



Portsmouth & District
Beekeeping Association

2024 Annual Report





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About PDBKA

Report Foreword

Welcome to the first annual report of Portsmouth & District Beekeeping Association in its registered status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The association previously held registration with the Charity Commission as a standard charity, and as part of updating its constitution and governance to reflect changes in legislation, best practice, technology and environment took the decision to convert to a CIO. Following approval by the Charity Commission, a transition period occurred, culminating in the transfer of assets to the new CIO and closure of the previous charity registration. This report covers the period from CIO registration to the end of the first full financial year (October 2024). We hope that this report provides you with insight into the activities that have been undertaken to support the charity in achieving its charitable objects.



Report & Administrative Details



The Trustees of the Association present to you their report and financial statements for the period from incorporation up until 31st October 2024.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the Charities Act 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the SORP charity reporting requirements (2015).

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The 2024 Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on the 14th November 2024.



Registered Address

The Skep
Bastion 3
Scott Road
Hilsea
Portsmouth
PO3 5JH



Registered Charity

1203495

Incorporated as a CIO 9 June 2023
Funds and assets transferred from previous charity registration (1095925) on 3 June 2024, following accounts up to 31 October 2023 being submitted to Charity Commission and previous charity registration closed.

Our work for public benefit

Portsmouth and District Beekeeping Association (PDBKA) is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The CIO is governed by its constitution and subsidiary Rules. The trustees and appointed persons are members of the association who volunteer their time and expertise to the charity.

The association holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM), with annual trustee elections for terms of office of three years.

The board met 13 times in the reporting period.

All trustees give their time freely and trustees were only remunerated for any direct and approved expenses for the purchase of items for member services, such as meeting refreshments and advance payment for collective feed purchases.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the board and, in accordance with PDBKA policy, withdraw from decisions when a conflict of interest arises.

The charitable objects of PDBKA are:

- to advance the education of the public and beekeepers of the importance of bees in the environment and the craft of beekeeping
- to promote and further the craft of beekeeping within Portsmouth and the surrounding district

Recognising Our Volunteers

The association is only able to undertake its activities due to the time and commitment provided by volunteers. Here we recognise those who have been active volunteers for the CIO during the reporting period of this report.



Trustees

- Mr M Cotton (Apt: Jun 2023)
- Ms E Evans (Apt: Jan 2024)
- Ms S Fitzgerald (Apt: Jun 2023)
- Ms W Gilbert (Apt: Jun 2023)
- Ms D Hodgson (Apt: Jun 2023)
- Dr G Jones (Apt: Jun 2023)
- Ms A Smith (Apt: Jan 2024)

Appointed Roles

Appointed for terms from 1st Jan 2024

- Apiary Managers
 - Ms J Porter (until Aug 2024), Ms L Smith and Mr C Mcgaughey
- Asian Hornet Team Coordinator
 - Mr J Wheeldon (until Feb 2024)
- Bee Health Advisor
 - Mr M Page
- Education Coordinator
 - Ms L Smith
- Show Secretary
 - Ms A Smith and Dr G Jones
- Skep Manager
 - Mr C Mcgaughey
- Social Secretary
 - Ms E Evans and Ms S Northeast
- Swarms Coordinator
 - Ms A Smith (until May 2024) and Mr M Cotton (from May 2024)
- Website Manager
 - Mr M Serban



Shows & Communications

- Ms J Rowlands, Ms E Evans,
- Ms S Northeast, Mr A Byng,
- Ms B Harding, Ms L Smith,
- Ms A Copeland, Ms M Baron,
- Ms M Dombey, Mr D Woods,
- Mr M Lilley, Ms L Turrill,
- Ms M Papanikolaou, Mr M Serban,
- Mr B Pendleton, Ms N Pendleton
- Dr G Jones, Ms J Smith,
- Mr P Cowtan, Ms A Gerrard,
- Ms S Braines, Mr D Braines,
- Mr R Mort, Mr M Stallard,
- Ms D Hodgson, Mr J Fowler,
- Ms N Gilraine, Mr R Gilraine,
- Ms W Gilbert, Mr D Nield,
- Mr R Luke, Mr C Good,
- Mr K Scholey, Ms A Smith,



Teaching & Education

- Mr D Woods, Ms L Smith,
- Mr M Cotton, Dr G Jones

Swarm Retrievals

- Ms A Smith , Ms M Dombey,
- Mr M Dombey, Mr D Woods,
- Mr R Hartley, Dr G Jones,
- Ms L Smith, Mr M Cotton,





Governance & Responsibilities

The Constitution and subsidiary rules detail the appointment procedures for Trustees and Appointed Persons. Our Trustees are provided with access to charity trustee training, and signposted to the Charity Commission guidance.

Our Trustees are collectively responsible for setting the PDBKA's vision and activities, ensuring these are in line with our charitable objects.

Trustees with role responsibilities and appointed persons are subsequently charged by the Trustees to manage and deliver the agreed activities which support and further the achievement of these aims and objectives.



Trustee Responsibilities

- To put public benefit at the forefront of any decisions and activities undertaken
- To set the strategic goals and direction of the charity in order to further or support its charitable objectives
- To comply with statutory accounting and reporting requirements
- To declare any potential Conflicts of Interest
- To abide by a Code of Conduct; giving enough time, thought and energy to the role and related training activities
- To make decisions and act in the best interest of the charity and public, ensuring assets and resources are used responsibly to support and perform the charity's purposes
- To ensure compliance with governance and legal requirements
- To act with reasonable care and skill

Keeping public benefit at the heart of all of our decisions

PDBKA


Activities

We are pleased over the next few pages to provide an overview of the activities that have been undertaken over the reporting period. These activities support PDBKA in achieving its charitable objects.






Strengthening Our Governance



As an association we recognised that there was a need to update our governance to ensure that we are compliant with changes in regulations and best practice guidance. This resulted in the association moving its charitable status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and obtaining its own legal identity. In line with this activity, the association revised its constitution to reflect changes in society and Charity Commission requirements, and has been undertaking a programme of policy and procedure updates to ensure that the organisation is safe, effective, ethical and legally compliant in its activities.

Raising Awareness




We have attended local community shows to raise awareness of pollinators, good beekeeping practices, hive products, the threat of the yellow-legged hornet, and improve understanding around honey adulteration. We are pleased to have participated in the Portchester Gala, Rowlands Castle Village Fair, Denmead Village Show, HMS Collingwood Open Day, Stansted Garden Show, Hayling Island Horticultural Show and in Hive Aid at the Staggeringly Good Brewery in Portsmouth..

Talks have been given by Linda Smith, Mike Cotton and Wendy Gilbert on behalf of the association. These have taken place in venues including Care homes, a Horticultural Society and a Hayling Island group. All the talks were well received and appreciated.

We were delighted to be approached by artists participating in Portsmouth Street Art Festival to be the subject for their art installation on the #pasteuppompey wall. The display included fantastic artwork by One000plateaus, a 360 Bee-world video experience by Film Crew 4U and sound track by Get Dewar. This provided a great opportunity to share information and raise awareness with a wide audience.



Local Community Spaces



This year we have developed a close working relationship with the newly appointed Portsmouth Allotment officer so we have a clear vision of spaces available for beekeeping sites. As we move forward into 2025, we aim to develop the same with Havant Council for those who live in the north of Portsmouth.

Inspections have also been made of garden spaces, where members of the public would like a PDBKA member to site and care for bees on their property. Once confirmed as a suitable location, coordination with members has been facilitated to take up these offers.




Resources & Equipment



Lots of Zoom meetings are now becoming available to help beekeepers maintain and develop their knowledge. One area where there has been significant developments over the last year has been in respect to the yellow legged (asian) hornet.

Information has been passed on to members and highlighted on our social media channels of learning opportunities that have been shared with PDBKA, so as to facilitate continual learning and good practice.

PDBKA continues to make equipment available to members, with the loan of extractors having been particularly busy, positively indicating that so many members had thriving and successful colonies this year.




The Skep has continued to provide the opportunity to members of the association to be able to acquire consumables and equipment to support them to uphold good husbandry and ethical beekeeping practices.



This year we have also brought members together to collectively obtain large volumes of Yellow-Legged Hornet Traps for monitoring potential invasion within the local area, and subsequent reporting the DEFRA. Collective ordering of varroa treatments and winter fondant have also been facilitated to support members to manage strong and healthy colonies.

Apiaries

We have maintained out-apiaries at Whale Island and Fort Cumberland. These sites enable members without suitable sites to house colonies on a collective site.



Sadly, this year two of our out apiaries suffered set backs. The moat at Fort Cumberland flooded in the storm. This resulted in a number of hives being submerged or floating in the water. Quick reporting by a member with hives onsite, enabled fellow members to attend and, with the help of two pairs of fishing waders, a collective effort being undertaken to rescue as many hives and colonies as possible. The hives have subsequently been moved to a new site which will not be at risk of flooding. Unfortunately our Whale Island site experienced unexplained colony losses. This sadly also occurred at other apiary sites on the base, Despite the Apiary Managers' investigation, no definitive cause could be identified. The site will be monitored to assess if there are any mitigatable risks.

A training apiary up at the sustainability centre has also been retained and developed. This provides a venue for training new beekeepers in good and ethical practice skills.




Building a community

To nurture good communications and support, PDBKA have undertaken activities to create a community. This has included quizzes, BBQ's and facilitated refreshment breaks.




Swarm Retrievals



We ended the 2023 season with a large number of swarms having been collected and rehomed. The 2024 season saw a variety of weather conditions, which resulted in the swarm calls not being as prolific as previous years.

In the 2024 season a total of 25 calls were received, which included honey bees, hornets, and predominately bumblebees. Mike Cotton was assisted by Mark Dombey, Roy Luke, Ray Hartley and Linda Smith in collection and distribution. The swarm requirement list from members was updated to establish swarm ready hives. Swarms were allocated on a first response basis to phone calls, with it taking on average 6 calls to get a response.



When a public call was received a photo was requested to establish if it was honey bees to save wasted journeys. The collected swarm was offered to the first member who answered the call and was hive ready. For the health of the bees, to maximise survival and limit absconding, swarms were only given to those who had either passed the bee basic certificate or have 2+ years experience. When calls were for sites where collection could not occur due to inaccessibility or outside of insurance cover (e.g. cavities, soffits, roofs, height), these enquiries were referred to a professional removal company.

The 2025 season will be revised and updated to ensure fair distribution to members and limit the risk of disease spread.




Bee Health Advice

The association continues to provide members with bee health advice and support. This includes a dedicated Bee Health Advisor, who members can contact with questions regarding health and disease, with visits to the relevant colonies when needed. A number of members have taken up this service and been provided support with any diseases found.



Membership Report

PDBKA Membership on 31st October 2024 was 153 members.




PDBKA is predominately funded through the collection of association subscriptions, and offers the following categories of membership:

- **Registered Member:** A full member who may intend to keep bees and is 18 years or over. Membership includes BBKA capitation, HBA capitation, BBKA magazine subscription, public and product liability insurance, bee disease insurance (BDI), all association benefits and full voting rights.
- **Junior Member:** An individual under the age of 18 whose beekeeping activities are supervised by a Registered member of PDBKA or other beekeeping association (does not include Insurance).
- **Country Member:** A member who is aged 18 years or over who does not keep bees and does not require public/product liability or bee disease insurance, but does wish to support and be involved with PDBKA. Membership includes BBKA magazine subscription, all association benefits and voting rights.
- **Associate Member:** Individuals aged 18 years or over, corporate bodies or unincorporated body who are current members of another beekeeping association and do not require public/product liability or bee disease Insurance, Hampshire Beekeeping Association (HBA) or British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) membership, but does wish to support and be involved with PDBKA.
- **Honorary Member:** Any individual, upon whom PDBKA may desire, in recognition of their services to beekeeping, to confer the honour of membership of PDBKA without an 'association subscription'.



Subscriptions




In accordance with the association's constitution, an annual 'Association (PDBKA) Subscription' is agreed by the appointed trustees in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The membership will be notified in advance of fees being due and any changes will take effect immediately having been presented at the Annual General Meeting.

For Registered (full) Members, the annual compulsory capitation fees and selected level of Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) cover will be automatically added to the agreed Association subscription and sent to the relevant parties on the members behalf. Subscriptions will run from the 1st January to the following 1st January. Payment of fees is expected to be paid during January.



Insurance

The subscription for Registered Members includes the provision of public and product liability insurance. This ensures that there is suitable protection in place for the public when purchasing pure hive products from members (honey and plain beeswax blocks/candles). Members are also regularly reminded that they are required to hold additional insurance for the giving/selling of any products where something has been added to the pure hive products (incl. beeswax wraps, lip balms, hand creams, coloured/scented candles, preserves etc.).




BDI cover for up to three colonies is included in standard Registered Member subscriptions, and this can be increased for members with additional colonies. This ensures that there is adequate cover in place should any hives/equipment need to be destroyed by the Government's National Bee Unit if European or American Foulbrood is discovered.

Sara Fitzgerald
Membership Secretary




Education and Training Reports



The association provides two core education courses a year, the first being focused on the theory of beekeeping and the second a hands-on practical course. These promote good, ethical husbandry and provide support for those interested in or entering beekeeping, as well as those who would like to gain in confidence.


Introductory (Winter) Training Report

Twenty aspiring new beekeepers joined us for the two day refreshed Introduction to beekeeping course at Portchester Community Centre during February and March, followed by a visit to the training apiary in April.



The course has been aligned to the BBKA book "A Guide to Beekeeping", covering a suite of topics from the history of bees and their lifecycle, through to hives, swarming, diseases and pests. Each candidate received not only a full pack of the presentations, but also their own personal copy of the book to keep as a reference manual.

Many thanks to Linda Smith who supported both days helping out with refreshments and lunches, and to Glenys Jones and Mike Cotton who joined us on the last day for our meet the beekeepers session and a honey tasting.




A special thank you to John Perry, who has led this course for many years for his hard work, dedication and providing the original presentation material, which made the refresh so much easier, and finally to Glenys Jones for proof reading.


Dave Woods
Winter Course Tutor



Supervised Season (Practical) Training Report




This year we had 10 new beekeepers signed up and ready to open up hives at the end of March, but due to very wet weather we couldn't open up hives until third week into April. We were able to check the colonies at the Sustainability Centre throughout the summer, but unfortunately had to regularly re arrange our sessions due to rain. On several occasions we opened up the hives at Blendworth as well, so it was possible to have a couple of sessions within a week. In total there were 25 opportunities for any of the group to attend, this was about 75 hours worth of bee experience. Not everyone in the group could attend every meeting.



We were able to get very hands on and involved in every part of hive checks, finding and marking the queen, dealing with pests, varroa treatments, swarm control, splitting a colony, cutting out queen cells for the incubator, and the manipulation of frames, and removal of honey. (and much more) .

The group was offered an induction to the practical, early April, and also a summer roundup at my house, to go through the beekeeping year and a question and answer session in September.




I hope that the new beekeepers gained enough experience to encourage them to plan on getting bees in the near future, or that it gave already new beekeepers in the group some mentored support. I wish them the best of luck.

Linda Smith
Education Coordinator




Developmental Education Activities Report



This year we have additionally formed some group learning opportunities. These provide an opportunity for those with an interest in learning about specific aspects of the craft of beekeeping to come together to share knowledge and advance their understanding and skills together.


The first group formed is exploring the art of Queen Rearing and have been developing their knowledge and skills regarding a range of different techniques and influencing factors. This has a positive benefit, in that the long term goal is to breed strong queens that are adapted to the local environment, which will help produce strong colonies that will be in the best condition to manage both environmental challenges and the threat of predators.



Winter groups have also been formed, focusing on bee health. With these being divided into two groups to provide an opportunity for those at the beginning of their beekeeping journeys, and those who are more experienced.

Exams

This year PDBKA had 4 entries to do the Bee Basic assessment. Unfortunately one was ill and not able to attend. Two passed with credits and one did not pass.




If anyone is thinking of doing the Bee Basic assessment next year, please let me know and perhaps we can work together to support you and give you both the confidence and skills needed to do this assessment.

Linda Smith
Education Coordinator




Regular Learning & upskilling.



To aid the association's object of advancing the craft of beekeeping amongst beekeepers and the wider public, a regular programme of talks is arranged by the Honorary Secretary and are available for all members to attend. In addition emails are circulated to highlight wider opportunities to watch and attend talks and events, relevant to the advancement of the craft and the importance of bees in the environment.

This report period we have been very busy. The association hosted a variety of meetings- using Zoom hybrid meetings (especially In the cold and dark Winter months), face to face and the introduction of 'In House' meetings.

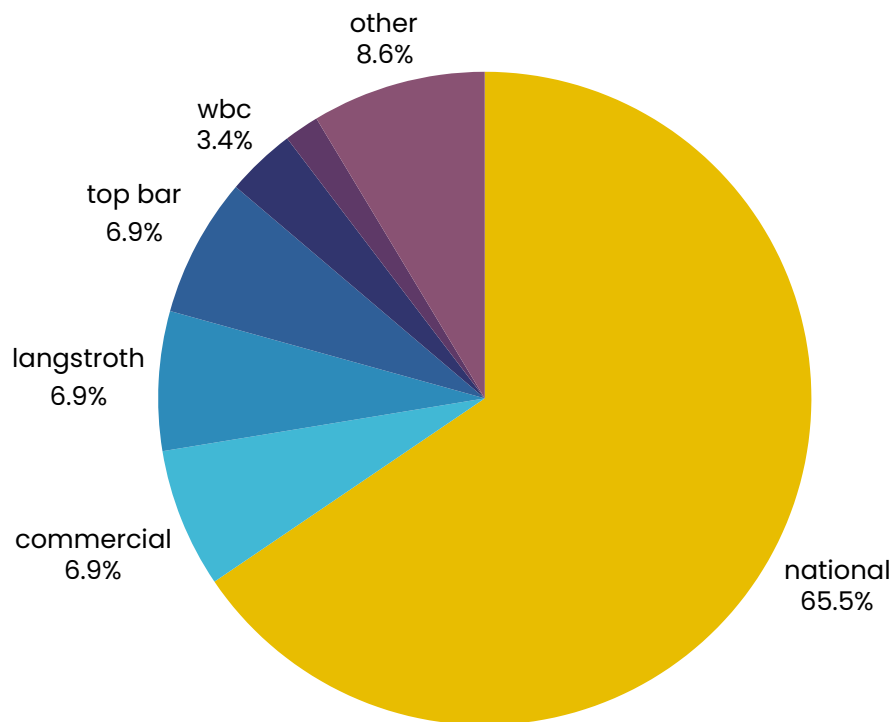
The year started with a focus on the Asian Hornet, as last year saw a huge increase in the number of reported sightings in Sussex and Kent.

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- January: Alan Baxter on The Asian Hornet (Hybrid)
 - February: Andy Pedley on Food Safety using Honey (Hybrid)
 - March: Peter Higgs on BeeGone live bee removal
 - April: Dave Woods & Glenys Jones on Swarming (In House)
 - May: Andy Willis on Cleaning Wax Andy's Way
 - June: Andrew Durham on Asian Hornet update (Hybrid)
 - July: Beekeepers Question Time (In House)
 - September: Jenna Dewhurst on Portsmouth Water's Environmental Update
 - October: David Sandwell on Mead Making and use of Honey with foods.

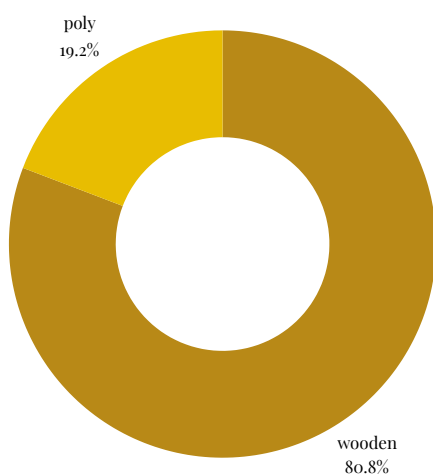
Wendy Gilbert
Honorary Secretary

2024 Survey Highlights

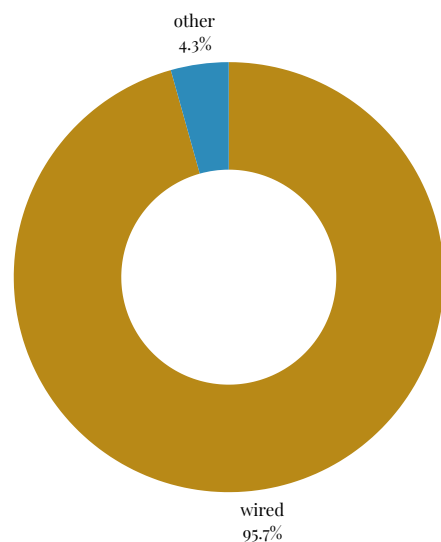
Styles of hives members use



Type of hives members use



Type of foundation members use

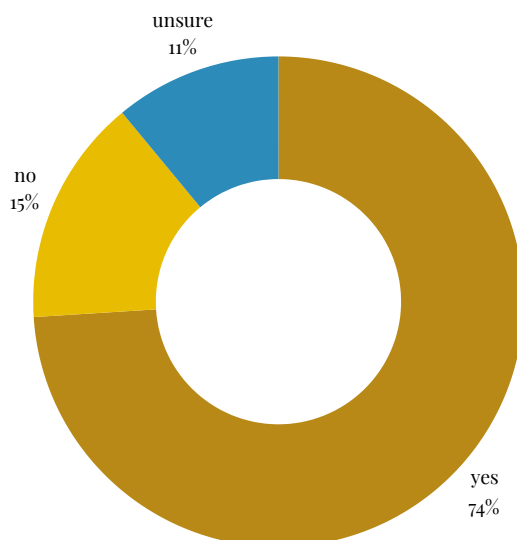
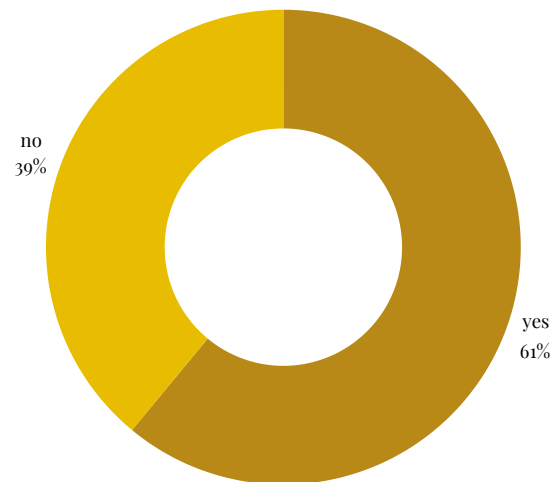




82.6%

Ranked PDBKA membership values as being $\geq 4/5$


**% reporting attendance of
Portchester Meetings**



**% Members in support of PDBKA
obtaining insurance to expand
variety of produce can be made
available of PDBKA stands to raise
awareness of hive product
versatility**



Future Plans



Members fed back details on topics they would find helpful to advance theirs and the wider communities knowledge and understanding of safe, effective and ethical beekeeping, awareness of pollinators, disease, risks and environmental factors for sustainable beekeeping.

We will use the feedback from the 2024 survey to inform activities for the year ahead.

Additionally, through the increased delivery of hybrid sessions, we have gradually realised that the sound quality needed to be improved and we are taking steps to improve this for future meetings to increase inclusivity and engagement.

We will also look at the potential to obtain further resources to be able to support the safe and hygienic processing of hive products and disease treatments.

We will continue to raise awareness of the role of pollinators in supporting our environment and food production, safe and ethical beekeeping practices, the increasing risk that the yellow legged hornet presents to pollinators in the UK, and of the continued levels of honey fraud that sadly exists in the UK.



Report Approval

The Trustees of Portsmouth & District Beekeeping Association confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by Trustees on 14th November 2024.

Confirmed on behalf of the trustees by:

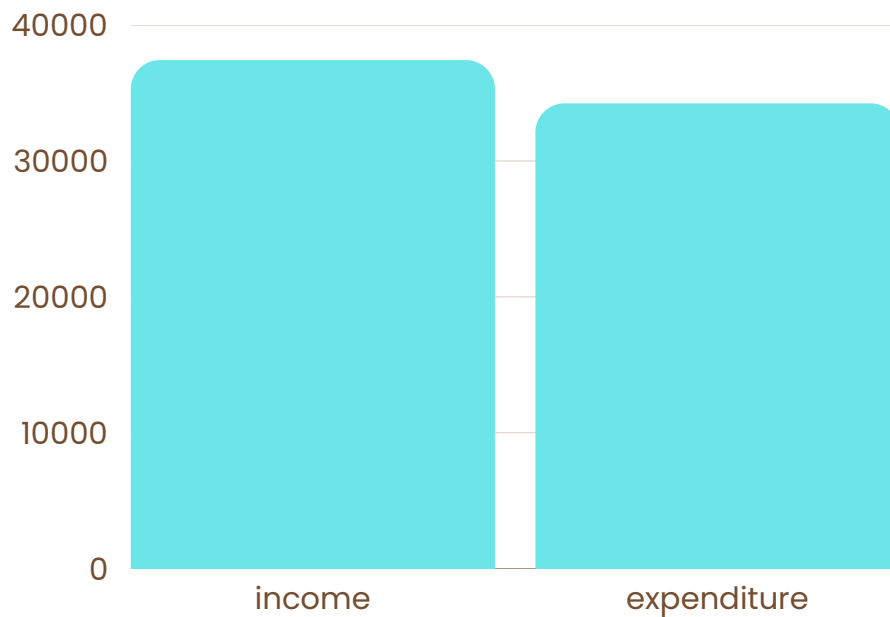


Michael Cotton
PDBKA Chair of Trustees

Financial Reports and Policies



Financial Review



The association ended the year in a strong financial position with £15,176 in the bank and £5,024 in the reserve funds. Our main source of income remains that generated through membership. The reserve funds were increased to ensure there was sufficient funds to enable the association to continue to operate should the income situation change.

During the period we have changed our bank accounts. Whilst we continue to hold our reserve facility with Nat West bank we have closed the separate Members Services and current account that we had with them. Our current account is now held with Co-operative Bank as this was the best value for money charity account available to enables us to meet the requirement of our new CIO charity status.

There have been no assets added during the year as we do not currently have the capacity to facilitate this. We are currently looking at options which will enable us to expand our Loan Equipment facility and increase the offering to our membership.

The accounts were independently audited on 6 December 2024.



Reserves Policy

Reviewed and approved by trustees on 9th May 2024

PDBKA holds Reserves in order to ensure that it is able to continue to deliver its services to members and benefit to the public in the event of something unexpected happening leading to a temporary reduction in income. Holding Reserves also supports the management of risk which the charity may face and to ensure that potential liabilities can be discharged.

The Charities' Trustees have agreed that the level of reserves held by the charity should be no less than £5,500. This has been assessed to be the contingency required to meet the charities financial obligations, should a reduction in income, significant increase in expenditure or the closing of the charity occur. These funds will be unrestricted, non-designated and quickly available if required.

The Charities' Trustees hereby confirm that:

- The PDBKA Reserves Policy has been based on the Trustees' knowledge of the risks, obligations and opportunities that the organisation does or could face.
- Trustees have regularly reviewed risks and have taken appropriate mitigating action. As a result, they have a thorough understanding of the risks which may impact the Charity.
- Trustees are satisfied that the financial information with which they have been furnished has fully informed their understanding of the financial position of the organisation.
- Trustees are confident that the level of Reserves that has been determined is rational, adequate and appropriate for the Charity.
- The level of Reserves has been determined in order to provide the capacity to resolve an adverse situation before it occurs. It takes into account the current risks to the organisation and the potential impact of unforeseen events.
- Requisite consideration has been given to the impact of both over-reserving as well as the danger of under-reserving
- The Reserves Policy has been quantified to meet the working capital needs of the Charity.
- Reserves will not be utilised to fund the acquisition of fixed assets
- The Charity is totally committed to providing public benefit and the Reserves Policy embodies the sustainability of that pre-eminent objective.
- The Reserves Policy will be regularly monitored and evaluated in order to ensure that it remains appropriate and effective.

Bankers Details

NatWest Bank

- Registered Office:
National Westminster Bank Plc
250 Bishopsgate,
London,
EC2M 4AA
- Registered in England and Wales No. 00929027

Co-operative Bank

- Registered Office:
The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.
1 Balloon Street
Manchester
M4 4BE
- Registered in England and Wales No. 00990937



The trustees confirm they have had full knowledge of the charities financial activities, and have regularly reviewed and approved policies in place in respect to financial controls and reserves.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 11th November 2024 and independently audited on the 6th December 2024.

Donia Hodgson
Honorary Treasurer



Financial Statements:

Income

	June-Oct 23	Nov 23 – Oct 24
Membership Fees*	£188.20	£4,975.65
Shows/Events	£3,798.11	£2,059.32
Training	-	£2,943.50
Member Services	£2,371.21	£9,754.94
Membership Meetings	£132.32	£434.08
Donations	-	£300.00
Gift Aid	£48.90	£914.50
Other	£2.99	£9,504.52
	£6,541.73	£30,886.51
	£37,428.24	

* Membership Fees include collection of members' BBKA & HBA fees, plus BDI insurance premium



Financial Statements:

Expenditure

	June-Oct 23	Nov 23 – Oct 24
Membership Fees*	£266.20	£3,844.40
Shows/Events	£3,142.00	£1,714.66
Training	£538.55	£1,168.50
Member Services	£3,342.27	£7,986.19
Membership Meetings	£440.61	£967.91
Donations	£25.00	–
Social Events	£31.72	£68.14
Rent	£160.00	£155.00
Rates	–	£70.11
IT	–	£298.80
Other	£252.51	£9,768.27
	£8,198.86	£26,041.98
	£34,240.84	

* Membership Fees include payment of members' BBKA & HBA fees, plus BDI insurance premiums



Financial Statements:

Receipts and Payments

<u>Bank</u> Natwest	Opening Bal @ 06/06/23	Payments	Receipts	Closing Bal @ 31/10/23
Reserves	£2,500.00	–	–	£2,500.00
Member Services	£1,744.49	£3,342.27	£2,371.29	£773.51
Main	£12,768.70	£4,856.59	£4,170.52	£12,082.63

<u>Bank</u> Natwest	Opening Bal @ 1/11/23	Payments	Receipts	Closing Bal @ 31/10/24
Reserves	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	–	£0.00*
Member Services	£773.51	£2,038.74	£1,265.23	£0.00*
Main	£12,082.63	£14,532.96	£7,474.33	£5,024.00**

<u>Bank</u> Coop	Opening Bal @ 1/11/23	Payments	Receipts	Closing Bal @ 31/10/24
Main	£0.00	£6,970.28	£22,111.95	£15,141.67

* Monies transferred to Coop Bank.

** Monies ring fenced as Reserves



Financial Statements:

Receipts and Payments

Cash

Skep Float	£120.00
Candle Rolling Float	£25.00
Member Services Float	£25.85

Debtors

WG Member Meetings	£52.50
GJ Member Services	£1,282.00
Sustainability Centre Rent	£60.00
Oct Speaker	£70.00

Creditors

Gift Aid	£72.50
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Assets

Member Services	£4,302.00
Equipment	£1000.00



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

PORTSMOUTH & DISTRICT BEE KEEPING ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

31st OCTOBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1203495

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 10 / 2024

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 Trust'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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Margaret N

Date:

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