm Collection Course, due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> April at Christchurch, Parkway in Welwyn Garden City at 7.30pm. There is also a Healthy Bee Day planned for June.

Phil Jepson called for elections of the Trustees. No new people came forward so the three returning trustees were voted in Unanimously: Nick Leech, Duncan Newton and Andrew Groom.

A.O.B.

Andrew Branch asked about Bees on Allotments. The Council had given him West Herts Guidance on screening off the hives using fruit netting. This was agreed as good practice. Further discussion on keeping bees on allotments were made. Our Association has a standard agreement with owners of land where Apiaries are whether that is with Local Councils or Private Land Owners.

We discussed an Apiary Meeting that is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> June at Panshanger Apiary.

The official business of the meeting was concluded and very interesting talks were given by Peter Folge on his experiences with European Foulbrood disease and experimenting with leaving bees without treatments for Varroa.

After a short interval for refreshments Alan McCormick gave a fascinating insight into his uses of technology in his Beekeeping including monitoring temperature, humidity, weight of the hives, and even counting his bees in and out!

**The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central &  
South Association**

**Accounts for the Period from 1st January to 31st  
December 2024**

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Net</b>
Membership Fees & BDI Insurance			<b>2024</b>
HBCSA    Membership Fees	464		464
HBKA    Membership Fees	242	258	(16)
BBKA    Membership Fees	2394	2562	(168)
BDI    Insurance Fees	353	377	(25)
<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance Total</b>	<b>3452</b>	<b>3197</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Education & Training	3104		
Administration	0		
Donations	50		
Apiary	0		
Honey Sales	3093		
Events	5375		
Gift Aid for last 3 years	1732		
Interest	462		
<b>Other Income Total</b>	<b>13816</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>17268</u></b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Education & Training		969	
Administration		2915	
Lockup		2584	
Donations		0	
Apiary		1401	
Honey Sales		2257	
Events		3945	
Tax		73	
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		14144	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>17341</u></b>	
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<b>-73</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st  
December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at Bank	16638
Prepayments	0
Equipment/ Leaflets/Brochures	1100
Debtors	0
<b>Current Assets Total</b>	<b>17738</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
membership payments in advance	0
<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>17738</b>
Capital Account	17582
Retained Funds	229
Net Surplus/Deficit	(73)
<b>Charity Funds</b>	<b>17738</b>

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# The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)

Registered Charity Number 1186777

## Annual General Meeting 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that the fourth Annual General Meeting of HBCSA will take place on

**April 15th, 2024, at 7.30 pm at Christchurch Peartree, 20 Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW.**

The business to be conducted at the meeting will be as follows:

1. Review and approve the minutes from the third AGM held on April 18th, 2023.
2. Chairman's Address: Phill Jepson, Chair of the Trustees to give a brief overview of the activities of the charity from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31st December 2023.
3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith will present the CSHBKA accounts for the 2023 financial year, as circulated with this Notice. A resolution will be proposed that the Accounts be received.
4. Trustees: Under clauses 13(2) and 13(3) of CSHBKA's constitution one third of the Trustees shall retire by rotation. The trustees to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. This applies to the trustees listed under a) to c) below:
  - a) Philip Jepson
  - b) Stephen Smith
  - c) Louise Hare

These Trustees are willing to stand for re-election.

Brief biographies of all the candidates are attached. It is therefore proposed that the Trustees standing for re-election be elected as Trustees for 3 years.

If anyone would like to stand for election as a Trustee or as a Committee Member this year you would be very welcome, so please let us know.

On behalf of the Trustees

Louise Hare

Secretary

March 26th, 2024

# The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)

Registered Charity Number 11846777

## Report and Accounts for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023

### Trustees Report for the Period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023

Trustees:

Phill Jepson	Chair of Trustees
Steve Smith	Treasurer
Louise Hare	Secretary
Nick Leech	
Andrew Groom	
Duncan Newton	

Independent Examiner: Mike Goodhew

Bankers: NatWest

### Incorporation and Objectives

HBCSA was set up as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on December 5, 2019. It was established to assume the role formerly undertaken by the Hertfordshire Beekeepers' Association - Welwyn Division ("Closing Charity"), an unincorporated charity. It commenced this role with effect from January 1, 2020, and was endowed with an initial capital by the Closing Charity equal to the assets it then held. The objectives of HBCSA, as set out in its constitution, are: "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping; to maintain and improve the highest standards amongst beekeepers in HBCSA; to educate the public about beekeeping and hive products and to increase their knowledge of the importance of bees in the environment."

### Activities: -

**Training:** The year started off with the New Season Preparation Course in February which was run with the help of members from the North Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association. The beginners Course was run in March. The number of Beginners attending was low in that year and there were only very few ad hoc apiary meetings.

A Swarm Collection Course was held in April and run with members from North Hertfordshire and St Albans Associations. This was very well attended.

**Apiaries:** We currently have 13 apiary sites across our area where we have agreements in place. During the year we have also been in contact with owners of a few additional sites and negotiations are still ongoing. There is space available at some of the apiaries.

**Swarms:** Andrew Groom did a fantastic job in the Swarm Coordinators Role. The central 12-week period was exceptionally busy. He also administered the "Raise a 'Nuc' programme successfully and again we were able to keep our local Bees circulating with those Beekeepers who had Winter losses.

He has now passed the role on to Rob Watt, and we have been incredibly pleased to welcome Rob to the committee and thank him for his enthusiasm to take on the Swarm Coordinators role this year.

**Events/Fairs:** The first event we attended was in March at the Welwyn Garden City Golf Club who held a Motor Neurone Disease charity event fundraiser. This was followed by the Welwyn Garden World Food Festival in mid-May, an event that is held over two days. We also attended the Welwyn Street Festival in June. In the middle of July, we participated in the "Folk by the Oak" festival event at Hatfield House for the third year running. Later in July we attended the Herts and Middlesex Open Day at Panshanger Park. In August we had a stall at the Tewin Classic Car Show. Later in the year in November and December we had table sales at The QE2 Hospital in Welwyn Garden City thanks to a new member, Dagmar who has connections there.

At all these events we were able to engage with the public, talk about the craft and science of Beekeeping, hive products and the role of bees in the environment. We also were able to promote our Association and attract new members and of course, sell your honey.

In addition to events, we have again been providing the shop at Waste Not Want Not and Trussells Butchers in Knebworth, with regular supplies of association and members' honey, which provides income for the association.

**School Visits and other Presentations:** Keith has presented his annual talk to Year 4 pupils at Panshanger Primary school. The Headteacher is keen to have a Beehive on the school site and Keith is hoping to supply them with a Nuc. Phil has met with the school staff and the Association will be providing them with a hive. Some Staff members are interested in taking the beginners course next year.

Earlier in the year Steve and Duncan gave talks to Digswell Horticultural Society and to WGC Scouts and Cubs.

In September Steve and Dagmar gave a talk to the staff at Bookers Food Wholesalers who have hives on their site. With staff turnover, they have lost some beekeepers and are hoping fresh staff members will train as Beekeepers.

Also, in September Phil gave a talk to female members of the Synagogue in WGC.

**Asian Hornets:** Our Bee Inspector, Peter Folge was kept busy in Kent last Autumn, hunting Asian Hornets. The BBKA have taken on new staff to keep us all up to date and to help raise public awareness of this non-native invasive species. We now have an Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) led by Terry Davis with Steve Smith and Steve Hill who are verifiers. Thanks to these members who have taken the training for this. We also have monitoring traps near all Association Apiaries.

**Social Events:** We had a few Pub Night events last year, finishing with a Christmas Meal in December. These were informal evenings that enabled people to mingle and chat about bees and everything else.

## **Membership**

HBCSA is a member of the Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association (Registered Charity No. 1184766).

## **Annual General Meeting**

The fourth HBCSA AGM will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7.30 pm at

**Christchurch Peartree, 20 Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW.**

## **The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)**

Registered Charity Number 11846777

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CSHBKA**

I report on the accounts of HBCSA for the period from January 1 to 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 whether matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by HBCSA and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, as well as 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.

Michael Goodhew

## **The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)**

**Previously referred to as Central and South Herts Beekeepers Association ("CSHBKA")**

Registered Charity Number 11846777

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on February 6, 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Phill Jepson, Chairman of Trustees

**Accounts for the Period from 1st January to  
31st December 2023**

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		<b>Income</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>2022</b>
Membership Fees & BDI Insurance				<b>2023</b>	
	Membership				
CSHBKA	Fees	477		477	
	Membership				
HBKA	Fees	244	242	2	
	Membership				
BBKA	Fees	2414	2360	54	
	Insurance				
BDI	Fees	371	362	9	
<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance Total</b>		<b>3505</b>	<b>2964</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>306</b>

**Other  
Income**

	Education & Training	1505			1796
	Other Income	1487			0
	Donations	87			65
	Apiary	0			0
	Events & Honey Sales	6266			7838
	Gift Aid	0			776
	Interest	339			44
<b>Other Income Total</b>		<b>9683</b>			<b>10519</b>

	Education & Training		1139		604
	Administration		611		969
	Lockup		2460		1765
	Donations		0		0
	Apiary		698		652
	AGM		0		0
	Events & Honey Sales		4841		6882
	Bank/SumUp charges		93		28
			<b>9842</b>		<b>10900</b>

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>382</b>	<b>(75)</b>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31  
December 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Current Assets</b>		

Cash at Bank	16690	17108
Prepayments	0	221
Beekeeping manuals	300	340
Debtors	810	
<b>Current Assets Total</b>	<b>17800</b>	<b>17669</b>

**Current Liabilities**

2024 membership payments in advance	219	71
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<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>71</b>
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	<b>17582</b>	<b>17598</b>
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Capital Account	17598	17961
Retained Funds	(398)	(288)
Net Surplus/Deficit	382	(75)

	<b>17582</b>	<b>17598</b>
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# The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)

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## Annual General Meeting

The candidates standing for re-election to be trustees of HBCSA at the 2024 AGM to be held on 15th April 2024 are as follows:



Louise has been on the committee as Secretary for a year. Before that she was a trustee. She has been keeping bees with her husband Steve since 2020. She is a retired Primary School Teacher and has more time now to pursue her interests in gardening and the natural world as well as enjoying art, especially watercolour painting. She also volunteers at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet.



Bees were an important part of my horticultural studies from the 1960's to the 1970's. My interest grew while studying and I joined my nearest beekeepers' organisation at the time, in St Albans. Having worked in horticulture throughout Southern Europe, I returned to the UK and settled in WGC, again taking up Beekeeping and joining Welwyn Beekeepers in the mid 1990s. I was organising County Shows in Hertfordshire and having been on the committee for a number of years became Chairman of Welwyn Beekeepers in 2017. A role I have continued with

CSHBKA and now HBCSA.



Steve started Beekeeping in 2019, following a lifelong interest in nature. He keeps his bees in Knebworth, Waste Not Want Not and at his home in Stevenage. Steve worked for 39 years in both Retail and Commercial banking before retiring in 2012. He now runs his own part-time business as a handyman and gardener. He is married to Catherine and they have two grown up children.

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### Trustees Report for the Period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Trustees:

Phill Jepson	Chairman of Trustees
David Chenery	Treasurer
Gabriela Ross	Secretary
Nick Leech	
Lieva Nation	resigned April 28, 2022
Andrew Groom	appointed April 28, 2022
Louise Hare	appointed April 28, 2022
Duncan Newton	appointed April 28, 2022
Steve Smith	appointed April 28, 2022

Independent Examiner: Mike Goodhew

Bankers: NatWest

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### Accounts

The Association recorded a deficit of £74 on its activities for 2022 compared with a deficit of £1,622 for the Pandemic year 2021. Income from Training, Events and donations arising from honey sales have improved over 2021 but have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Costs for the year were in line with expectations.

### Activities

Activities have increased during 2022 compared to 2021 as the constraints imposed by government in response to Covid 19 were lifted as we went through the year.

**Training:** Training is supporting our charitable objectives and the annual Bee Awareness Evening and Beginners' Course are available to the Public. The year started off with the Beginners' course in March having been held in person again. The New Season Preparation Course was run with the help of members from the North Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association and was also held in person.

There were only very few ad hoc apiary meetings in a much smaller format than normal. The Bee Awareness evening took place in the Autumn.

**Apiaries:** We currently have 12 apiary sites across our area where we have agreements in place. During the year we have also been in contact with owners of two additional sites and negotiations are ongoing. There is space available at some of the apiaries and it is offered free of charge to members, making beekeeping more accessible particularly for members who are unable to keep bees in their gardens at home.

**Swarms:** During the year, Andrew Groom has taken over the swarm coordinator role from Lieva Nation. With the help of a number of members who made themselves available to collect swarms, the whole process ran smoothly throughout the swarming season and all swarms could be successfully rehomed.

**Raise a Nuc initiative:** As a result of the heavy winter losses the Association launched the “Raise a Nuc” initiative which was administered by Andrew Groom. The aim was to encourage every beekeeper to raise a nuc that could then be sold to a fellow CSHBKA beekeeper or to new beekeepers. It was making beekeeping more accessible to members and it did also ensure that we were true to our aim to “keep it local”, reducing the risk of imported bee diseases as a result of bringing in bees from different sources, areas or countries. The initiative worked well and every beekeeper who wanted a nuc was able to obtain one.

**Events/Fairs:** Attending events has almost returned to pre-Covid levels. The first event we attended was in March at the Welwyn Garden City Golf Club who held a Motor Neurone Disease charity event fundraiser. This was followed by the Welwyn Garden World Food Festival in mid-May, an event that is now being held over two rather than one day. At the end of May we teamed up with St Albans Beekeepers to run a stand at the Herts County Show under the HBKA mantle. We also attended the Welwyn Street Festival and a Panshanger event in June. In the middle of July we participated in the “Folk by the Oak” event at Hatfield House for the second year running. This was followed by the St Johns Church WGC Christmas Fair. It is our aim to support other charities and local associations through our attendance and improve awareness of the importance of bees to the public.

In addition to events, we have again been providing the shop at Waste Not Want Not and Trussells Butchers in Knebworth with regular supplies of Association and members’ honey for sale which provides donations for the Association.

**Social Events:** We started off the social events of the year with a Bee Quiz Night in the middle of February where members were challenged with a number of sincere as well as trivia bee related questions and in conjunction with the AGM we had a talk from a member of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our apitour in July as the uptake from members was very low. The year concluded with a pub night in November.

## **Membership**

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## **Annual General Meeting**

The third CSHBKA AGM will take place on April 18, 2023, at 7.30 pm at Christchurch Parkway, 110 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6HN.

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Mike Goodhew

Independent Examiner

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# The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)

referred to as Central and South Herts Beekeepers Association ("CSHBKA")

Registered Charity Number 1186777

## Accounts for the Period from 1st January to 31st December 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	Income	Spend	Net	2021
<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance</b>				
CSHBKA Membership Fees	335		335	
HBKA Membership Fees	228	230	(2)	
BBKA Membership Fees	2,280	2,301	(21)	
BDI Insurance Fees	375	381	(6)	
<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance Total</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Education & Training	1,796			380
Gift Aid	776			0
Donations	65			45
Apiary	0			0
Events & Honey Sales	7,839			1,911
Other	0			27
Interest	44			4
<b>Other Income Total</b>	<b>10,520</b>			<b>2,367</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Education & Training		604		0
Administration		969		1,165
Lockup		1,765		1,490
Donations		0		0
Apiary		651		329
AGM		0		0
Events & Honey Sales		6,882		1,315
Bank Charges		28		0
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		<b>10,900</b>		<b>4,299</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<b>(74)</b>	<b>(1,622)</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st December 2022</b>				<b>2021</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	17,108			17,903
Prepayments	221			0
Beekeeping manuals	340			400
<b>Current Assets Total</b>	<b>17,669</b>			<b>18,303</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
2021 training fees paid in advance	0			630
2023 membership paid in advance	70			0
<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>70</b>			<b>630</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>17,599</b>			<b>17,673</b>
<b>Charity Funds</b>				
Capital Endowment	17,961			17,961
Retained funds	(288)			1,334
Net Surplus/Deficit 2021				(1,622)
Net Surplus/Deficit 2022	(74)			
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<b>17,599</b>			<b>17,673</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on March 13, 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Phill Jepson, Chairman of Trustees

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186777

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# Accounts

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## Report and Accounts for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

### Trustees Report for the Period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Trustees:

Phill Jepson	Chairman of Trustees
David Chenery	Treasurer
Gabriela Ross	Secretary
Nick Leech	appointed April 28, 2021
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Independent Examiner: John Peacock

Bankers: NatWest

### Incorporation and Objectives

CSHBKA was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on December 5, 2019. It was established in order to assume the role formerly undertaken by the Hertfordshire Beekeepers' Association - Welwyn Division ("Closing Charity"), an unincorporated charity. It commenced this role with effect from January 1, 2020 and was endowed with an initial capital by the Closing Charity equal to the assets it then held. The objectives of CSHBKA, as set out in its constitution, are: "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping; to maintain and improve the highest standards amongst beekeepers in the CSHBKA; to educate the public about beekeeping and hive products and to increase their knowledge of the importance of bees in the environment."

### Activities

Activities in 2021 have, as in the previous year, been limited by the constraints imposed by government in response to Covid 19.

**Training:** The beginners' course was held via Zoom and a buddy system was set up for the attendees so that they could gain practical insight into beekeeping. The New Season Preparation Course was held again via Zoom with the help of members from the North Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association. There were only very few ad hoc apiary meetings in a much smaller format than normal.

**Apiaries:** We have entered into agreements with Hertfordshire County Council for the use of a site in Potters Bar as an association apiary. Furthermore, we have also obtained space for an association apiary at Waste Not Want Not in Stevenage.

**Swarms:** Throughout the swarming season we continued to collect swarms when contacted by members of the public which is an integral part of the public service we provide.

**Events/Fairs:** In the second half of the year, we were able to have a stand at the "Folk by the Oak" festival in Hatfield. It was our first event in almost two years. The members attending on the day

were pleased with the amount of interest the public showed in beekeeping. We also attended an event at Mill Green and a fundraiser at Welwyn Garden City Golf Club in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Charity.

In addition to events, we have been providing the shop at Waste Not Want Not and Trussells Butchers in Knebworth with regular supplies of association and members' honey for sale which provides income for the association.

Whilst limited because of the government restrictions due to the pandemic during the year, we have nevertheless been able to give a presentation about bees at a school following their request. And one of the members who keeps bees at their home invited children round to his garden for a presentation and discussion about bees.

**Social Events:** We held two social events for members, the first having been a long awaited catch up evening with a talk from Peter Folge and the second one a pre-Christmas Mulled Wine and Mince Pie evening.

### **Membership**

CSHBKA is a member of the Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association (Registered Charity No. 1184766).

### **Annual General Meeting**

The second AGM of CSHBKA will take place on April 25, 2022 at 7.30 pm at Christchurch Peartree, 20 Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW.

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## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CSHBKA

I report on the accounts of CSHBKA for the period from January 1 to 31st December 2021 ("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 CSHBKA and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, as well as 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.

*John Peacock*

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John Peacock

Independent Examiner

Archbrook Lodge, 1a Station Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6RH

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<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance</b>				
C&SHBKA Membership Fees	355			
HBKA Membership Fees	242	246		
BBKA Membership Fees	2,162	2,200		
BDI Insurance Fees	380	382		
<b>Membership Fees &amp; BDI Insurance Total</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Education & Training	380			5,389
Gift Aid	0			1,283
Donations	45			128
Apiary	0			84
Honey	1,911			0
Other	27			0
Interest	4			16
<b>Other Income Total</b>	<b>2,367</b>			<b>6,900</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Education & Training		0		2,561
Administration		1,165		1,196
Lockup		1,490		1,510
Donations		0		24
Apiary		329		364
AGM		0		167
Honey Sales		1,315		135
Other		0		0
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		<b>4,300</b>		<b>5,957</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>7,127</b>	<b>(1,623)</b>	<b>1,236</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st December 2021</b>				
	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	17,903			20,494
BDI overpayment 2020	0			150
Beekeeping manuals	400			0
<b>Current Assets Total</b>	<b>18,303</b>			<b>20,644</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
2021 training fees paid in advance	630			0
2021 membership paid in advance	0			1,348
<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>630</b>			<b>1,348</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>17,673</b>			<b>19,296</b>
Capital Endowment	17,961			17,961
Retained funds	1,335			0
Net income 2020	0			1,335
Net Income/Deficit 2021	(1,623)			
<b>Charity Funds</b>	<b>17,673</b>			<b>19,296</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on March 16, 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Phill Jepson

Phill Jepson (Mar 16, 2022 21:25 GMT)