

HERTFORD AND WARE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

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Details

Other names	HERTFORD AND WARE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CIO
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-12-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED BROADLY AS THE TOWNS OF HERTFORD AND WARE AND THEIR SURROUNDING VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE ("AREA"); TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE AREA IN THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: The charity supports and furthers the craft of beekeeping within Hertford and Ware, and surrounding areas, and provides education to the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

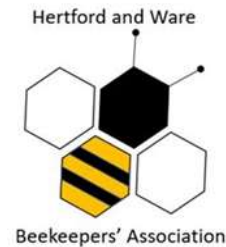
Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£3,646	£3,448	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,413	£3,102	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,253	£3,153	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,131	£2,785	-	-
2020-12-31	£4,029	£2,634	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bridget Jane Rowley		2021-03-10
JOHN DAFFERN		2019-12-23
James William Hamilton		2025-03-19
Murray Quinney		2021-03-10
Paul Cassidy		2019-12-23

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HERTFORD AND WARE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CIO



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Chair's Report



My beekeeping year didn't start well as I lost all but one of my colonies over winter, but I bought a nuc in March and didn't look back. We split both in the spring and by the end of the summer we were taking bumper crops of lime honey. I know that many of you had a similar experience. Swarm season was also late this year but we managed to catch quite a few for our Members.

New Members and then Members who have lost colonies over winter will take priority for any swarms that we catch. Please contact either Paul or me if you are in need of a swarm and we will add you to the Swarm List.

Our Association thrives because of the Members who volunteer their time to help organise or take part in events. I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped last year and for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Member Communications: Our WhatsApp group is always active with lots of questions, and everyone sharing ideas and helping each other. If you're not already in the group, please let us know and we will add you.

Equipment: We have an assortment of equipment which is free for Members to borrow. Our shared equipment includes an oxalic acid vaporiser, a wax melter for making candles, children's bee suits (sorry that I temporarily lost these), adult bee suits, manual 2 frame extractor and electric 12 frame extractor and a new uncapping tray with knife. Please feel free to ask!



Beginners training in the new Hertford apiary

Training: Training is at the heart of our activities to keep our established Membership refreshed and to share knowledge and in particular to welcome newcomers to beekeeping via our annual Beginners Course. We held two beginners' training courses early in the season and as a result welcomed some new Members. We will run another introduction course this year and already have a list of people wanting to attend. In June, we welcomed Geoff Willcox who gave a fascinating talk on the use of the Snellgrove method of swarm control. We also had 2 county events where we had several speakers and also competitions for honey (where our Ian Munro triumphed at the Spring Show), wax, photography and crafts. We're planning to have more activities this coming year.



Rachel Daffern demonstrates how to place a Snellgrove board under Geoff's watchful eye

Farmers Markets: We set up stall at the Hertford Farmers' Market on the 2nd Saturday of every month, we attended the summer events in Hertford and Ware and we also attended the Hertford Christmas market. These events provide an outlet for Members to sell surplus honey and bee produce such as candles. This year we've seen more Members producing a wider range of products; in 2024 the number of Members selling increased from 6 to 10 which was great to see. If you would like to sell some of your surplus honey, please get in touch.



Rebecca Feeney with her winning entry in the 2024 Honey Tasting

Public Engagement: These markets are also an important opportunity to talk to the public about bees. Lots of people are keen to learn about bees as well as buying our excellent produce. We will continue to share our enthusiasm for bees and to promote their importance to the environment.

Apiary: We acquired a new apiary in Hertford which is now our principal home for some club hives, for training and also to provide honey which raises funds for the Association. We retain the Essendon site for Members to use for their own colonies.



Our Ian Munro is presented with the trophy for Best Honey at the Hertfordshire Beekeepers Spring Show

Social: We enjoyed a social get together at the Bengo Club after the AGM and a late Christmas get together at the Woolpack in January 2025. Many thanks to Paul and Alison Cassidy for hosting a garden party for the Association again this year. The honey tasting was very popular and the competition was won by Rebecca Feeney, a beginner beekeeper, and it was a great opportunity for Members to meet and share beekeeping hints and tips.

And finally: I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow committee Members and trustees who give their time to keep HWBKA going, and to the other Members who volunteer to help setting up our market stall, engaging with the public and selling. We are always keen to involve more Members who can spare a few hours to help to participate in the running of the Association; please don't be shy about coming forward! I wish you all a successful beekeeping year in 2025 and hope to see you all at some of the events this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JDaffern".

John Daffern
Chair

Some of the swarms attended by our Members in 2024 - in every location imaginable!



On a wall - April - early swarm!



In a tree - early May - low but huge!



On a fence in a field - late May



June - In a pub carpark



In a tree - July - 20 foot up! Ladder required



In a bush - August - late swarm

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Report of the Trustees to Members for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Management

	Trustees	Committee	Role
John Daffern	✓	✓	Chair
Paul Cassidy	✓	✓	Treasurer
John Hartley (appointed 20 March 2024)		✓	Secretary
Jane Rowley	✓		
Murray Quinney	✓		
Rachel Daffern		✓	
Basia Zacharuk		✓	
Solle Zacharuk		✓	
Veronica Fraser		✓	
Oliver Riley (joined 13 February 2024)		✓	
Matt O'Conner (joined 13 February 2024)		✓	
Tony Smith (joined 13 February 2024)		✓	

Independent Examiner: Peter Knowles

Registered Charity No: 1187139

Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC

Membership	2024	2023
Full Registered	43	40
Partner	5	8
Country	9	5
Total Regular Members	57	53
Beginners' Course	9	9
Total All Members	66	62

Annual General Meeting: The 5th AGM of HWBKA took place on 20 March 2024 at The Bengo Club, Hertford; the 6th AGM will take place at The Bengo Club on 19 March 2025 at 8pm.

Trustees: The trustees and Committee members (opposite) served throughout 2024 and remain in office except where otherwise stated.

Objectives: The objectives of HWBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the towns of Hertford and Ware and their surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment."

Activities: HWBKA furthered its objectives during the year by running a training course for beginner beekeepers and a course on the Snellgrove method of swarm control, promoting public engagement through regular attendance at the Hertford farmers' markets and local carnivals and attending members of the public to catch swarms of bees which were transferred to the HWBKA apiary and then rehomed. Activities are fully described in the Chair's Report.

Financial: the net assets of the Association have increased to £6,916 as a result of the surplus income of £198 (2023: £311) for the year. As stated in previous years the Committee's objective is to operate broadly at a break-even level; excluding the contribution of £200 arising from writing off unused Beginners' Course vouchers from previous years, this objective would have been almost exactly achieved. The Committee has therefore decided to maintain the same fee levels for 2025 as charged in 2024, making permanent the discounts introduced in 2022.

Assets: The existing electric extractor began to show signs of wear during the year with two breakdowns experienced. Our healthy financial position enabled the Committee to authorise the purchase of a new, more advanced, electric honey extractor in advance of the 2025 honey season.

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HWBKA

I report on the accounts of HWBKA 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 HWBKA 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 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.



Peter Knowles

Independent Examiner

10 February 2025

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER						
	2024			2023		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Membership Fees						
HWBKA Membership Fees	£1,633		£1,633	£1,549		£1,549
BBKA & HBKA Membership Fees		-£1,283	-£1,283		-£1,212	-£1,212
Gift Aid	£183		£183	£198		£198
Membership Fees Total	£1,816	-£1,283	£533	£1,747	-£1,212	£535
Training						
Beginners' Course	£820	-£462	£359	£1,040	-£445	£596
Unused Course Vouchers	£200		£200			
Other Training		-£30	-£30		-£100	-£100
Training Total	£1,020	-£492	£529	£1,040	-£545	£496
Farmers' Market & Events						
Sales of Own Product	£453	-£295	£158	£262	-£16	£246
Commission on Member Sales	£300		£300	£257		£257
Event Hire		-£479	-£479		-£349	-£349
Giveaways		-£136	-£136			
Other Selling Costs		-£87	-£87		-£109	-£109
Farmers' Market & Events Total	£753	-£997	-£245	£519	-£475	£44
Other Income						
Donations	£54		£54	£107		£107
Bank Interest	£4		£4			
Other Income Total	£58		£58	£107		£107
Operating Costs						
Depreciation		-£397	-£397		-£560	-£560
Small Equipment		-£40	-£40		-£92	-£92
Apiary Costs		-£88	-£88		-£73	-£73
Governance		-£86	-£86		-£63	-£63
Member Social Events		-£56	-£56		-£63	-£63
Miscellaneous		-£10	-£10		-£21	-£21
Operating Costs Total		-£676	-£676		-£871	-£871
Net Income	£3,646	-£3,448	£198	£3,413	-£3,102	£311

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER		
	2024	2023
NET ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Original Cost	£3,516	£3,886
Cumulative Depreciation	-£2,326	-£2,299
Fixed Assets Total	£1,191	£1,588
Current Assets		
Stock	£174	£279
Debtors	£112	£198
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£5,598	£4,953
Current Assets Total	£5,885	£5,430
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		-£10
Deferred Income	-£160	-£290
Current Liabilities Total	-£160	-£300
NET ASSETS Total	£6,916	£6,717
HWBKA FUNDS		
Endowment	£3,565	£3,565
Net Income		
2020 Net Income	£1,395	£1,395
2021 Net Income	£1,347	£1,347
2022 Net Income	£100	£100
2023 Net Income	£311	£311
2024 Net Income	£198	
Net Income Total	£3,350	£3,152
HWBKA FUNDS Total	£6,916	£6,717

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2. Assets which will be used over several years are depreciated at 25% p.a. based on the depreciated value at the start of each year.



John Daffern, Chair

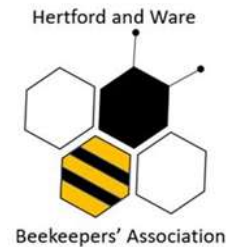


Paul Cassidy, Treasurer

10 February 2025

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Chair's Report



John Daffern, Chair

Last year we had great weather in April, which made us think we were going to have a bumper spring crop and then it rained throughout May which set back the honey crop for most of us. However, many of our Members enjoyed a good harvest, albeit later in the season than usual. There were also lots of swarms this year and I'm pleased that all of the Members on our swarm list managed to get a colony.

I had a 'first' this year when I was asked to remove a large colony of bees from within the walls of a barn! With the help of Rachel and two of my sons, we were hoisted up in a cherry picker as we cut layers and layers comb from the wall. It was an incredibly messy job and for a few weeks we were unsure if we had managed to be successful, but I was surprised to come out of it with a healthy colony and a laying queen (as well as a very sticky mess!) - see pictures at the end of the report.

Our Association thrives because of the Members who volunteer their time to help organise or take part in events. I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped last year and for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Member Communications: Our WhatsApp group is always active with lots of questions, and everyone sharing ideas and helping each other. If you're not already in the group, please let us know and we will add you.

Equipment: We have an assortment of equipment which is free for members to borrow. Our shared equipment includes an oxalic acid vaporiser, a wax melter for making candles, children's bee suits (sorry that I temporarily lost these), adult bee suits, manual 2 frame extractor and electric 12 frame extractor and a new uncapping tray with knife. Please feel free to ask!

Training: New beekeepers training is at the heart of our activities to keep our established membership refreshed and to share knowledge and in particular to welcome newcomers to beekeeping. We held two beginners' training courses early in the season and as a result welcomed some new Members. We will run another introduction course this year and already have a list of people wanting to attend. At the end of the season, we welcomed Simon Rice to give a talk on winter preparation which was very informative. We also had 2 county events where we had several speakers and also competitions for honey, wax, photography and crafts. We're planning to have more activities this coming year.

Farmers Markets: We set up stall at the Hertford Farmers' Market on the 2nd Saturday of every month, we attend the summer events in Hertford and Ware and we also attended the Hertford Christmas market. Sadly, the quarterly Ware market was discontinued. These events provide an outlet for Members to sell surplus honey and bee produce such as candles. This year we've seen more Members producing a wider range of products; it would be great to have more Members selling the produce from their hives, so please get in touch even if you have just a few pounds of honey or a few candles to sell.



Our Basia & Solle meet Lawrence of Black Mountain Honey fame at the National Honey Show In February



Brian & Jenny Thomas with their winning entry in the 2023 Honey Tasting

Public Engagement: These markets are also an important opportunity to talk to the public about bees. Lots of people are keen to learn about bees as well as buying our excellent produce. We will continue to share our enthusiasm for bees and to promote their importance to the environment.

Apiary: We now just have one apiary in Essendon where we have some club hives which we use for training and also to provide honey which raises funds for the Association. If you'd like to keep bees there, please get in touch.



All set up at Hertford Farmer's Market

Social: For the second year we kicked off the season with a well attended curry evening at The Ruby in Hertford and enjoyed a social get together after the AGM and Simon Rice's presentation. Many thanks to Paul and Alison Cassidy for hosting a garden party for the association again this year. The honey tasting was very popular (congratulations to Brian & Jenny) and it was a great opportunity for Members to meet and share beekeeping hints and tips.

And finally: I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow committee members and trustees who give their time to keep HWBKA going, and to the other Members who volunteer to help setting up our market stall, engaging with the public and selling. We are always keen to involve more Members who can spare a few hours to help to participate in the running of the association; please don't be shy about coming forward! I wish you all a successful beekeeping year in 2024 and hope to see you all at some of the events this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JDaffern".

John Daffern

Chair



John clearing bees from the barn wall



Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Report of the Trustees to Members for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Management

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John Daffern	✓	✓	Chair
Paul Cassidy	✓	✓	Treasurer
Rachel Daffern		✓	
Jane Rowley	✓		
Murray Quinney	✓		
Andreas Simou (resigned 3 January 2024)	✓		
Brian Thomas		✓	
Bill Hamilton		✓	
Basia Zacharuk		✓	
Solle Zacharuk		✓	
Veronica Fraser (joined 23 May 2023)		✓	

Independent Examiner: Peter Knowles

Registered Charity No: 1187139

Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC

Membership	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Full Registered	40	39
Partner	8	9
Country	5	6
Social	-	1
Total Regular Members	53	55
Beginners' Course	9	6
Total All Members	62	61

Annual General Meeting: The 4th AGM of HWBKA took place on 2 March 2023 at The White Horse, Hertford; the 5th AGM will take place at 8pm on 20 March 2024 at The Bengeo Club, Hertford.

Trustees: The trustees and Committee members (opposite) served throughout 2023 and remain in office except where otherwise stated.

Objectives: The objectives of HWBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the towns of Hertford and Ware and their surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment. "

Activities: HWBKA furthered its objectives during the year by running a training course for beginner beekeepers, promoting public engagement through regular attendance at the Hertford farmers' markets and local carnivals and attending members of the public to catch swarms of bees which were transferred to the HWBKA apiary and then rehomed. Activities are fully described in the Chair's Report.

Financial: the net assets of the Association have increased to £6,717 as a result of the surplus income of £311 (2022: £100) for the year. As stated in previous years the Committee's objective is to operate broadly at a break-even level; the slightly higher surplus in 2023 is largely attributable to the increased numbers attending our Beginners' Course which generated a surplus of £596 compared with only £261 in 2022. The Committee has therefore decided to maintain in 2024 the discount on membership fees introduced in 2022 and to continue to absorb the increase in BBKA membership fees which came into effect in 2022.

Assets: Our healthy financial position enabled us to invest £795 in new assets in 2023 to support our activities. These included a much superior honey extraction tray for members to borrow and a more robust gazebo and table to use at events we attend.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HWBKA

I report on the accounts of HWBKA 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 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 HWBKA 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

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Peter Knowles

Independent Examiner

7 February 2024

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO

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						
HWBKA Membership Fees	£1,549		£1,549	£1,517		£1,517
BBKA & HBKA Membership Fees		-£1,212	-£1,212		-£1,169	-£1,169
Gift Aid	£198		£198	£193		£193
Membership Fees Total	£1,747	-£1,212	£535	£1,710	-£1,169	£541
Farmers' Market & Events						
Sales of Own Product	£262	-£16	£246	£492	-£207	£285
Commission on Member Sales	£257		£257	£362		£362
Event Hire		-£349	-£349		-£382	-£382
Other Selling Costs		-£109	-£109		-£117	-£117
Farmers' Market & Events Total	£519	-£475	£44	£854	-£706	£148
Training						
Beginners' Course	£1,040	-£445	£596	£650	-£389	£261
Other Training		-£100	-£100			
Training Total	£1,040	-£545	£496	£650	-£389	£261
Other Income						
Donations	£107		£107	£40		£40
Other Income Total	£107		£107	£40		£40
Operating Costs						
Depreciation		-£560	-£560		-£451	-£451
Small Equipment		-£92	-£92		-£224	-£224
Apiary Costs		-£73	-£73		-£106	-£106
Governance		-£63	-£63		-£50	-£50
Member Social Events		-£63	-£63		-£50	-£50
Miscellaneous		-£21	-£21		-£8	-£8
Operating Costs Total		-£871	-£871		-£889	-£889
Net Income	£3,413	-£3,102	£311	£3,253	-£3,153	£100

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER		
	2023	2022
NET ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Original Cost	£3,886	£3,091
Cumulative Depreciation	-£2,299	-£1,739
Fixed Assets Total	£1,588	£1,352
Current Assets		
Stock	£279	£192
Debtors	£198	£279
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£4,953	£4,934
Current Assets Total	£5,430	£5,404
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-£10	-£10
Deferred Income	-£290	-£340
Current Liabilities Total	-£300	-£350
NET ASSETS Total	£6,717	£6,407
HWBKA FUNDS		
Endowment	£3,565	£3,565
Net Income		
2020 Net Income	£1,395	£1,395
2021 Net Income	£1,347	£1,347
2022 Net Income	£100	£100
2023 Net Income	£311	
Net Income Total	£3,152	£2,842
HWBKA FUNDS Total	£6,717	£6,407

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John Daffern, Chair

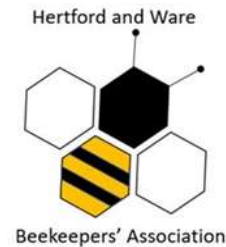


Paul Cassidy, Treasurer

7 February 2024

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Chair's Report



John Daffern, Chair

2022 was a mixed year for our Members. We had an exceptionally long and hot summer and many Members harvested bumper crops of honey. Unfortunately, we didn't catch many swarms to meet the demand from Members and the harsh weather in December led to several Members losing their colonies, leaving many starting from zero this year. Let's hope that we manage to develop some thriving colonies this year!

Our Association thrives because of the Members who volunteer their time to help organise or take part in events. I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped last year and for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Member Communication: Our WhatsApp group is always active with Members posing questions, sharing ideas and helping each other. If you're not already in the group, please let us know and we will add you. It would be great if we could run more talks, activities and social events in 2023 than we did last year. If there's an area of beekeeping that you'd like to understand better, or you've got some skills or experience that you can share with our members, please let me know by email or on the WhatsApp group.

Equipment: We have an assortment of equipment which is free for Members to borrow. In 2022 we added to our resources by purchasing an oxalic acid vaporiser, a wax melter for making candles and some children's bee suits. These are in addition to the adult bee suits, manual 2 frame extractor and electric 12 frame extractor and uncapping tray with knife. You only have to ask!

Membership: Our regular membership stayed static, starting and ending the year on 55 members. Our total membership, including those Members who take the Beginners' Course and opt to remain as country members for the duration of the year, declined from 68 to 61 members.

Training: Training of beekeepers is at the heart of our activities, to keep our established membership refreshed and to share knowledge and in particular to welcome newcomers to beekeeping. We held two beginners' training courses, with 13 attendees, early in the season and as a result welcomed some new Members. We will run another introduction course this year and already have a list of people wanting to attend.

Farmers Markets: We set up stall at the Hertford Farmers' Market every month and 4 times a year at Ware Southern Maltings. These events not only provide an outlet for Members to sell surplus honey and bee produce such as candles, but an important opportunity to talk to the public about bees. Lots of people are very happy to engage in conversation and learn about bees as well as buying our excellent produce.



Basia prepares to welcome the public at Ware Southern Maltings



Jane Rowley supervises "Draw a Bee on a Nuc" at the Jubilee Event; the bees watch.

Public Engagement: We aim to engage with the public to share our enthusiasm for bees, and to promote their importance to the environment. In 2022, we took part in two very successful public events; in June we attended the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event at Hertford Castle and in July we attended the Ware Festival, back for the first time since 2019. In addition to selling honey, we had colouring activities for children and an observation hive of live bees, which was very effective at drawing people in to initiate bee chat. The events were very well attended and we had lots of interesting conversations with people interested in bees and the environment. In November we were at the Hertford Christmas Gala for the first time, a very busy event on a dark and chilly evening.



The Mayor visits us at the Jubilee Event

Apiaries: We have two apiaries, one in Essendon and one in Hertford Heath. We have some club hives at Essendon which we use for training and these also provide honey which raises funds for the Association. If you'd like to keep bees at one of the apiaries, please get in touch.

Social: I was grateful to Paul and Alison Cassidy for hosting a garden party for the Association again this year. The honey tasting was very popular this year (well done Bill Hamilton!) and it was a great opportunity for Members to meet and share beekeeping hints and tips.

And finally: I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Committee members and trustees who give their time to keep HWBKA going, and to the other Members who volunteer to help setting up our market stall, engaging with the public and selling. We are always keen to involve more Members who can spare a few hours to help to participate in the running of the Association; please don't be shy about coming forward! **In particular**, we would be grateful for someone to volunteer to be the **Secretary**, a position that has been vacant for a considerable time. I look forward to another year of beekeeping in 2023 and hope to meet all Members at some time during the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JDaffern'.

John Daffern

Chair

13 February 2023

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Report of the Trustees to Members for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Management

	Trustees	Committee	Role
John Daffern	✓	✓	Chair
Paul Cassidy	✓	✓	Treasurer
Rachel Daffern		✓	
Oliver Riley (resigned 17 November 2022)		✓	
Jane Rowley	✓		
Murray Quinney	✓		
Andreas Simou	✓		
Brian Thomas		✓	
Kieran Forde (resigned 17 November 2022)		✓	
Bill Hamilton		✓	
Basia Zacharuk		✓	
Solle Zacharuk		✓	

Independent Examiner: Peter Knowles

Registered Charity No: 1187139

Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC

Membership	2022	2021
Full Registered	39	40
Partner	9	10
Country	6	5
Social	1	-
Total Regular Members	55	55
Beginners' Course	6	13
Total All Members	61	68

Trustees: The current trustees and Committee members (opposite) served throughout 2022 except where otherwise stated.

Objectives: The objectives of HWBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the towns of Hertford and Ware and their surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment."

Activities: The activities of HWBKA returned to normality in 2022 after the constraints imposed in response to Covid 19 in 2020 and 2021. HWBKA furthered its objectives during the year by running a training course for beginner beekeepers, promoting public engagement through regular attendance at the Hertford and Ware farmers' markets and attending members of the public to catch swarms of bees which were transferred to the HWBKA apiary and then rehomed. Activities are fully described in the Chair's Report.

Financial: the net assets of the Association have increased to £6,407 as a result of the surplus income of £100 for the year. This is the lowest surplus achieved in recent years and reflects the Committee's objective to operate broadly at a break-even level. To maintain this position the Committee has decided to maintain in 2023 the discount on membership fees introduced in 2022 and to continue to absorb the increase in BBKA membership fees which came into effect in 2022.

Annual General Meeting: The 3rd AGM of HWBKA took place on 24 February 2022 at The White Horse, Hertford; the 4th AGM will again take place at The White Horse at 8pm on 2 March 2023.

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HWBKA

I report on the accounts of HWBKA for the year ended 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 HWBKA 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 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.



Peter Knowles

Independent Examiner

13 February 2023

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

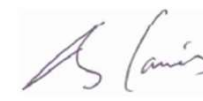
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER						
	2022			2021		
	Income	Expense	Net Income	Income	Expense	Net Income
Membership Fees						
HWBKA Membership Fees	£1,517		£1,517	£1,877		£1,877
BBKA & HBKA Membership Fees		-£1,169	-£1,169		-£1,008	-£1,008
Gift Aid	£193		£193	£271		£271
Membership Fees Total	£1,710	-£1,169	£541	£2,148	-£1,008	£1,140
Farmers' Market & Events						
Sales of Own Product	£492	-£207	£285	£552	-£84	£468
Commission on Member Sales	£362		£362	£492		£492
Event Hire		-£382	-£382		-£222	-£222
Other Selling Costs		-£117	-£117		-£63	-£63
Farmers' Market & Events Total	£854	-£706	£148	£1,044	-£369	£675
Training						
Beginners' Course	£650	-£389	£261	£800	-£267	£534
Other Training		£0	£0	£100	-£86	£14
Training Total	£650	-£389	£261	£900	-£353	£548
Other Income						
Donations	£40		£40	£39		£39
Other Income Total	£40		£40	£39		£39
Operating Costs						
Small Equipment		-£224	-£224		-£270	-£270
Apiary Costs		-£106	-£106		-£125	-£125
Governance		-£50	-£50		£0	£0
Depreciation		-£451	-£451		-£468	-£468
Member Social Events		-£50	-£50		-£141	-£141
Miscellaneous		-£8	-£8		-£52	-£52
Operating Costs Total		-£889	-£889		-£1,055	-£1,055
Net Income	£3,253	-£3,153	£100	£4,131	-£2,785	£1,347

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER		
	2022	2021
NET ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Original Cost	£3,091	£2,427
Cumulative Depreciation	-£1,739	-£1,288
Fixed Assets Total	£1,352	£1,139
Current Assets		
Stock	£192	£54
Debtors	£279	£330
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£4,934	£4,924
Current Assets Total	£5,404	£5,307
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-£10	-£40
Deferred Income	-£340	-£100
Current Liabilities Total	-£350	-£140
NET ASSETS Total	£6,407	£6,307
HWBKA FUNDS		
Endowment	£3,565	£3,565
Net Income		
2020 & Prior Net Income	£1,395	£1,395
2021 Net Income	£1,347	£1,347
2022 Net Income	£100	
Net Income Total	£2,842	£2,742
HWBKA FUNDS Total	£6,407	£6,307

1. The Accounts are presented on an accruals basis, i.e. matching income with expenditure by time period.
2. Assets which will be used over several years are depreciated at 25% p.a. based on the depreciated value at the start of each year.



John Daffern, Chair

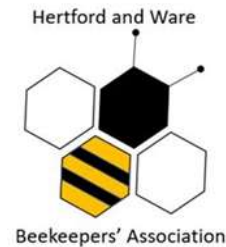


Paul Cassidy, Treasurer

13 February 2023

Accounts

HERTFORD AND WARE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CIO



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity No: 1187139

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Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Chair's Report



I was honoured to be elected by the Members at the 2021 to become the Chair of HWBKA in succession to Jo Humphries, whose enthusiasm and endeavours for the Association are missed as she has now moved away.

Covid19 continued to restrict our ability to meet and do the usual sort of things which an association of individuals sharing a common enthusiasm would do as lockdown dragged on until July. Looking back we will probably also recall the wet and cold weather which plagued us seemingly forever at the peak of the beekeeping season resulting in generally low honey yields this year.

Despite these factors we still managed to keep ourselves busy, welcoming new members from the Beginners' Training Course, meeting the public at the Hertford, and now also this year the Ware, farmers' markets and collecting swarms.

Looking forward to this year, we hope to put Covid behind us and run more activities for existing and new members including training courses, talks and drop-in sessions at our apiary. We will be sending more details with dates soon.

Membership: We started the year with 60 Members, and ended with 68, with all the growth coming from Full Members. We welcomed 16 new Country Members who participated in the Beginners' Course, of whom 3 have embarked on beekeeping this year and become Full Members.

Training: Training of beekeepers is at the heart of our activities, to keep our established membership refreshed and to share knowledge and in particular to welcome newcomers to beekeeping. While we couldn't do anything for the existing membership while lockdown persisted, we had an excellent and well attended presentation in October from Peter Folge, whom many Members will know as a long-standing Hertfordshire bee inspector and supplier of nucs, who described the techniques he has been employing to breed varroa resistant bees.

Despite our inability to run a "proper" in person Beginners' Course in the Spring, we had a lot of interest shown from members of the public wanting to participate, and, in the event, 16 people completed the course which took place online on Zoom and then in socially distanced practical sessions at our Essendon apiary. We conducted a survey afterwards which revealed that participants were overwhelmingly delighted with the course and generally also quite content with the Zoom rather than in person format for "classroom" training. Despite its obvious convenience - no venue to hire etc - we very much wish to go back to the classic format in 2022 as we recognise that online does not suit all and some people have postponed for 2 years for this reason.

Public Engagement: Engaging with the public to share our enthusiasm for bees, and to promote their importance, is enshrined in our constitution (as noted in the formal Trustee Report); the main way we promote this is by our attendance at suitable local events. Sadly both Hertford and Ware summer carnivals were cancelled for the second year running but we hope to be back at them in 2022. We were however present at the Hertford Farmers' Market every month once it reopened in April and at the newly established quarterly market in Ware from June. These events not only provide an outlet for Members to sell surplus honey and bee produce such as candles, for which they now pay the Association only 5% commission, but an important opportunity to talk to the public about bees.

Lots of people are very happy to engage in conversation and learn about bees as well as buying our excellent produce.

Apiaries: Last year Jo mentioned that we had acquired a second apiary site at the end of the year; this site, near Essendon, has proved an invaluable addition to our facilities, providing a place to keep up to 10 hives, all of which are busy during the peak of the swarming season. We have continued to keep some bees as "club bees" as a resource for members who may for example need a new queen and, of course, produce some own brand club honey to sell! Our main investment in equipment in 2021 has been in quality nuc boxes to use when collecting swarms.



Hives at Essendon apiary

Our existing site near Hertford Heath remains in use for Members who need a space to keep bees away from home.



Garden Party...blind honey tasting in foreground

Social: a beekeeping association without opportunities for members to meet socially would be a very poor association; in these difficult times we managed to organise three get togethers: the "end of lockdown" pub meeting in July noted above, a garden party at the home of Paul and Alison Cassidy in September and our training session in October which perfectly combined a presentation plus Q&A with food and drinks. In 2022 we hope to build on this and resume small gatherings where members open their hives for inspection with an open invitation to nearby beekeepers to participate, events traditionally accompanied by tea and cake. I am slightly embarrassed (although really pleased) to record that my honey was voted the Members' Favourite for the second year at the tasting we held at the garden party; I can assure Members that it was a fully blind tasting event! A challenge to you all for next year...

And Finally: I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow trustees and committee members who give their time to keeping HWBKA going, and to the other Members who volunteer to help setting up our market stall, engaging with the public and selling. We are always keen to involve more Members who can spare a few hours to help to participate in the running of the Association; please don't be shy about coming forward! During 2021 the position of Secretary has remained vacant so we would particularly welcome a volunteer to come forward at the AGM. I look forward to another year of beekeeping in 2022 and hope to meet all Members at some time during the year.

John Daffern, Chair

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Report of the Trustees to Members for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Management

John Daffern (chair from 10 March 2021)
Paul Cassidy
Rachel Daffern
Oliver Riley
Jane Rowley (appointed 10 March 2021)
Murray Quinney (appointed 10 March 2021)
Andreas Simou (appointed 10 March 2021)
Brian Thomas (appointed 10 March 2021)
Kieran Forde (appointed 10 March 2021)
Bill Hamilton (appointed 10 March 2021)
Basia Zacharuk (appointed 6 October 2021)
Solle Zacharuk (appointed 6 October 2021)
Stuart York (resigned 6 October 2021)
Jo Humphries (resigned 10 March 2021)

Trustees	Committee	Role
✓	✓	Chair
✓	✓	Treasurer
	✓	
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Trustees: The current trustees and committee members (opposite) served throughout 2021 except where otherwise stated.

Objectives: The objectives of HWBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the towns of Hertford and Ware and their surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment. "

Activities: The activities of HWBKA continued to be restricted until July 2021 as a result of the measures taken by the government in response to Covid 19. Despite this HWBKA furthered its objectives during the year by running a training course for beginner beekeepers, Q&A sessions for members via Zoom, promoting public engagement through regular attendance at the Hertford and Ware farmers' markets and attending members of the public to catch swarms of bees which were transferred to the HWBKA apiary and then rehomed. Activities are fully described in the Chair's Report.

Registered Charity No: 1187139

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Membership	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Full	40	32
Partner	10	10
Country	5	6
Total Regular	55	48
Beginners' Course	13	12
Total All	68	60

Financial: the net assets of the Association have increased to £6,310 as a result of the surplus income of £1,350 for the year. The Committee has agreed that this level of resources is greater than is needed in the short term to meet the Association's charitable objectives; accordingly, membership fees for 2022 will benefit from a one-off discount and the increased fees to be paid to the British Beekeepers' Association from 2022 to secure membership for HWBKA Members will be absorbed for the time being.

Annual General Meeting: The 2nd AGM of HWBKA took place on 10 March 2021 by Zoom; the 3rd AGM will take place at The White Horse, Hertford on 26 February 2022 at 8pm.

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HWBKA

I report on the accounts of HWBKA for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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 HWBKA 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

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- 2) to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark Slater

Independent Examiner

26 January 2022

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

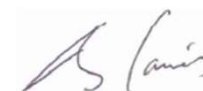
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER						
	2021			2020		
	Income	Expense	Net Income	Income	Expense	Net Income
Membership Fees						
HWBKA Membership Fees	£1,877		£1,877	£1,611		£1,611
BBKA & HBKA Membership Fees		-£1,008	-£1,008		-£886	-£886
Gift Aid	£271		£271	£258		£258
Membership Fees Total	£2,148	-£1,008	£1,140	£1,869	-£886	£983
Farmers' Market & Events						
Sales of Own Product	£552	-£84	£468	£807	-£274	£533
Commission on Member Sales	£492		£492	£566		£566
Stall Fees		-£222	-£222		-£123	-£123
Other Sale Costs		-£63	-£63		-£93	-£93
Farmers' Market & Events Total	£1,044	-£369	£675	£1,373	-£490	£883
Training						
Beginners' Course	£800	-£267	£534	£750	-£308	£442
Other Training	£100	-£86	£14		-£50	-£50
Training Total	£900	-£353	£548	£750	-£358	£392
Other Income						
Donations	£39		£39	£38		£38
Other Income Total	£39		£39	£38		£38
Operating Costs						
Small Equipment		-£270	-£270		-£181	-£181
Apiary Costs		-£125	-£125		-£96	-£96
Governance					-£100	-£100
Depreciation		-£468	-£468		-£462	-£462
Member Social Events		-£141	-£141			
Miscellaneous		-£52	-£52		-£61	-£61
Operating Costs Total		-£1,055	-£1,055		-£900	-£900
Net Income	£4,131	-£2,785	£1,347	£4,029	-£2,634	£1,395

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER		
	2021	2020
NET ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Original Cost	£2,427	£2,207
Cumulative Depreciation	-£1,288	-£821
Fixed Assets Total	£1,139	£1,387
Current Assets		
Stock	£54	£213
Debtors	£330	£356
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£4,924	£3,315
Current Assets Total	£5,307	£3,883
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-£40	£0
Deferred Income	-£100	-£310
Current Liabilities Total	-£140	-£310
NET ASSETS Total	£6,307	£4,960
HWBKA FUNDS		
Endowment	£3,565	£3,565
Net Income		
2020 Net Income	£1,395	£1,395
2021 Net Income	£1,347	
Net Income Total	£2,742	£1,395
HWBKA FUNDS Total	£6,307	£4,960

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John Daffern, Chair

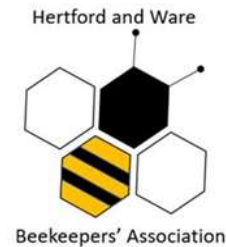


Paul Cassidy, Treasurer

26 January 2022

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HERTFORD AND WARE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CIO



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Chair's Report



Well, what a year that was! Who would have guessed when members gathered together twice in January at The Old Barge what the rest of the year held in store?

We started the year with such optimism: a newly incorporated charity, independent but affiliated to the Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association, with a new apiary and lots of ideas for the year. And then the world changed.....

Nevertheless, we were not to be deterred and determined to make the best of a difficult situation and pursue our mission to promote beekeeping throughout the Hertford and Ware area. And looking back over the year, we have achieved a lot.

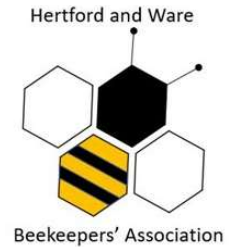
Jo Humphries, Chair

Membership: without members, we could not of course exist. While we always expect some churn, as people leave the area or decide that beekeeping is not for them, we were pleased that 41 members of our predecessor organisation resumed membership; in addition we welcomed 7 new members and also added 12 participants from the Beginners' Course who are given country membership for the duration of the year as part of their course fee.

Training: training of beekeepers is at the heart of our activities, to keep our established membership refreshed and to share knowledge and in particular to welcome newcomers to the wonderful world of the honey bee. We got off to an excellent start with a well attended, and very interactive, presentation given at the Old Barge in January by Malcolm High, a Hertfordshire beekeeper who has been keeping bees since 1975; it was interesting to hear how his beekeeping has evolved and is still changing. Over the summer, and still unable to meet in person, we held "Beekeepers' Question Time" sessions on Zoom, which seemed to go down well.

In February we started advertising our Beginners' Course on Facebook and with more traditional notices posted in such places as Sainsbury's! We had a strong response, we prepared entirely fresh material, we invested in a training hive for classroom demonstration and were all set to run midweek and Sunday sessions at the Old Barge starting at the end of March when lockdown arrived. What to do? We delayed and hoped for a swift release (remember the first "review after 3 weeks"? Another age!) but it was not to be. Eventually like the rest of the world we decided to give Zoom a go and in June we rescheduled the classroom sessions online. Almost all of the original planned participants decided to go ahead, although a couple have deferred until 2021, and it all seemed to go very well. We then followed up with socially distanced practical sessions in our new apiary. One incidental benefit of going online was that the course, which is priced with a view to breaking even, produced a surplus in 2020 of £442, which contributed towards the investments we have made in our resources this year. Ultimately, however, there is no substitute for gathering together in person and we hope to get back to this as soon as possible.

Logo and Marketing: the Committee decided it was time for a new look for our new organisation and invited members to vote using online polls for their preferred option. We had a clear winner with the design of our own secretary, John Daffern, claiming 74% of the votes cast. The logo also features on the banner we now proudly display at the Framers' Market stall each month.



Members will be pleased to hear that, unlike some other charities, we did not spend a single penny on our designs! Although we spent a modest sum printing cards, which feature the logo, which we give to members of the public at events we attend to provide all our contact details.



Market stall in August (before the new banner)

Public Engagement: engaging with the public to share our enthusiasm for bees, and to promote their importance, is now enshrined in our constitution (as noted in the formal Trustee Report); the main way we promote this is by our attendance at suitable local events. The committee decided that our focus should be on doing a limited number of things well and that we should therefore just attend the summer carnivals in both Hertford and Ware (both of course cancelled in 2020) and take a stall at the monthly Hertford Farmers' Market. The stall now looks lovely each month, laden with honey produced in our apiary or by members, candles and lots of leaflets about bees to hand out. We find that many members of the public are delighted to chat about bees as well as buying the finest local honey that is available.

Facilities: a major step forward in 2020 has been the acquisition of secluded apiary facilities courtesy of two local farmers who have allowed us to establish hives on spare corners of their fields. Not only does this provide us with places to quarantine the swarms which we catch, but it has enabled us to set up a small number of Association colonies which will enable us in future to make nucs, rear queens and generally provide back-up resource for when members lose colonies; and, of course, produce some own brand club honey to sell!

Our financial resources have become strong enough to start investing regularly in our facilities and equipment. During 2020 we purchased a training hive (a brood box filled with frames covered with fake comb, bees, brood and diseases), an observation hive for events, second hand and new brood boxes and supers for our apiary and a new electric honey extractor, which has been popular with members wishing to borrow it.

And Finally: I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow trustees and committee members who give their time to keeping HWBA going, and to the other members who volunteer to help setting up our market stall, engaging with the public and selling. I will now be stepping back as a change in family circumstances means that I am leaving the Hertford area, but I know that I leave HWBKA in good heart and ready to face whatever the future holds.

Chair 10 February 2021

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Report of the Trustees to Members for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Management	Trustees	Committee	Role
Jo Humphries	✓	✓	Chair
Paul Cassidy	✓	✓	Treasurer
John Daffern	✓	✓	Secretary
Philip Moore (resigned 19 October 2020)		✓	
Stuart York		✓	
Rachel Daffern		✓	
Oliver Riley (appointed 29 October 2020)		✓	

Registered Charity No: 1187139

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Membership

Full	32
Partner	10
Country	6
<hr/> Total Regular	<hr/> 48
Beginners' Course	12
<hr/> Total All	<hr/> 60

Annual General Meeting

The first AGM of HWBKA took place on 15 January 2020, at which the founding trustees were confirmed by the members and the officers elected.

The second AGM will take place via Zoom on 10 March 2021.

Trustees: The current trustees and committee members (opposite) served throughout 2020 except where otherwise stated.

Incorporation and Objective: HWBKA was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 23 December 2019. It was established in order to assume the role formerly undertaken by the Hertford and Ware branch of Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association ("Closing Charity"), an unincorporated charity, which closed at the end of 2020 and was dissolved in 2021. HWBKA commenced this role with effect from 1 January 2020 and was endowed with an initial capital by the Closing Charity equal to the assets which were attributable to the Hertford and Ware branch, totalling £3,565.

The objectives of HWBKA, as set out in its constitution, are "*to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the towns of Hertford and Ware and their surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment.*"

Activities: The activities of HWBKA were inevitably heavily restricted during 2020 as a result of the measures taken by the government in response to Covid 19. Despite this HWBKA furthered its objectives during the year by running a training course for beginner beekeepers, Q&A sessions for members via Zoom, promoting public engagement through regular attendance at the Hertford Farmers' Market and attending members of the public to catch swarms of bees which were transferred to the HWBKA apiary and then rehomed. Activities are fully described in the Chair's Report.

HWBKA also invested in excess of £1,600 in acquiring assets such as hives for the Association apiary and a new electric honey extractor which was borrowed 11 times by members.

Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO ("HWBKA")

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of HWBKA

I report on the accounts of HWBKA for the period from incorporation to 31st December 2020.

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 HWBKA 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 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.



Mark Slater

Independent Examiner

10 February 2021

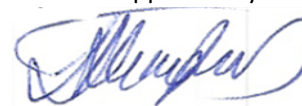
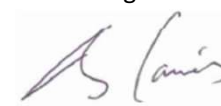
Hertford and Ware Beekeepers' Association CIO

Accounts for the Period from Incorporation to 31 December 2020

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
	Income	Expenditure	Net Income
Membership Fees			
HWBKA Membership Fees	£1,611		£1,611
HBKA Membership Fees		-£886	-£886
Gift Aid	£258		£258
Membership Fees Total	£1,869	-£886	£983
Farmers' Market & Events			
Sales of Own Product	£807	-£274	£533
Commission on Member Sale	£566		£566
Stall Fees		-£123	-£123
Other Sale Costs		-£93	-£93
Farmers' Market & Events Total	£1,373	-£490	£883
Training			
Beginners' Course	£750	-£308	£442
Other Training		-£50	-£50
Training Total	£750	-£358	£392
Other Income			
Donations	£38		£38
Other Income Total	£38		£38
Operating Costs			
Small Equipment		-£181	-£181
Governance (AGM & Committee Meetings)		-£100	-£100
Apiary Costs		-£96	-£96
Depreciation		-£462	-£462
Miscellaneous		-£61	-£61
Operating Costs Total		-£900	-£900
Net Income	£4,029	-£2,634	£1,395

BALANCE SHEET	
Net Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Original Cost	£2,207
Cumulative Depreciation	-£821
Fixed Assets Total	£1,387
Current Assets	
Stock	£213
Debtors	£356
Cash At Bank & In Hand	£3,315
Current Assets Total	£3,883
Current Liabilities	
Creditors	£0
Deferred Income	-£310
Current Liabilities Total	-£310
Net Assets Total	£4,960
HWBKA Funds	
Endowment	£3,565
Net Income	
2020 Net Income	£1,395
Net Income Total	£1,395
HWBKA Funds Total	£4,960

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

10 February 2021

Jo Humphries, Chair; Paul Cassidy, Treasurer

1. The Accounts are presented on an accruals basis, i.e. matching income with expenditure by time period.
2. Fixed assets are depreciated at 25% per annum based on the depreciated value at the start of each year.