

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1197656

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-01-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND BEEKEEPERS IN THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING AND PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: The Warwickshire Beekeepers Association was founded in 1879 and is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association. Our aim is to advance the education of the public and beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promote the importance of bees in the environment. We operate locally through 8 branches. To find out more visit: www.warwickshirebeekeepers.org.uk

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Dudley
- Gloucestershire
- Northamptonshire
- Solihull
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Warwickshire
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£110,524	£103,287	-	-
2024-11-30	£103,226	£101,985	-	-
2023-11-30	£108,201	£98,399	-	-
2022-11-30	£60	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Cox	Chair	2022-03-31
Bernard Brown		2022-03-31
Colin White		2023-03-29
David Blower		2026-03-18
Denise Grove		2022-03-31
Jane Brown		2022-03-31
Jitesh Patel		2022-03-31
John Damian Fell		2022-07-27
Luke Jolliffe		2026-03-18
Mark Styles		2022-03-31
Muhammad Sharif Khan		2025-03-26
Nathaniel Hateley		2023-07-11
Philip John Rogers		2025-03-26
Ray Pearce		2023-08-31
Rev George Heighton		2024-03-13
Robert Stevenson		2022-03-31
Samantha Peckett		2022-03-31
Susan Passmore		2026-03-18
martin wibberley		2022-03-31

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2025

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Achievements and Performance and Financial Review.

Membership.

There were 899 full, partner and junior members in 2024/25, as well as 114 local members (local members do not have voting rights).

Education and Training.

In 2024/25, the Association continued to operate a successful “devolved” model of Education management whereby the 8 branch Education Co-ordinators (EDCOs) plan training for post-beginners across the county, but the beginner training happens in Branches.

It is hard to quantify the training, support and contribution to best beekeeping practice made by Warwickshire branches; the wider picture of winter branch meetings, bee safaris, apiary training meetings, mentoring and formal and informal training offered by the branches is impressive. These activities not only educate beekeepers but draw in new trainers and volunteers. All the Branches offered winter lecture programmes and Solihull, Shipston, Warwick and Leamington, Birmingham, Sutton and Rugby offered

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Beginners' courses. There were also taster courses in some of the Branches which generate a very positive interest for a smaller input of time - increasing the supply of both new beekeepers (those who do take up beekeeping) and bee-positive members of the public (those who do not become active beekeepers).

The EDCO group has addressed training and education across the whole County and adds to the offering of each branch. In 2024/25 this included the Beyond the Basic Course, zoom lectures and a Microscopy group. The EDCOs have worked hard at training and the administration and management surrounding that training, including arranging online bookings, maintaining and monitoring equipment, offering Branch apiaries for queen rearing, booking schools etc.

WBKA Beyond the Basic Course.

This two-day event was run at Solihull School in February, and the team of experienced beekeepers ran an enthusiastic and efficient course aimed at the General Husbandry award - but also useful for Honey Bee Health Certificate.

The day was very positively evaluated, the majority of feedback respondents (21) classed themselves as Intermediate or Advanced, with only two beginners, so we hit the target participants for intermediate training. They were overwhelmingly enthusiastic and enjoyed the course and meeting other beekeepers across the county. 85% said they would be likely to enter the Honey Bee Health Certificate and 52% likely to enter the General Husbandry - a real triumph. The workshops and presentations were rated excellent by all the participants in feedback. This is an important succession planning issue as the General Husbandry is required for assessors of Basic and Honey Bee Health Certificate, and to give people the confidence to act as trainers. We had three new trainers - Linda Tuffin who has become a Master Beekeeper, and Graham Franklin and Paul Friend who passed General Husbandry in 2024. They set a great example, did very popular sessions and made the General Husbandry seem possible.

National Bee Unit Days.

This year we ran two days with the National Bee Unit in Birmingham and Stoneleigh, which gave members the chance to update. These were both very well attended and evaluated.

Microscopy Group.

David Bonner, Barry Meatyard, David Blower and Stuart Roberts are leading the establishment of a Microscopists group for the county. The meetings so far have resulted in (prize winning) entries of slides to the National Honey Show!

Winter lectures

The winter lecture speakers included Lesley Jacques (Discovering Pollen) and Saeunn Vigdis Sigvaldadottir (Honey Bees in Iceland) - in February and March.

Module Study Groups.

Dave Bonner has run an online Module study group for Module 1 and Module 3 with very high levels of exam success. The meetings and WhatsApp groups have been extremely popular - and active.

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Assessments passed in 2025 (2024 in brackets).

Warwickshire members achieved the following awards:

- 40 (30) Basic Certificates
- 5 (8) Honey Bee Health Certificates
- 19 (24) Modules (15 were Module 3)
- 1 (1) Advanced Theory Certificates
- 4 (3) General Husbandry

General Husbandry Certificates were awarded to:

- Julian Humphreys (Coventry)
- James Thorne (Solihull)
- Julia Wigfield (Sutton)
- Alex Wray (Warwick and Leamington)

All the trainers and assessors in all the branches should be proud of this achievement!

Modules achieved 2025 (Not including November 2025).

The large number of Module 3 passes reflects the success of the module group run by David Bonner of Coventry Branch.

	Pass	Credit	Distinction	Total
Module 2	1			1
Module 3	9	2	4	15
Module 5		1		1
Module 6	1			1
Module 8	1			1
Total	12	3	4	19

Public Events.

Branches raised awareness of honeybees and their importance by manning displays at fairs and fetes. Members gave talks to schools, Women's Institutes, Brownies, Rotarians, gardening groups, allotmenters, as well as U3A and other community groups and also attended at residential homes, open gardens, seed swaps, and a Building Society. Throughout all these events there was focus on raising awareness about the threat from the invasive insect, the yellow-legged hornet (YLH). Below is a selection of some of the bigger events attended:

- Ecofest, Leamington Spa
- The World of Bees, Kingsbury Water Park
- Shape Festival, Sandwell
- Shirley Lions Club Carnival
- Woolston Open Gardens
- Dunchurch Show

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- Lark in the Park, Manor Farm Park, Northfield
- Kenilworth Show
- Rugby Spring Fair
- Spring Festival Coventry Cathedral

Trustees' Meetings

Trustees meet four times per year, and their meetings (and the AGM) continued to be held via Zoom.

Honey Shows.

Three branches held honey shows, with the largest held by Birmingham Branch in mid-September at Winterbourne House and Gardens in Edgbaston. This show was held over two days and included observation hives, live bee demonstrations, candle rolling, and information about the yellow legged hornet.

The Association's Honey Show was held on Saturday 27th September at a new venue – St. Mary's Church Hall, West Street, in the county town of Warwick. The venue proved to be an excellent showcase for the high-quality exhibits and the town centre location provided an opportunity to open the show to the public.

Yellow Legged Hornet.

Nationally, 2025 saw a massive increase in both the number of sightings of this unwelcome invasive insect and of nests destroyed. There were 71 sightings in 2024 but 544 in 2025, and 24 nests destroyed in 2024 against 162 in 2025.

Although the YLH has spread beyond the Dover area, reaching Dorset and London, Warwickshire remains a low-risk area, perhaps vulnerable only to opportunistic 'hitch hiking' insects. Two suspected sightings were reported, one in Hinckley and the other at Lapworth. Monitoring was initiated by the Association's action team, but no further sightings were recorded.

YLHAT team have been monitoring the system carefully and have adopted what was considered a proportionate response as far as public awareness is concerned, concentrating effort on public shows and responding to invitations to give talks including an interview on BBC Coventry And Warks Radio. We have engaged actively with the BBKA's YLH initiatives and taken advantage of the resources they offered.

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Subscriptions.

The breakdown of subscriptions for a full registered member for 2025 is shown below:

BBKA Capitation	£23.00
WBKA Capitation	£5.50
Bee Disease Insurance	£2.00

So, a full registered member paid a total subscription of £30.50 plus branch subscriptions that ranged from £6.50 to £15.00. Partner, Junior and Local Members benefitted from lower subscriptions.

Reserves.

The Association reserves policy is as follows: -

- To provide working capital to cover the administration and running of the charity for a period of up to two years and to ensure that the charity can continue and provide support to members and meet its objectives (and its fixed costs) in the event of a large variation of income e.g. a dramatic fall in membership.
- To cover uninsured losses.
- To cover specific projects or acquisitions.

Each branch determines its own application of the Association reserves policy taking into account the particular circumstances of the branch.

	Reserves			Total	Free Reserves	Cash Balances
	Working Capital	Uninsured losses	Specific projects			
Core	£10,700	£0	£0	£10,700	£16,880	£27,580
Birmingham	£1,500	£0	£10,000	£11,500	£11,499	£22,999
Coventry	£1,670	£0	£12,000	£13,670	£7,942	£21,612
Nuneaton	£700	£0	£500	£1,200	£3,689	£4,889
Rugby	£1,750	£0	£0	£1,750	£6,254	£8,004
Shipston	£3,000	£0	£2,000	£5,000	£8,108	£13,108
Solihull	£1,800	£0	£2,000	£3,800	£1,782	£5,582
Sutton	£5,000	£0	£10,000	£15,000	£8,126	£23,126
WLBK	£12,000	£0	£22,921	£34,921	£0	£34,921
Total	<u>£38,120</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£59,421</u>	<u>£97,541</u>	<u>£64,280</u>	<u>£161,821</u>

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2025

Correspondence.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary at the address on page 1.

Approval.

Approved by the Trustees on 18th March 2026, and signed on their behalf by: -



Mr CJ Cox
Chair



Mrs J Brown
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association (the CIO) for the year ended 30th November 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO, 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 CIO 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.



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Date: 23rd March 2026

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

30th NOVEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated to branches	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
Total Cash Funds	<u>£27,580</u>	<u>£134,241</u>	<u>£161,821</u>	<u>£154,584</u>
Memorandum List				
Land and Buildings	£0	£28,516	£28,516	£29,384
Fixtures and Fittings	£0	£6,491	£6,491	£17,761
Furniture and Equipment	£2,710	£36,090	£38,800	£29,234
Stock	£0	£7,418	£7,418	£8,584
Trophies	£16,500	£7,376	£23,876	£22,539
Other	£0	£307	£307	£480
	<u>£19,210</u>	<u>£86,198</u>	<u>£105,408</u>	<u>£107,982</u>
Total Assets	<u>£46,790</u>	<u>£220,439</u>	<u>£267,229</u>	<u>£262,566</u>
Liabilities				
Course fees	£0	-£1,500	-£1,500	-£1,095
Total Liabilities	<u>£0</u>	<u>-£1,500</u>	<u>-£1,500</u>	<u>-£1,095</u>

Note:

The Association also has 333 fully paid £1 shares in BeeCraft Limited. The Company is a 'not for profit' organisation and its shares are neither income producing nor tradeable.

The Trustees confirm that there are no potential liabilities under any guarantees given by the CIO, or any outstanding debts secured by express charge on the assets of the CIO as at 30th November 2025.

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	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
RECEIPTS				
1) Voluntary Sources				
BBKA Subscription	£0	£17,740	£17,740	£18,365
WBKA Subscription	£4,603	-£25	£4,578	£4,747
Branch Subscriptions	£0	£8,860	£8,860	£8,248
BDI Premiums Members	£0	£3,514	£3,514	£3,532
Gift Aid tax refund	£0	£5,960	£5,960	£5,980
Donations	£0	£1,983	£1,983	£1,520
Grants	£0	£0	£0	£0
	<u>£4,603</u>	<u>£38,032</u>	<u>£42,635</u>	<u>£42,392</u>
2) Trading Activities - Primary and Ancillary Trading (Tax Exempt)				
Course Fees	£2,626	£13,724	£16,350	£11,996
Events (including honey sales, candle sales, demos and displays)	£0	£11,625	£11,625	£12,324
Hire of apiary sites and equipment to members	£0	£615	£615	£471
Sales to further members' craft of beekeeping	£0	£32,884	£32,884	£31,022
Advertising income	£298	£0	£298	£298
Refreshments (sales)	£0	£0	£0	£63
Miscellaneous	£0	£2,345	£2,345	£1,608
	<u>£2,924</u>	<u>£61,193</u>	<u>£64,117</u>	<u>£57,782</u>
3) Income from Assets				
Bank and building society Interest	£219	£1,467	£1,686	£1,774
Sale of assets	£0	£0	£0	£158
	<u>£219</u>	<u>£1,467</u>	<u>£1,686</u>	<u>£1,932</u>
4) Miscellaneous				
Fundraising Events	£0	£1,048	£1,048	£781
Miscellaneous	£100	£938	£1,038	£339
	<u>£100</u>	<u>£1,986</u>	<u>£2,086</u>	<u>£1,120</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>£7,846</u></u>	<u><u>£102,678</u></u>	<u><u>£110,524</u></u>	<u><u>£103,226</u></u>

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	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
PAYMENTS				
5) Direct Charitable expenditure				
Members' Capitation Fees - BBKA	£0	£18,107	£18,107	£18,312
Members' Capitation Fees - WBKA	£0	£21	£21	£-6
BDI Premiums: Members only	£0	£3,597	£3,597	£3,560
BDI Premiums: Branch Training Apiary	£0	£50	£50	£47
Hire of rooms for meetings	£30	£3,583	£3,613	£3,409
Speakers/lecturers fees	£100	£2,043	£2,143	£2,540
Training Apiary Expenses	£0	£8,535	£8,535	£8,610
Extraction Unit Expenses	£0	£3,255	£3,255	£1,437
Honey show expenses	£1,379	£3,499	£4,878	£3,889
Training Course Expenses and Consumables	£2,786	£4,254	£7,040	£6,798
Demonstrations and displays costs	£0	£2,079	£2,079	£1,798
Insurance	£194	£1,842	£2,036	£1,849
Other educational expenses	£0	£1,072	£1,072	£1,070
	<u>£4,489</u>	<u>£51,937</u>	<u>£56,426</u>	<u>£53,313</u>
6) Other expenditure				
Purchases of stock to further members' craft of beekeeping	£0	£30,301	£30,301	£31,391
7) Miscellaneous Payments				
Gifts	£250	£853	£1,103	£714
Bank Charges	£0	£483	£483	£394
Refreshments	£0	£826	£826	£1,281
Telephone, postage, stationery	£4	£70	£74	£169
Website costs	£30	£1,462	£1,492	£1,915
Digital subscriptions	£274	£251	£525	£927
Professional fees	£0	£200	£200	£200
Honoraria and Officers Expenses	£500	£858	£1,358	£1,568
Miscellaneous	£0	£4,946	£4,946	£4,771
	<u>£1,058</u>	<u>£9,949</u>	<u>£11,007</u>	<u>£11,939</u>
8) Fixed Assets (Purchases)				
Training Equipment	£0	£302	£302	£2,128
Show Equipment	£627	£1,835	£2,462	£478
Honey Extraction Equipment	£0	£1,071	£1,071	£539
Training Apiary Equipment	£0	£1,573	£1,573	£2,105
Library	£0	£145	£145	£92
	<u>£627</u>	<u>£4,926</u>	<u>£5,553</u>	<u>£5,342</u>

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Total Payments	<u>£6,174</u>	<u>£97,113</u>	<u>£103,287</u>	<u>£101,985</u>
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
Total Receipts less Total Payments	£1,672	£5,565	£7,237	£1,241
Transfers between funds	-£70	£70	£0	£0
Balance brought forward	£25,978	£128,606	£154,584	£153,343
Cash Funds at year end	<u>£27,580</u>	<u>£134,241</u>	<u>£161,821</u>	<u>£154,584</u>

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Education

Branches provided introductory courses to train new beekeepers who were then given help and guidance at a local level.

In addition to these training activities the Association organised courses covering Swarm Control and Queen Rearing. Also, a BBKA Module 1 County-wide study group was run with participants taking their exams in November 2024, and a Microscopy Group ran throughout the year with a series of face to face and on-line meetings.

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Members enjoyed a winter programme of lectures via webinars covering honey bee nutrition by Peter Sutcliffe, the perilous life of drones by Dr Alison McAfee, and queen rearing on a small scale by Lynfa Davies.

The focus of the education programme is to encourage members to study, with many then choosing to complete the BBKA exams and assessments. 2024 was a successful year with many members passing their assessments and exams. Of particular note are the three members who passed their General Husbandry qualifications (Graham Franklin, Paul Friend and Sheldon Steele). Paul and Graham have also trained to become BBKA Basic Assessors and Jane Nimmo completed the training to be a BBKA Honey Bee Health Assessor and passed the BBKA's Advanced Theory Certificate.

Below is a summary table of the exam and assessments for the current year, although the results of the module exams in November 2024 are not yet available. All our branches have had exam successes, and our thanks goes to our excellent team of Education Coordinators and our exam secretary Jane Medwell.

Table 1: Exams and qualifications up to November 2024

Qualifications	Number of members
BBKA Basic Assessment	30
Honeybee Health	8
General Husbandry	3
BBKA Module 1	6
BBKA Module 7	1
BBKA Module 8	1
Advanced Theory Certificate	1

And the table below reports on the qualifications achieved in November 2023 as the results are not available for several months and so were not covered in the previous Trustees' Report.

Table 2: Exams and qualifications achieved November 2024

Qualifications	Number of members
BBKA Module 1	1
BBKA Module 2	1
BBKA Module 3	2
BBKA Module 6	1
Intermediate Theory Certificate	1
Microscopy Certificate	1

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Public Events.

Branches raised awareness of honeybees and their importance by manning displays at fairs and fetes. In addition to smaller local events, members gave talks to a variety of groups. There was an increased focus on raising awareness about the threat of the yellow-legged hornet (YLH). Below is a selection of some of the bigger events attended and/or organised.

Table 3: Selection of large public events and shows for raising awareness of honey bees and the YLH

Event	Number of visitors	Comment
Compton Verney Bee Wild Weekend	1000+	Observation hive, live bee demo, information stand
Ecofest at Leamington Spa	1000+	Observation hive, live bee demo, information stand
Sandwell Shape Festival	3000+	Stand, observation hive, info on YLH
Warwickshire's Finest Show	1000+	Observation hive, live bee demo, information stand

Trustees' Meetings

Some of the habits adopted during the pandemic proved beneficial, so Trustees' meetings (and the AGM) continued to be held via Zoom.

A Trustee training day was held on 24th February 2024 to look at strategic planning with inputs from West Midlands Police on cyber security.

Honey Shows.

Four branches held honey shows, with the largest held by Birmingham Branch in early September at Winterbourne House and Gardens in Edgbaston. This show was held over two days and included observation hives and live bee demonstrations. It took over 50 volunteers to organise and was attended by over 3,500 visitors.

The Association's Honey show held at Kings Hill Nursery on Saturday 28th September was a resounding success. Enthusiastic beekeepers showcased their finest honey, wax products, and delicious bakes. The open novice judging was once again an informative way to teach beekeepers novice and experienced, about expert preparation of honey and beeswax.

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Yellow Legged Hornet.

In response to the unexpectedly large number of incursions by Yellow Legged Hornets (YLH), also known as the Asian Hornet in 2023, and to the concern that it could spread from the South-East as far as Warwickshire in 2024, the Association's Asian Hornet Action Team embarked on an awareness campaign of the threat posed by this insect. This was achieved by presentations at each branch to bring members up to speed and by talks to various public organisations to recruit their help in spotting any incursions. These included the identification of the YLH and the reporting of any sightings. For beekeepers, the trapping methods and protective measures that can be taken were demonstrated using equipment purchased from funds provided by the Association. Each branch has been issued with traps to be deployed in response to any sightings. Advantage was taken of Public Shows and other events to spread the word. In the event, the feared spread of the YLH did not materialise in 2024, but the AHAT remain prepared to react should needs must in 2025.

Subscriptions.

The breakdown of subscriptions for a full registered member for 2024 is shown below:

BBKA Capitation	£21.00
WBKA Capitation	£5.50
Bee Disease Insurance	£2.00

So, a full registered member paid a total subscription of £28.50 plus branch subscriptions that ranged from £4.00 to £14.50. Partner, Junior and Local Members benefitted from lower subscriptions.

Reserves.

The Association reserves policy is as follows: -

- To provide working capital to cover the administration and running of the charity for a period of up to two years and to ensure that the charity can continue and provide support to members and meet its objectives in the event of a large variation of income e.g., a dramatic fall in membership.
- To replace capital equipment.
- To cover specific projects or acquisitions.

Each branch determines its own application of the Association reserves policy taking into account the particular circumstances of the branch.

The table below shows the reserves for the core and for each branch at 30th November 2024. The reserves policy was reviewed in 2023/24 and will change slightly in 2024/5.

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Reserves at 30th November 2024

	Reserves			Total	Free Reserves	Cash Balances
	Working Capital	Capital Replacement	Specific projects			
Core	£10,700			£10,700	£15,278	£25,978
Birmingham	£1,500		£10,000	£11,500	£10,707	£22,207
Coventry	£1,650	£2,000	£10,000	£13,650	£6,960	£20,610
Nuneaton	£700	£500		£1,200	£3,507	£4,707
Rugby	£1,750			£1,750	£5,552	£7,302
Shipston	£3,000	£2,000		£5,000	£6,532	£11,532
Solihull	£1,800	£1,000	£1,000	£3,800	£2,030	£5,830
Sutton	£5,000			£5,000	£16,850	£21,850
WLBK	£12,000	£10,000	£12,568	£34,568	£0	£34,568
Total	<u>£38,100</u>	<u>£15,500</u>	<u>£33,568</u>	<u>£87,168</u>	<u>£67,416</u>	<u>£154,584</u>

Correspondence.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary at the address on page 1.

Approval.

Approved by the Trustees on 26th March 2025, and signed on their behalf by: -



Mr CJ Cox
Chair



Mrs J Brown
Treasurer

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association (the CIO) for the year ended 30th November 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO, 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 CIO 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.



David W Cox FCMA, CGMA
Chartered Management Accountant
Hill View
6, Manor Fields
Bishampton
Worcs WR10 2PF

Date: 01st April 2025

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

30th NOVEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated to branches	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
Total Cash Funds	<u>£25,978</u>	<u>£128,606</u>	<u>£154,584</u>	<u>£153,343</u>
Memorandum List				
Land and Buildings	£0	£29,384	£29,384	£30,503
Fixtures and Fittings	£0	£17,761	£17,761	£18,371
Furniture and Equipment	£2,603	£26,631	£29,234	£29,682
Stock	£0	£8,584	£8,584	£6,174
Trophies	£15,000	£7,539	£22,539	£22,743
Other	£0	£480	£480	£600
	<u>£17,603</u>	<u>£90,379</u>	<u>£107,982</u>	<u>£108,073</u>
Total Assets	<u>£43,581</u>	<u>£218,985</u>	<u>£262,566</u>	<u>£261,416</u>
Liabilities				
Course fees	£0	-£1,095	-£1,095	-£1,655
Total Liabilities	<u>£0</u>	<u>-£1,095</u>	<u>-£1,095</u>	<u>-£1,655</u>

Note:

The Association also has 333 fully paid £1 shares in BeeCraft Limited. The Company is a 'not for profit ' organisation and its shares are neither income producing nor tradeable.

The Trustees confirm that there are no potential liabilities under any guarantees given by the CIO, or any outstanding debts secured by express charge on the assets of the CIO as at 30th November 2024.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
1) Voluntary Sources				
BBKA Subscription	£0	£18,365	£18,365	£18,653
WBKA Subscription	£4,677	£70	£4,747	£4,829
Branch Subscriptions	£0	£8,248	£8,248	£8,485
BDI Premiums Members	£0	£3,532	£3,532	£3,434
Gift Aid tax refund	£0	£5,980	£5,980	£6,090
Donations	£0	£1,520	£1,520	£1,689
Grants	£0	£0	£0	£0
	<u>£4,677</u>	<u>£37,715</u>	<u>£42,392</u>	<u>£43,180</u>
2) Trading Activities - Primary and Ancillary Trading (Tax Exempt)				
Course Fees	£1,044	£10,952	£11,996	£14,769
Events (including honey sales, candle sales, demos and displays)	£0	£12,324	£12,324	£12,549
Hire of apiary sites and equipment to members	£0	£471	£471	£376
BeeCraft Magazine Subscriptions	£0	£0	£0	£753
Sales to further members' craft of beekeeping	£0	£31,022	£31,022	£30,552
Advertising income	£298	£0	£298	£460
Refreshments (sales)	£0	£63	£63	£605
Miscellaneous	£0	£1,608	£1,608	£3,029
	<u>£1,342</u>	<u>£56,440</u>	<u>£57,782</u>	<u>£63,093</u>
3) Income from Assets				
Bank and building society Interest	£313	£1,461	£1,774	£912
Sale of assets	£0	£158	£158	£0
	<u>£313</u>	<u>£1,619</u>	<u>£1,932</u>	<u>£912</u>
4) Miscellaneous				
Fundraising Events	£0	£781	£781	£502
Miscellaneous	£0	£339	£339	£514
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£1,120</u>	<u>£1,120</u>	<u>£1,016</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>£6,332</u></u>	<u><u>£96,894</u></u>	<u><u>£103,226</u></u>	<u><u>£108,201</u></u>

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2024

PAYMENTS

5) Direct Charitable expenditure

Members' Capitation Fees - BBKA	£0	£18,312	£18,312	£18,885
Members' Capitation Fees - WBKA	£0	-£6	-£6	-£6
BDI Premiums: Members only	£0	£3,560	£3,560	£3,447
BDI Premiums: Branch Training Apiary	£0	£47	£47	£57
Hire of rooms for meetings	£280	£3,129	£3,409	£1,876
Speakers/lecturers fees	£223	£2,317	£2,540	£1,848
Training Apiary Expenses	£0	£8,610	£8,610	£8,199
Extraction Unit Expenses	£0	£1,437	£1,437	£994
Honey show expenses	£1,207	£2,682	£3,889	£4,875
Training Course Expenses	£1,022	£4,637	£5,659	£4,658
Training Consumables	£1,041	£98	£1,139	£72
Demonstrations and displays costs	£0	£1,798	£1,798	£2,989
Insurance	£176	£1,673	£1,849	£1,503
Other educational expenses	£0	£1,070	£1,070	£425
	<u>£3,949</u>	<u>£49,364</u>	<u>£53,313</u>	<u>£49,822</u>

6) Other expenditure

BeeCraft magazine subscriptions	£0	£0	£0	£743
Purchases of stock to further members' craft of beekeeping	£0	£31,391	£31,391	£29,060
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£31,391</u>	<u>£31,391</u>	<u>£29,803</u>

7) Miscellaneous Payments

Gifts	£225	£489	£714	£1,056
Bank Charges	£0	£394	£394	£389
Refreshments	£0	£1,281	£1,281	£899
Telephone, postage, stationery	£0	£169	£169	£537
Website costs	£43	£1,872	£1,915	£1,320
Digital subscriptions	£469	£458	£927	£1,214
Professional fees	£0	£200	£200	£200
Honoraria and Officers Expenses	£350	£1,218	£1,568	£877
Miscellaneous	£0	£4,771	£4,771	£2,785
	<u>£1,087</u>	<u>£10,852</u>	<u>£11,939</u>	<u>£9,277</u>

8) Fixed Assets (Purchases)

Training Equipment	£1,471	£657	£2,128	£2,204
Show Equipment	£0	£478	£478	£3,781
Honey Extraction Equipment	£0	£539	£539	£0
Training Apiary Equipment	£0	£2,105	£2,105	£3,291
Library	£0	£92	£92	£221
	<u>£1,471</u>	<u>£3,871</u>	<u>£5,342</u>	<u>£9,497</u>

Total Payments	<u>£6,507</u>	<u>£95,478</u>	<u>£101,985</u>	<u>£98,399</u>
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
Total Receipts less Total Payments	-£175	£1,416	£1,241	£9,802
Transfers between funds	-£50	£50	£0	£0
Balance brought forward	£26,203	£127,140	£153,343	£143,541
Cash Funds at year end	<u>£25,978</u>	<u>£128,606</u>	<u>£154,584</u>	<u>£153,343</u>

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1197656

Accounts

Charity No. 1197656

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2022

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Number: 1197656

Trustees:

Mr M West – President
Miss S Peckett – Chair until 27th July 2022
Mr J Patel - Chair from 27th July 2022
Ms J Nimmo – Honorary Secretary
Mrs J Brown – Honorary Treasurer
Mr P Baines
Mrs J Barclay Until 27th July 2022
Mr P Barclay
Mr B Brown
Mr C Cox
Mr R Evans
Mr J Fell From 27th July 2022
Mrs D Grove From 30th March 2022
Mr A Heath
Mr Stephen Martin
Mr D Nethercleft
Mr J Routh
Mr R Stephenson
Mr M Styles
Ms M Tavilla Until 30th March 2022
Mr M Wibberley
Mrs J Willetts

Principal address: Honorary Secretary

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THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2022

Structure, Governance and Management.

The Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association (WBKA or The Association) was approved by the Charity Commission on 25th January 2022. It is governed by its Constitution as accepted by the Charity Commission.

The Association is affiliated to The British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA). The WBKA has a core function and eight branches governed by rules set out in Part 2 of its Constitution. The accounting period ends on 30th November each year.

Trustees.

The trustees serving throughout the year are shown on page 1.

The trustees include the Chair, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, the President, and at least one and up to two elected trustees from each branch. Appointments are made in accordance with the governing document.

Object and Activities for the Public Benefit.

The objects of the charity, as set out in its governing document, are: -

"to advance the education of the public and beekeepers in the craft of beekeeping and promote the importance of bees in the environment."

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the general guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in carrying out the charity's objects.

Achievements and Performance and Financial Review.

The Association operated in shadow form in 2022. An association bank account was opened, and the Trustees agreed that the charity would become operational on 1st December 2022.

At the AGM held on 31st March 2022, the predecessor charity (The Warwickshire Bee-keepers Association, Charity Registration no. 500276) instructed that its entire assets should be transferred to the new charity as soon as reasonably possible. In accordance with this instruction, an advance of £10,010 was transferred on 28th November 2022 with the balance of assets to be transferred in the financial year commencing 1st December 2022.

The opening of new bank accounts and subsequent receipts and transfers to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation prior to its operational date of 01/12/22 have been examined and approved by the Independent Examiner of the predecessor charity (although it is not a Charity Commission requirement for this to be done).

A Trustees' meeting was held via Zoom on 27th July 2022. At this meeting, Jitesh Patel was appointed as Chair.

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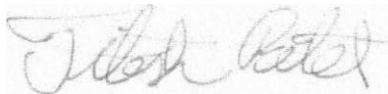
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Correspondence.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary at the address on page 1.

Approval.

Approved by the Trustees on 29th March 2023, and signed on their behalf by: -



Mr J Patel
Chair



Mrs J Brown
Treasurer

THE WARWICKSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

30th NOVEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2022
Total Cash Funds	<u>£60</u>	<u></u>	<u>£60</u>
Total Assets	<u>£60</u>	<u></u>	<u>£60</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted but Designated to Branches	Total 2022
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Sources			
Donations	£60		£60
Total Receipts	<u>£60</u>	<u></u>	<u>£60</u>