



St Albans & District Beekeepers Association

Registered Charity Number 1193448

Report and Accounts for the period of January 1st 2025 to December 31st 2025

Trustees report for the period of January 1st 2025 to December 31st 2025

Management

Those involved in managing St Albans & District Beekeepers Association during the period specific to this report.

	Trustee	Executive Committee	Role
Richard Tavener		X	Chair
Charlotte Reilly		X	Secretary
Les Riley	X	X	Treasurer, Membership, Trustee
Alison Fraser	X		Trustee
Andrew Price	X		Trustee
Alison Ashworth	X		Trustee
David Allen	X		Trustee
Cath Robinson-Card		X	Committee Member, Training & Education
Alison Holloway		X	Events Co-Coordinator
Kyle Riley	X	X	Trustee (Chair) Social Media, Website,
Richard Peterson		X	Apiary Manager (Prae Wood)
Adrian Small		X	Apiary Manager (Oaklands)
Richard Grimwade		X	Out Apiaries Support
Caroline Williams		X	Committee Member

Independent Examiner: Thomas Meadows

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Objectives

The objectives of the St Albans & District Beekeepers Association (cio) as set out in its constitution, are:

To

- (i) To promote & further the craft of beekeeping
- (ii) To advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment

Activities

Activities in 2025

We were able to provide education to members of the public to enhance their knowledge of the importance of bees in the environment at the following events:

9th/10th May 2025 - Oaklands Lambing Weekend

24th/25th May 2025 - Herts County Show

15th June 2025 – Redbourn Green Fayre
28th June 2025 - Harpenden Carnival
1st July 2025 - Herts Schools Food & Farming Day
6th July 2025 - Shenley Fete
13th July 2025 – Harpenden Highland Gathering
4th October 2025 – Oaklands Oktoberfest

We held a beginner's course with 4 theory evenings in February 2025, a practical session in March 2025 & apiary visits (weather dependant) in April/May, attended by approximately 40 delegates.

We provided a free to attend bee awareness evening in October 2025 which gives a brief overview to the craft of Apiculture.

We also attended a number of schools & other organisations in the area to give talks of the importance of bees in our environment.

2 social events (held locally in St Albans) & 4 open meetings (held in our training apiaries) & a lecture evening for members was organised along with support to enable members to enhance their knowledge of beekeeping.

A number of Bee Safari Days were held throughout the year.

Membership

The membership for 2025 was 171 paid members & 4 honorary members.

St Albans & District Beekeepers Association (cio) is an Affiliated Local Association (ALA) of Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association (HBKA). (Registered charity No 1184776) which provides automatic membership to & in turn membership to the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA)

St Albans & District Beekeepers Association covers the membership fees to HBKA, BBKA & Bee Disease Insurance for honorary members (Bee Disease Insurance for full members only & up to 3 hives)

Governance

Subject to a small number of reserved matters, the Trustees have delegated management of St Albans & District Beekeepers Association to an Executive Committee which comprises of members listed above. The committee met five times during 2025; in addition, the trustees usually meet once a year on their own to cover certain narrowly governance focussed matters.

5th Annual General Meeting

The 5th annual general meeting of St Albans & District Beekeepers Association (cio) will be held on 25th February 2026.

Under our current constitution, section 13 (1)(2) states:

At every subsequent annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

We currently have 6 trustees, 2 will be stepping down

Kyle Riley

Les Riley



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I report on the accounts of St Albans & District Beekeepers Association for the year end 31st December 2025 (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 St Albans & District Beekeepers Association and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, & seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to (a) keep accounting records and (b) prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or

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

**Thomas
Meadows**

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Independent Examiner

Date: 28/01/2026



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Cash Flow for the Year ended 31st December 2025

At Date	28 January 2026		Last Year
Income		£	
	Balance from 2024	£10,699.21	£9,871.77
	Membership fees 2025	£5,670.00	£5,451.50
	Other Income 2025	£28,394.58	
	Education/Training & Events	£2,210.00	£4,653.25
	BDI additional payments	£261.65	£208.95
	Apiary Rent	£200.00	£280.00
	Gift Aid	£3,134.03	£320.79
	HFA & Equipment sales	£6,827.03	£5,662.14
	Extractor hire	£150.00	£190.00
	Bee Health (Food + Treatments)	£5,745.00	£5,661.45
	Honey Jars	£9,741.87	£9,325.33
	Donations	£10.00	£45.00
	Other Income	£115.00	£1,077.86
	Income Total 2025	£34,064.58	
	Stripe Commission on Website Transactions*	£425.05	
	Cash @ Bank	44,338.74	£44,338.74
Expenditure			
Code			
1	Expenses	£541.06	£736.37
2	Hives For All & Equipment for Sale**	£10,494.90	£6,464.03
3	Equipment (Replacement & Repairs etc)	£0.00	£404.90
4	Website/Social Media Etc	£404.12	£97.73
5	BDI	£551.55	£482.25
6	Association Apiary Costs (Rent, Upkeep, Replacement Items etc)	£575.99	£1,136.31
7	Bee Health (Food + Treatments) **	£4,232.00	£5,781.20
8	Capitation	£3,609.50	£3,474.00
9	Refunds	£161.50	£341.35
10	Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
11	Education/Training & Events	£1,587.49	£3,144.82
12	Honey Jars**	£9,456.25	£9,195.99
13	Hall Hire Meetings	£420.00	£600.00
14	Projects	£0.00	£0.00
	Expenditure Total	£32,034.36	£32,034.36
Bank Account			
	Balance in Bank	£12,220.86	
		£12,304.38	
	Outstanding Lodgements	83.52	
	Outgoing Payments Awaiting 2nd Approval	0.00	
	Total	£12,220.86	
Signed	Date		
	1/2/26		
Les Riley			
Treasurer			
Thomas Meadows	Date: 2026.01.28 13:30:03 Z		
Thomas Meadows	28-Jan-26		
Independent Examiner			
*Stripe commission on website transactions taken at source before payment into association bank account.			
**Includes value of items still in stock carried over to following year.			
Signed on behalf of the Trustees	Date		
	14.02.26		
KYLE RILEY			
Trustee			