

BISHOP'S STORTFORD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No: 1192150

**Report and Accounts for the period
from 1st January to 31st December 2022**

Bishop's Stortford Beekeepers Association ("BSBKA")

Report of the Trustees for the period from 1st January to 31st December 2022

Management

Those involved in managing BSBKA during the period were as follows

Trustees:

- John Palombo
- Andrew Crossley
- John Dockerill
- Simon Rice
- Robert Croft (appointed 4th April 2022)

Executive Committee:

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| • John Palombo | Chair |
| • Kate Walker Pay | Secretary |
| • Alan Gardiner | Treasurer |
| • Philip Smart | Assistant Treasurer |
| • Andy Crossley | Membership |
| • Alison Shaw | Training |
| • Jean Johnson | Events |
| • Allison Evans | Swarm Coordinator |
| • John Palombo | Jenkins Lane Apiary Manager |
| • Simon Rice | Westland Green Apiary Manager |

Incorporation and Objectives

BSBKA was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 4th November 2020. It superseded an unincorporated charity with the same name and took over the assets of that previous body.

The objectives of BSBKA, as set out in its constitution are to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within the area defined broadly as the town of Bishop's Stortford and its surrounding villages and countryside ("area") and to advance the education of the public within the area in the importance of bees in the environment.

Affiliations

BSBKA is affiliated to the Hertfordshire Beekeeping Association ("HBKA"), which in turn is an Area Association of the British Beekeepers Association ("BBKA").

Activities

After the last few years being heavily impacted by Covid, it was good to get back to a relatively normal beekeeping season in 2022.

- In the spring we held a well-attended Beginner's Beekeeping course. As well as several intermediate training sessions.

- We held a full set of monthly evening meetings for all members with a wide selection of lively talks.
- Throughout the summer we held practical training sessions for new and developing beekeepers at our Association Apiary.
- 2022 was a relatively quiet year for bee swarms. Nevertheless, we continued to provide a free swarm collection service in the Bishop's Stortford area.
- We attended the Bishops Stortford Town Carnival and displayed live bees in an observation hive, which, as ever, provided a great tool to educate the public on the importance of bees and how they live.

Over the summer we continued the development of our Association Apiary at Jenkins Lane, ably supported by the Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed charity. In particular, we refitted our old shed with a new roof, new floor, shelving and a coat of paint, and have added storage and a new kitchen area in our new shed.

[Annual General Meeting](#)

The AGM of BSBKA will take place on 6th March 2023.

Bishop's Stortford Beekeepers' Association

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

CASH RECEIPTS	2022	Year 1¹
Membership Fees	£2,569.50	£3,500.00
BDI	-	-
Beecraft/Literature	-	-
Apiary	£718.50	£789.50
Events:-		
Honey sales ²	£651.05	£526.14
Other income ²	£612.95	-
Training/Education	£1,680.00	£2,524.00
Sales of Stock Purchase items	£2,422.41	£2,453.00
Donations	£220.00	£25,552.00
Miscellaneous	£24.16	£60.00
Gift Aid Recovery:-		
from HMRC	£548.08	£753.43
transferred from County	-	-
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	£9,446.65	£36,158.07
CASH PAID OUT	2022	Year 1¹
Membership Fees for:-		
BBKA	£1,745.50	£1,620.50
HBKA County	£174.00	£170.00
BDI	-	-
Beecraft/Literature	-	-
Apiary	£1,815.66	£11,945.59
Events:-		
Honey sales (expenses)	£283.50	£179.50
Other event related payments	£777.71	£467.50
Training/Education	£929.10	£1,083.50
Stock Purchases for resale	£2,689.30	£2,491.93
Equipment	£585.20	-
Insurance	-	-
General Administration	£155.19	£189.84
Miscellaneous	£410.00	£915.00
Gift Aid Recovery from County to Branches	-	-
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	£9,565.16	£19,063.36
Surplus		
Opening bank balance (equity from BSBKA unincorporated association)	£22,782.41	£5,687.70
Surplus	-£118.51	£17,094.71
Closing bank balance	£22,663.90	£22,782.41

Treasurer

Name: Alan Gardiner

Signature: Alan Gardiner

Dated: 5 Jan 23

Independently verified by

Name: Allan Rostron

Signature: Allan Rostron

Dated: 16 Feb 23

¹ BSBKA CIO as a new legal entity commenced on 4 November 2020.

The initial accounts include the period from 4 November to 31 December 2020 and the 2021 financial year to 31 December 2021

² Post pandemic return to public event activities