



# WOKINGHAM & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Helping honeybees & beekeepers since 1946

Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association CIO

Charity Number 1200002

## Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 August 2025

The Trustees of the Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The Association has operated since 1946 and became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 9 August 2022 which included the regulations for appointment of trustees.

### **AIMS**

The Association promotes good beekeeping and encourages people to learn about the fascinating world of the honeybee, the art of beekeeping and the benefit of bees in the environment.

As part of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) our members can enjoy a range of benefits including – BBKA News, Insurance and much more.

The Association is a focal point for local beekeepers, providing opportunities for members to network with other beekeepers and keep on learning by:

- *taking part in our seasonal, weekly inspections at the Apiary*
- *getting together with other beekeepers, twice a month, at informal spring and summer meetings, and*
- *attending our monthly winter meetings and listening to talks and presentations by experts*

Attendance at one or more of our Open sessions at the Association's apiary in the spring or summer gives an introduction to the art of beekeeping. Members and non-members are also welcome to come and meet us at one of our regular association meetings.

Visitors of all ages are welcome. The CIO's area of benefit is the Borough of Wokingham and the surrounding districts.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Funded:**

- Membership of the BBKA and basic Bee Disease Insurance is provided for members.
- Members and guests meet monthly from October to March in a formal setting. At some of these meetings we have presentations from experienced beekeepers.
- The charity's teaching apiary provides members a place where members can get hands on experience and non-beekeepers can observe inspections.
- The Charity rents stalls at local shows and carnivals in order to provide information to the public and to sell honey and bee-related products.

- Each year a Honey Show is held where members judge each other's hive products.
- The charity has a range of equipment that can be hired by beekeepers.
- The charity pays the membership fees of its Honorary President.

#### **Non-Funded:**

- Volunteer members provide a swarm collection service.
- During April to September, we meet socially twice a month.
- Managing levels of BDI insurance for those members who have more than 3 and up to 49 colonies.
- Provision of an online course for beekeeper beginners.
- Support of beekeepers taking proficiency examinations.
- Support of beekeepers by assisting with mentoring.
- Circulation of available apiaries offered by members of the community.
- Bulk purchasing of treatments to provide cost savings and standard medicines.
- Bulk purchase of feed and jars to provide cost savings.

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

Our key objectives for the year included:

- to broaden the appeal at the association apiary
- to enhance local general knowledge of invasive species
- to continue to provide interesting and educational lectures for members
- to increase the members' knowledge of bee diseases
- to provide continuing support of local beekeepers and potential local beekeepers
- to play our part in the life of our local community through involvement at carnivals and fairs

#### **MEMBER NUMBERS AND FEES**

There were 129 members throughout the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Approximately 25 members of the public were welcomed to our open sessions at the association apiary through the summer of 2025

Our annual fee for membership was £38.00 which included membership of the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) and Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) for up to 3 colonies of honey bees.

The BBKA provides insurance for all its members and member associations for £10 million Product and Product Liability Insurance for Beekeepers

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Charity intends to continue its current strategy of providing beekeeping support and education to beekeepers, potential beekeepers and members of the public.

#### **FINANCES**

The financial statements show net income of £21,755 and outgoings of £18,757

Our main source of retained income is the membership fees.

We also act as bulk buyer for honey jars plus food and treatments for bees. This generates very little profit but provides consistent treatments for our members' bees and a cheaper way of purchasing consumables.

As a charity we enjoy tax exemption on our activities and are registered for Gift Aid.

The financial benefits we receive from these tax exemptions are all applied for educational purposes and indirectly help us to maintain our educational programme.

### **APIARY**

Our apiary is located in Wokingham on leased land. As such we are at the whim of the landowner should a change in its use occur. For this reason, we maintain a reserve in case we have to move the apiary to a new site.

### **ACCESS POLICY**

It is important to us that access to the education we offer is not restricted to those who can afford to be members. This is why we hold apiary open days and freely provide information at carnivals and fairs.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Committee which meets on a monthly basis, is responsible for the overall management and control of the Wokingham and District Beekeepers Association. The work of implementing the non-apiary policies is monitored by the trustees. The apiary itself is managed by our Apiary Manager. Other volunteers from the membership assist with many and varied tasks that keep the charity running.

The W&DBKA Chairman is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Committee. The treasurer is responsible for the Association's finances.

All committee members and trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

No committee member is allowed to commit to new spending without agreement of at least one other committee member.

### **COMMITTEE AND CHARITY TRUSTEES**

Many of the Committee are charity trustees of Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association. New Committee members are appointed by the members at the AGM which takes place in the Autumn after the main beekeeping season has ended.

These Trustees served throughout the year 2023/24:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Post</b>              | <b>Date appointed</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gillian Turner | Chair & Trustee          | 11 October 2023       |
| John Waddelove | Trustee                  | 02 October 2022       |
| Peter Munday   | (Co-)Secretary & Trustee | 11 October 2023       |
| Lori Munday    | (Co-)Secretary & Trustee | 11 October 2023       |

|               |                                                        |                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tony Lack     | Treasurer & Learning and Development Officer & Trustee | 02 October 2022 |
| Kevin Cowley  | Vice Chair & Trustee                                   | 02 October 2022 |
| Peter Butcher | Membership Secretary & Trustee                         | 02 October 2022 |
| Mark Alleyne  | Apiary Manager & Trustee                               | 11 October 2023 |

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

**Addresses:** W&DBKA C/O 20 Westmorland Close, Wokingham, RG41 3AZ

**Bankers:** Lloyds Bank Plc



**Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association**  
**Annual Accounts - Year Ended 31st August 2025**

| 2023/24          |  | Income & Expenditure Account as at 05 Sep 25             | 2024/25          |
|------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| £                |  | <b>Income</b>                                            |                  |
| 1,820.00         |  | Members Subscriptions                                    | 1,903.50         |
| 2,241.50         |  | BBKA Capitation Collected                                | 2,381.00         |
| 459.95           |  | BDI Premiums Collected                                   | 530.40           |
| 692.12           |  | Gift Aid received from Inland Revenue                    | 892.64           |
| 534.00           |  | Honey Sales                                              | 3,470.30         |
| 215.00           |  | Equipment Hire                                           | 355.00           |
| 9,922.93         |  | Sale of stock (Ambrosia, clothing, treatments, jars etc) | 10,349.44        |
| 493.92           |  | Colonies Sold                                            | 268.86           |
| 379.40           |  | Raffle Proceeds                                          | 551.00           |
| 0.00             |  | BBKA Expenses paid                                       | 83.60            |
| 109.86           |  | Bank Interest                                            | 72.18            |
| 99.00            |  | Donations                                                | 897.09           |
| <b>16,967.68</b> |  |                                                          | <b>21,755.01</b> |
|                  |  | <b>Expenditure (excluding asset additions)</b>           |                  |
| 2,514.50         |  | BBKA Members Capitation Fees                             | 2,423.00         |
| 42.00            |  | BBKA Club Capitation Fees (Apiary & President)           | 55.50            |
| 512.30           |  | BDI Premiums - Members                                   | 539.10           |
| 27.10            |  | BDI Premiums - Club                                      | 24.60            |
| 75.00            |  | Guest Speakers                                           | 50.00            |
| 9,221.01         |  | Cost of stock (Ambrosia, clothing, treatments, jars etc) | 12,702.81        |
| 710.00           |  | Room Hire                                                | 500.00           |
| 186.00           |  | Website & Software Costs                                 | 354.15           |
| 603.29           |  | Apiary - Equipment / Consumables                         | 952.84           |
| 943.27           |  | Club - Equipment / Consumables / Maintenance             | 968.10           |
| 225.60           |  | BBKA Expenses                                            | 147.00           |
| 0.00             |  | Gifts & Prizes                                           | 40.00            |
| <u>15,060.07</u> |  |                                                          | <u>18,757.10</u> |
| <b>1,907.61</b>  |  | <b>Surplus / (Deficit) - C/Fwd to Reserves</b>           | <b>2,997.91</b>  |
|                  |  | <b>Balance Sheet @ 31st August 2025</b>                  |                  |
| 2023/24          |  |                                                          | 2024/25          |
| £                |  |                                                          | £                |
| 1,818.73         |  | <b>Equipment</b>                                         |                  |
| 1,191.84         |  | Net Book Value - B/Fwd                                   | 2,257.93         |
| (752.64)         |  | Additions at cost in the year                            | 1,583.23         |
|                  |  | Depreciation on equipment in the year at 25%             | (960.29)         |
| <b>2,257.93</b>  |  | <b>Total Equipment Value C/Fwd</b>                       | <b>2,880.87</b>  |
|                  |  | <b>Cash</b>                                              |                  |
| 241.60           |  | Petty cash held By Treasurer                             | 343.80           |
| 5,011.95         |  | Lloyds Bank Business Savings Account                     | 6,500.00         |
| 405.23           |  | Lloyds Bank Current Account                              | 229.66           |
| <b>5,658.78</b>  |  | <b>Total Cash</b>                                        | <b>7,073.46</b>  |
|                  |  | <b>Stock</b>                                             |                  |
| 39.00            |  | Cost of Stock                                            | 2,353.37         |
| <b>39.00</b>     |  | <b>Total Stock</b>                                       | <b>2,353.37</b>  |
|                  |  | <b>Investments</b>                                       |                  |
| 0.00             |  | BeeCraft Shares                                          | 39.00            |
| <b>0.00</b>      |  | <b>Total Equity</b>                                      | <b>39.00</b>     |
| <b>7,955.71</b>  |  |                                                          | <b>12,346.70</b> |
|                  |  | <b>Represented by reserves:</b>                          |                  |
|                  |  | <b>General Fund</b>                                      |                  |
| 6,761.74         |  | Balance B/Fwd From previous year                         | 7,955.71         |
| 1,907.61         |  | Income & Expenditure Account - Surpl/(Def)               | 2,997.91         |
|                  |  | Cost of stock                                            | 2,353.37         |
| 39.00            |  | BeeCraft Shares (Added June 2024, no cost)               | 0.00             |
| (752.64)         |  | Depreciation on equipment In the year at 25%             | (960.29)         |
| <b>7,955.71</b>  |  | Balance C/Fwd @ 31st August                              | <b>12,346.70</b> |
| <b>7,955.71</b>  |  | <b>Total Reserves @ 31st August</b>                      | <b>12,346.70</b> |

**Treasurer's / Examiner's Report**

In our opinion the above statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Wokingham & District Beekeepers Associations affairs as at 31st August 2025 and for the year then ended. This opinion has been established by review of the accounting statements, underlying records and documentation.

Tony Lack  
Treasurer

Tim Nabbs  
Examiner

## **Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association**

### **Notes to Annual Accounts - Year Ended 31st August 2025**

#### **Income & Expenditure Account**

Overall income exceeded expenditure by £2,997.91. This is around £1,000 more than last year and is mostly accounted for by an increase in Honey Sales. This reflects on the success at the Apiary, at Carnivals and the work of Mary who bottles and sells it for us.

I continue to desire and oversee an increase in our cash accounts which allows us to continue to build a safety net in case the apiary gets evicted.

#### **Income Notes**

- Honey Sales – Income from the sales of our association product £3,470
- Gift Aid – The tax refunded by the government of the standard subscription was £892
- Carnivals – We raised good income at Wokingham & Bracknell shows.
- Mary's raffle - Helps considerably toward the costs of the meetings at the Bowling Club.
- Mark's efforts at the Apiary raising nucs for members brought in about £270.

#### **Expenditure Notes**

- The Apiary rightly remains a big spender with over £900 being spent on the bees. But a similar amount gets spent on other club activities such as the expense of attending shows.
- Purchases of new equipment is recorded as assets.

#### **Explanations**

- The sales via bulk purchase of Jars, ambrosia, fondant, foundation etc are not designed to raise any income but they usually turn a small profit. For the first time these accounts reflect the stock value of these items. This sits at about £2,300

#### **Balance Sheet**

Cash, reserves and assets stood at £9,955.71 at the end of last year and now stands at £12,346.70. A lot of this is the ~£2,300 of stock but the ~£3,000 income surplus has really boosted the balance too.

#### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions were increased last year but as we have a cash reserve of over £7,000 I do not propose any increase this year. The fact that most of us pay our subscriptions as Gift Aid helps enormously.

The BBKA has increased its subscription so the overall change for we members is just the BBKA element. Last year I suggested we would have to increase subs for 2025-26, but I am pleased to report that I don't feel that is necessary.

**Proposal:** Standard subscriptions for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 to be £15(WDBKA) + £23(BBKA) + BDI premiums for beekeeping members and £15(WDBKA) for those who don't have bees and don't want BBKA membership

Overall, the Association's financial position remains strong with cash reserves adequate to meet its short-term financial commitments. The Association has no known undisclosed liabilities nor future commitments outside of its ordinary operating activity.

My thanks go to member Tim Nabbs who has once again audited the WDBKA accounts for us.

If any member of the association has any questions with respect to the financial information presented, I will be happy to do my best to answer them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony Lack', written in a cursive style.

Tony Lack. Treasurer and Trustee.  
September 2025.