



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 To 31/12/2023

Charity name: Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association

Charity registration number: 1188934

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and further the craft and science of beekeeping and to advance the education of the public in the importance of honey bees to the environment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Supporting, educating and mentoring beekeepers, and the general public in beekeeping through public and private events, online forums, meetings, email exchanges and formal training.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>At the end of 2024 we had a total of 247 members.</p> <p>We supported over 25 community engagement events (chiefly community fetes and talks to local interest groups, schools, scouts, cubs, etc.), at which we often provided a display of live bees display live bees. The main events attract a large number of the local community and we estimate exposure to 10s of thousands of people. This resulted in thousands of interactions in which many adults and children had a much improved understanding of beekeeping and bees in the environment.</p> <p>We delivered initial beekeeper training to around 21 new beekeepers in 2024 and continued to enhance the skills and knowledge of the previous year's beginners by additional formal training sessions.</p> <p>We also delivered additional training for members preparing to take BBKA beekeeping assessments. Three members passed the Basic Beekeeping Assessment, two passed the Bee Health Assessment and one passed a BBKA written exam.</p> <p>Our members' shop, which supplies beekeeping consumables to members, also provides a weekly informal meeting opportunity throughout the active beekeeping season for members to exchange ideas and to seek and give advice to other members.</p> <p>We have 12 BBKA qualified Asian hornet identifiers. Many of these have volunteered to take calls from the public to help filter and confirm sightings to improve the efficiency of official bodies when tackling an incursion.</p> <p>The Association Apiary Management team has maintained our apiary as a valuable facility for training beekeepers at beginner and post-basic level as well as being the venue for Basic and Bee Health Certificate assessments.</p>

		<p>The swarm list ran as normal, with volunteer beekeepers serving the public by removing bees and providing bees for members.</p> <p>We've answered lots of members' questions, as usual – by social media, email and phone as well as on Friday evenings at the shop.</p> <p>We've given advice and information to members of the public about bees and beekeeping.</p> <p>Our Facebook group has 239 members who ask for and share their advice. Some members have also developed several WhatsApp groups to share information and provide mutual support</p> <p>We've sent out emails giving advice and highlighted important issues including material from BBKA and the Bee Inspectorate.</p> <p>We have provided a number of apiaries for members to keep their bees and we continue to facilitate beekeeping by providing space for members whose own premises are unsuitable.</p> <p>Our members' meetings were held each month, where a speaker or event was organised to educate and inform members and guests of the association about beekeeping. Meetings are well attended and generally attract between 40 and 60 participants.</p> <p>We've found and recommended a wealth of online resources, lectures and seminars to give members at all stages in their beekeeping 'career' the opportunity and encouragement to become better beekeepers.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Sufficient – Over and above a surplus in year, we utilised funds to begin work on a new permanent training apiary in line with our educational vocation.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The CIO aspires to establish a permanent home for its training facility and reserves are being accumulated, over and above the prudent need to hold sufficient to cover contingencies that may arise in the short to medium term, achieve that end.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£29,303
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Founding trustees were appointed by the committee of previous Unincorporated Association; subsequent (and future) trustees to be appointed by incumbent trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association
Other name the charity uses	FBKA
Registered charity number	1188934
Charity's principal address	c/o 10 Chinnock Close Fleet GU52 7SN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew May-Miller	Chair		None
2	James Donaldson			None
3	Graham Read			None
4	Chris Semprini	Treasurer		None
5	David Morgan		02/03/2024 – 31/12/2024	None
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J Donaldson	
Full name(s)	James Donaldson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	26 October 2025	



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Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Shop Sales	9,543	0	0	9,543	10,079
Equipment hire	268	0	0	268	320
Capitation - Gross	7,751	0	0	7,751	6,506
Course Fees	2,241	0	0	2,241	1,898
Donations & Grants	315	0	0	315	387
Sundry other	1,074	0	0	1,074	414
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,193	0	0	21,193	19,603
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Exam Fees Refunds	90	0	0	90	335
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	90	0	0	90	335
Total receipts	21,283	0	0	21,283	19,938
A3 Payments					
Shop Costs	7,423	0	0	7,423	9,230
Training costs	234	0	0	234	228
Apiary Costs	568	0	0	568	492
Capitation - onward payments	5,701	0	0	5,701	5,489
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Meetings	986	0	0	986	643
IT Costs	496	0	0	496	332
Sundry Other	167	0	0	167	195
Apiary Improvements	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	15,576	0	0	15,576	16,609
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Stock	1,476	0	0	1,476	941
Fixed Assets	3,360	0	0	3,360	748
Sub total	4,836	0	0	4,836	1,689
Total payments	20,411	0	0	20,411	18,298
Net of receipts/(payments)	871	0	0	871	1,640
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,652	0	0	19,652	18,011
Cash funds this year end	20,523	0	0	20,523	19,652

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	20,475	0	0
	Cash float	48	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	20,523	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Stock	9,365	0	0
			0	0
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			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Exam Fees Refunds	585	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	J Donaldson	James Donaldson (Trustee)	26/10/2025	