

Charity Registration Number: 1193201

NORTH DORSET BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

North Dorset Beekeepers Association

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr Tim Villiers – Chair Mr Robert Baird Mr Robert Camping (resigned 19 April 2023) Mrs Lesley Gasson Mr Gordon Grant Mr Julian Grazebrook (Appointed 19 April 2023) Mr James Nalty Mr Terence Payne
Principal Office	The White House, Shillingstone Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0SF
Charity Registration Number	1193201
Bankers	Lloyds Bank, Blandford Branch, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Robbins FCA 25 Edwina Drive, Poole, Dorset BH17 7JG

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Objectives

The North Dorset Beekeepers Association aims to advance the education of the public and existing beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and the importance of bees in the environment. It provides basic and advanced training in accordance with the policies of the British Beekeepers Association, keeps qualified members up to date with current thinking and good practice, and attends local events to help educate the general public about the importance of bees in the environment and the threats they face.

Trustees

The Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. The Chair of the Trustees is elected at first meeting of the Trustees following the AGM.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.

Organisation and Governance

The routine management of the Association activities are delegated to a Management Committee. An additional sub-committee, The New Apiary Working Group, was also established by the Trustees to exercise close control over the raising of funds and construction of the proposed Honey Bee Centre.

As part of the progression towards the creation of a new apiary and in consideration of the fact that a greater number of individuals of different ages and backgrounds will be accessing it, the Safeguarding Policy for vulnerable adults and children has been updated during the year, and a new Health and Safety Policy introduced which covers all members of the Association, visitors to the apiary and the general public who may be exposed to our bees.

Review of Current Association Status and Future Development

The current activities of the Association are restricted by the size and location of the apiary. To rectify this, the Association has signed a 25 year lease agreement for land near the existing apiary, and obtained planning permission to erect a new building for training and related purposes. It will be called the North Dorset Honey Bee Centre and will have the apiary located adjacent to the building along with parking for cars so that future tuition will all be on one site. This will not only enable the Association to introduce greater numbers to beekeeping by providing bee experience days through to basic and advanced tuition, but it will also significantly broaden the scope of those who are able to be trained or experience beekeeping for the first time by allowing for easy access to the apiary.

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Review of Activities of the Association

In planning our activities we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities of the Association are:

Training

A number of formal training courses, for which fees are charged, are run to:

- provide potential beekeepers with the practical experience and theoretical knowledge to manage a hive of bees throughout the year.
- improve the knowledge of existing beekeepers.
- give students the knowledge required to sit the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) theoretical advanced modular exams. The modules (7 in total) cover various aspects of beekeeping such as bee management, pests and diseases, bee biology etc. Courses covering these modules are run by North Dorset BKA instructors for the benefit of all Dorset registered beekeepers.

Examples of training include:

Beginners Course

- The annual Beginners Course was held from April - August 2023, following our established format, with 25 new beekeepers as students; an additional 10 potential new beekeepers also attended the Introduction Day.
- The Association continues to be indebted to all the tutors and other helpers who put in a lot of time and effort to make the programme such a success.

Modules (written examinations)

- Two separate courses were prepared and run for Module 1, based in Dorchester and in Iwerne Minster.
- A course for Module 2 was held in Blandford, and one for Module 5 in Shillingstone.
- An aggregate of 42 students attended these courses.

The written examinations will be held in November when seven members will sit five different modules.

Future Training Plans

- The capacity for the beginners' course will be increased to 30 students for the 2024 course, in response to the demand for places.
- Further courses for the BBKA written modular exams will be run in early 2024 if there is sufficient student demand from within Dorset.
- An advanced (second year) course has been prepared for those members who are looking to improve their general knowledge and, in particular, for those wishing to take the BBKA Basic Assessment in 2024. Ten members have registered their interest in joining this course to date.

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- A specialist course on queen rearing will be run in the summer of 2024.

Bee Experience Days

In response to the interest in bees and honey production shown by visitors to our stands at public events, the association organised four Bee Experience Days in 2023. Attendees were introduced in a 'hands on manner' to the basics of beekeeping through a short lecture, followed by looking at bees within their hives to get an understanding of how bees behave, collect honey and reproduce. 44 persons paid a fee to attend these days; a number of the attendees have subsequently applied to do the Beginners Course.

Lectures

Over the winter months, the association has organised evening lectures on beekeeping related subjects.

Dorset Annual Beekeepers Convention.

Members of the association have played key roles in the organisation of the annual convention held in October.

Public Interaction

Shows. In the last 12 months, the association has participated in a number of local agricultural shows and community events.

- The largest of these, the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show, necessitated providing and staffing live bee observation hives, beeswax candle rolling and information displays over a two day period, as well as providing an opportunity for the public to learn about and purchase pure local honey.
- A very successful Honey Show was also held in the marquee in association with the displays.
- A smaller display was provided over two days at the Spring Countryside Show on the Turnpike Showground.
- Talks were given to several village garden clubs and community groups.
- Displays were provided for children at 'bee' themed mornings at local libraries in the summer holidays.
- A honey information display and sales point was mounted over two days at the Sturminster Cheese Festival in September.

Rescues. Members of the association have responded to many requests from members of the public for honey bee swarms and established bee colonies to be collected; in a number of cases they have cut out bee nests from the fabric of buildings, often in response to these being discovered by builders undertaking renovation work. No charge is made for this work, although donations for the new apiary may be solicited. As the association's reputation for providing an efficient and friendly service, the number of requests for this public-service help has grown.

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General Information.

- The local and free New Blackmore Vale magazine is published in both paper and electronic form, and the association has provide regular articles on bees and beekeeping. These have charted beekeeping activities as the year progressed and have been well received.
- Asian hornets are a massive threat to bees and all other pollinating insects; they are now well established on Continental Europe and the Channel Isles and are attempting to establish themselves in the United Kingdom. Information displays have been mounted to alert the public to this danger and to enlist their help in spotting these invaders. The association's Asian Hornet Action Team has responded to two requests from DEFRA/National Bee Unit to check on possible sightings of these insects in north Dorset – traps were set and monitored over many days; happily, both were false alarms.

All these activities are of direct benefit to the public and no charges are made, except for attendance on formal courses to cover the equipment costs incurred.

Summary.

It has been a busy year, but the association is at the limit of the activities it can undertake, principally because the inaccessibility and inadequacy of facilities at our apiary restricts the amount of teaching and familiarisation that can be undertaken. Therefore, the trustees consider the raising of funds to construct a new Honey Bee Centre at the new site is of the highest importance.

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers, mainly association member volunteers, have spent in raising funds on their own and assisting at local shows and events.

Review of Finances

The charity had an income of £37,737 and is eligible for independent examination.

The trustees agreed during the year that all surplus funds in excess of £5,000 should be transferred to a designated reserve which will be used for the specific purpose of funding the building of the Honey Bee Centre. A retained balance of £5,000 in the general reserve was deemed sufficient to meet all the annual working capital requirements of the Association, although the Trustees will review this annually. At a trustee's meeting on 11 October 2023, the trustees approved the transfer of £35,179 from general reserve to the designated reserve fund.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr TC Villiers

Trustee

North Dorset Beekeepers Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of North Dorset Beekeepers Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

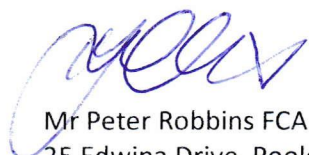
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Peter Robbins FCA
25 Edwina Drive, Poole , Dorset BH17 7JG
Date: 25 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
		Designated	General	Designated	General
Income					
Donations and Legacies	2	-	18,222	-	7,939
Investment Income	3	-	243	-	-
Membership Income		-	5,809	-	4,606
Training Income		-	6,938	-	5,284
Fund raising and Beekeeping Activities	4	-	6,525	-	3,358
Total Income		-	37,737	-	21,187
Expenditure					
Membership Costs		-	4,045	-	3,505
Cost of Fundraising and Beekeeping Activities		-	7,213	-	3,358
Legal Fees		1,595	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	5	1,595	11,258	-	6,863
Net Movement in Funds		(1,595)	26,479	-	14,324
Reconciliation of Movement in Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		19,187	13,700	175	18,388
Transfer		35,179	(35,179)	19,012	(19,012)
Total Funds Carried Forward	9	52,771	5,000	19,187	13,700

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Cash		-	114
Bank	8	59,330	34,802
		<u>59,330</u>	<u>34,916</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,559	2,029
Net Current Assets		<u>57,771</u>	<u>32,887</u>
Net Assets		<u>57,771</u>	<u>32,887</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted – General		5,000	13,700
Unrestricted – Designated		52,771	19,187
Total Funds	10	<u>57,771</u>	<u>32,887</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr TC Villiers
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for Year ended 30 September 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis of preparation

North Dorset Beekeepers Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Income including membership, beekeeping activities, donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding are of a general nature and are recognised only when the charity has received the income.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and Legacies		
Appeals and donations	17,856	7,939
Legacies	<u>366</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,222</u>	<u>7,939</u>

Appeals and donations include donations from general public and also income tax recovered from HMRC. Income from subscriptions includes gross contribution by members for county and national beekeepers membership and insurance.

3 Investment Income

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank Interest	<u>243</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Income from activities for generating funds

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fund raising activities	1,953	2,157
Sale of Produce	<u>4,572</u>	<u>1,201</u>
	<u>6,525</u>	<u>3,358</u>

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5 Total Resources Expended

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General Funds		
Cost of Membership to National Associations and insurance	4,045	3,505
Cost of apiary supplies	854	379
Cost of products sold	3,327	126
Venue Hire for lectures and tuition	907	980
Cost of Outside Events	1,007	532
Printing	-	537
Other Training	119	242
General	999	560
Total General Resources Expended	<u>11,258</u>	<u>6,863</u>
Designated Funds		
Legal Fees	<u>1,595</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Designated Funds Expended	<u>1,595</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds Expended	<u>12,853</u>	<u>6,863</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses which they have incurred directly on behalf of the charity and are paid for any produce which they supply to the charity and which is sold at the events which are attended by the charity.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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8 Bank

	2023 £	2022 £
Lloyds Bank Current	2,330	29,541
Lloyds Bank – Instant Access Interest Bearing	57,000	-
NSI Savings	-	5,261
	<u>59,330</u>	<u>34,802</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due in one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts received from members and due to the regional and national beekeeping associations and for insurance	1,309	1,088
Deposits received for bee suits used by members	250	350
Accruals	-	592
	<u>1,559</u>	<u>2,030</u>

10 Funds

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted					
General	13,700	37,737	(11,258)	(35,179)	5,000
Designated	19,187	-	(1,595)	35,179	52,771
	<u>32,887</u>	<u>37,737</u>	<u>(12,853)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,771</u>