

The Hertfordshire Beekeepers Central and South Association (CIO)

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

Registered Charity Number 1186777

Report and Accounts for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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

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."

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

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

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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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CSHBKA

I report on the accounts of CSHBKA for the period from January 1 to 31st December 2022 ("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.



Mike Goodhew

Independent Examiner

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	Income	Spend	Net	2021
Membership Fees & BDI Insurance				
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)	
Membership Fees & BDI Insurance Total	3,218	2,912	306	310
Other Income				
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
Other Income Total	10,520			2,367
Expenditure				
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
Expenditure Total		10,900		4,299
Net Surplus/(Deficit)			(74)	(1,622)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st December 2022				2021
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	17,108			17,903
Prepayments	221			0
Beekeeping manuals	340			400
Current Assets Total	17,669			18,303
Current Liabilities				
2021 training fees paid in advance	0			630
2023 membership paid in advance	70			0
Current Liabilities Total	70			630
Net Assets	17,599			17,673
Charity Funds				
Capital Endowment	17,961			17,961
Retained funds	(288)			1,334
Net Surplus/Deficit 2021				(1,622)
Net Surplus/Deficit 2022	(74)			
Total Charity Funds	17,599			17,673

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



Phill Jepson, Chairman of Trustees