



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	12th	April	2024		31st	December	2024
From				To			

Reference and administration details

Charity name Basingstoke & District Beekeepers Association (BDBKA)

Other names charity is known by Basingstoke Bees

Registered charity number (if any) 1207828

Charity's principal address Old Brew House

Brewery Common

Mortimer

Postcode

RG7 3JE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Northcote	Chairman		
2	Stephen Walder	Treasurer		
3	Steven Delo	Secretary		
4	Sharon Woodman	Membership Secretary		
5	Stephen Storer	Education Officer		
6	David Holloway	Resources Officer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Madeleine Davies	Until 3 rd December 2024

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 12th April 2024
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected or reappointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting held in April for a term of three years

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of the charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, with classes of membership relevant to the applicant including, full registered members, local members, partner members, junior members and country members.

The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the association and are accountable to the membership, seeking the views of members in deciding activities and the focus of support.

The charity is affiliated to the Hampshire Beekeepers Association (HBA) and the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA).

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits additional to those of ordinary members

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote and further the craft of beekeeping within Basingstoke and surrounding district.

To advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year, we have aligned our efforts to our objectives. The main activities are as follows:

- The annual Beginner's Course; classroom and practical lessons for would-be beekeepers and those members of the public interested in studying the honeybee life cycle, management and the role of honeybees as pollinator.
- The monthly apiary meeting; providing practical hands-on experience to beginners and experienced beekeepers whilst also providing an environment for coaching and support.
- The Winter evening meeting; providing talks from experts in topics to further the education of the members.
- Provision of coaching to beekeepers seeking to enhance their knowledge taking BBKA Curriculum examinations.
- Swarm Collection service; supporting the public with the removal of honeybee swarms from public and private properties as a service to the community.
- Attending local shows and events to educate the public in the craft of beekeeping.
- Provision of resources to aid the members with their beekeeping including the hire of more expensive capital equipment and bulk purchasing of beekeeping supplies.
- Working with the National Bee Unit (NBU) within the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) in its fight against the Asian Hornet

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We are grateful for the many hours member volunteers give to support the education programmes training and educating the public in the craft of beekeeping and encouraging other members in their craft. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve our objectives.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- The 2024 Beginners Course completed in April attended by 30 new students. A number of the students went on to set up their own apiaries during the summer.
- We ran study groups for BBKA examinations. Five members took and passed the Basic Assessment and three took and passed the Honeybee Health Assessment and three members sat BBKA modular exams
- We held six apiary meetings at the association's training site which were well attended by members and guests
- We held seven Winter evening meetings attended by on average 25 members and their guests. Topics included: Bees & Plants, Honey Brews, All things Queens, The work of the charity Bees Abroad, beekeeping equipment, Water in the hive & Varroa resistant bees.
- We attended four local shows / fairs taking observation hives to engage the public in bees & Beekeeping
- We were called out to attend to 64 honeybee swarms as well as supporting with advice to members of the public with concerns about wasps & other bee species
- We assisted 4 members to find apiary sites to enable them to start beekeeping or further their craft

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As of 31st December 2024 the Charity did not have its own bank account and continued to operate via its legacy banking arrangements. A Deed of Transfer will be completed in due course with a financial statement for the year to December 2025 submitted in 2026

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

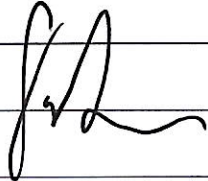
Other optional information

The coming year will see the commencement of our Schools Programme supported by a grant from the BBKA including equipment and educational resources. We shall also complete the Deed of transfer as capital and reserves are transferred to the Charity's bank account.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steven Delo	Stephen Walder 
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date 3/9/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Basingstoke & District Beekeepers Association

No (if any)
1207828

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 12/04/24	To	Period end date 31/12/24
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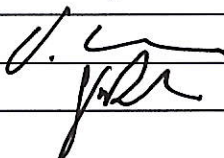
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stephen Walder	3/9/25
	Steven Delo	3/9/25