

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Devon Beekeepers Association

Charity no: 270675

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Devon Beekeepers Association Trust (The Trust) for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 examiners 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 Trust 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.



Lynsey Hamlyn-White MAAT

28th November 2024

County General - Account 1

Income	2024	2023
Interest Rec'd Gross	704	291
Autumn Lecture	-	-
Guest Lecture	-	-
DBKA levy on Branches	3,995	4,168
BBKA Capitation Fees	27,749	28,503
BBKA Voluntary Contributions	-	-
	-	-
DBKA Levy on Branches for IMYB 2017	-	-
Special Events	1,162	1,201
Other income	-	-
AHAT	20	-
President's Fund	378	296
Members day Raffle	-	-
Gift Aid Received	8,081	10,162
Submitted to Branches	8,081	10,162
	-	-
	34,008	34,459
Expenditure		
BBKA Capitation Fees	27,749	28,503
Pres Day, AGM & Meetings	2,092	1,273
Post, Telephone & Stationery	-	43
Subs & Donations	50	50
Officers Travelling Expenses	36	18
Educ & Exams	1,575	-
Auditors Fee	392	407
	-	-
BBKA Research Fund Conts	-	-
Web Site Maintenance	171	161
DBKA Contribuion to IMYB 2017	-	-
Guest lecture	-	-
Special Events	-	-
	-	-
NA branch	-	-
President's Fund	-	500
AHAT	3,402	-
Sundry expenses	-	32
	-	-
	35,467	30,987
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(1,459)	3,472

Devon County Show - Account 2

Income	2024	2023
Honey & product sales	8,710	10,551
Taste of Honey	2,520	3,091
Candle Rolling	1,806	2,000
Commisions / Rents	101	146
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	13,137	15,788

Expenditure

Honey & product sales	6,924	8,202
Taste of Honey	778	1,430
Candle Rolling	671	876
Admissions, Membership etc	92	81
Prize money	771	875
Insurance	489	498
Equipment & transport hire	-	-
Miscellaneous	531	1,010
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	10,256	12,972

(Deficit)/Surplus for year	2,881	2,816
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Notes

1. Capital reserve - Balance 30.09.23	7,202	4,560
Asset Expenditure	(430)	(174)
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	6,772	4,386
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,881	2,816
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Balance 30.09.24	9,653	7,202
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Beekeeping Magazine - Account 3

Income	2024	2023
DBKA Members Subs	3,618	13,798
Independent Subscribers	-	-
Advertising Revenue	1,896	1,366
Refund to branches 2023	-	(3,971)
Other	-	3,686
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	5,514	14,879

Expenditure

Printing costs	4,617	7,724
Direct mailing of magazine	2,919	7,330
Editors expenses	88	161
Ind Subs Secretary expenses	-	-
Sundry expenses	11	-
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	7,635	15,215

(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(2,121)	(336)
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Statement of Consolidated Monetary Assets and Liabilities

	2024	2023
Cash & bank at 01.10.23	210,288	193,291
County General - Account 1	(1,459)	3,472
Devon County Show - Account 2	2,881	2,816
Beekeeping - Account 3	(2,121)	(336)
Devon County Show - Capital expenditure	(430)	(174)
Branches Surplus / Deficit	(22,668)	11,223
Rounding Adjustment	-	(4)
Cash & Bank at 30.09.24	186,491	210,288
Cash & Bank at 30.09.24		
County	56,376	57,505
Branches	130,115	152,783
	186,491	210,288
Sundry Debtors	-	-
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	485	290

Statement of Non Monetary Assets

	2024	2023
Trophies	35,742	34,788
Books / videos etc	3,092	3,203
Apiary Equipment	49,796	37,292
Stocks (Honey, labels, etc)	6,680	8,386
Sundries	29,764	25,815
Investment in Bee Craft Ltd	1	1
	125,075	109,485

Branch Income and Expenditure

	2024	2023
Income		
Members' Subs (incl basic BDI)	43,020	52,291
Extra BDI	2,081	2,362
Gift Aid refund	8,083	10,164
Other donations	2,715	2,735
President's Fund donations	296	296
Training courses	14,347	18,677
Apiary Income	14,455	16,215
Interest received	529	257
Other Income	21,831	26,279
Members Day Raffle	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Corrections and rounding adjustments	(3)	(4)
	107,354	129,272
Expenditure		
BBKA Capitation	27,752	28,505
DBKA Levy	3,867	3,967
Beekeeping Magazine	3,618	13,799
BDI	4,537	4,455
President's Fund donations	298	297
Apiary expenses	47,005	24,586
Training Courses	4,573	3,724
Officers' expenses	274	869
Donations	288	165
Other expenditure	37,814	37,621
IMYB	-	66
Members Day Raffle	-	-
Sutera from DBKA AHAT	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Rounding correction	(4)	(5)
	130,022	118,049
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(22,668)	11,223
Monetary Assets		
Cash & Bank at 01.10.23	152,783	141,560
Add surplus / deduct deficit	(22,668)	11,223
Cash & Bank at 30.09.24	130,115	152,783
Sundry Debtors	-	-
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	70	290
Non Monetary Assets		
Apiary Equipment	49,796	37,292
Books/Videos etc	3,092	3,203
Trophies	25,792	24,838
Stocks	6,680	8,386
Other equipment	17,923	15,665
Sundries	9,963	8,340
	113,246	97,724

Statement of Non Monetary Assets and Liabilities - County

	2024	2023
Cash & bank at 01.10.23	57,505	51,731
County General - Account 1	(1,459)	3,472
Devon CountyShow - Account 2	2,881	2,816
- Cap Exp	(430)	(174)
-	-	-
Beekeeping - Account 3	(2,121)	(336)
Rounding Adjustment	-	(4)
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Cash & Bank at 30.09.24	<u>56,376</u>	<u>57,505</u>
Current Account	6,261	7,095
Savings Account	50,115	50,411
Rounding Adjustment	-	(1)
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	<u>56,376</u>	<u>57,505</u>
Sundry Debtors	-	-
-	-	-
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors Sept Magazine	415	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

Statement of Non Monetary Assets - County

Trophies	9,950	9,950
-	-	-
Equipment - Devon County Show	1,878	1,810
Investment in Bee Craft Ltd	1	1
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	<u>11,829</u>	<u>11,761</u>



Devon Beekeepers Association.

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General Secretary's Annual Report 2024 on behalf of the Executive Council

Executive Council Meetings: five meetings have been held over the course of 2024. In the absence of a general secretary, Alan Binge and Viv Thorn kept up with the essentials, and I became an acting secretary, primarily to take minutes in the first instance, and then expand my role under the helpful guidance of Alan Binge and Simon O'Sullivan as the Chair.

Education is coordinated by Kathy Lovegrove, who participates at a national level (in addition to coordinating our county education). This year, mentoring and the setting up of a learning platform to facilitate the running of courses have been important national themes. Kathy's Zoom courses have been massively over subscribed, but fortunately the sessions are available for viewing on our website. Our County paid for 10 candidates to do a General Husbandry training course, in order to have a pool of suitably qualified people to conduct the Basic assessments. Two of these plan to take the General Husbandry assessment during 2025, and the others are aiming for 2026.

Asian Hornet: the Devon core group has met five times over the year, by Zoom. Whilst the AH incursion in SE England has continued, we were glad that there appear to have been no further nests in Devon. Core group members have been active in doing talks on AH for various branches, and on Zoom, and in recruiting verifiers (230 at the last count) across Devon to put out bait to confirm whether any "reports" received are actually AH or not. The Devon EC approved a budget of £5000 for a year in the first instance. The main expenses have been the purchase of bait to distribute amongst the

branches, (not for random monitoring but specifically for verifying, and in case of the need for nest tracking) and materials for publicity.

Devon County Show:

Despite the usual investment in time and effort, this year the footfall and takings were less than usual. Nonetheless it was a good opportunity to speak with hundreds of adults and children about beekeeping and the Asian hornet threat.

President's Day: this is an opportunity for beekeepers across Devon to meet, and as usual it was a busy day with much information on offer and all the talks had good feedback.

“Beekeeping” - the Devon magazine: our editor Robert Blackmore has done an excellent job making this worth reading despite the difficulty in getting content. Mike Ticehurst (who has provided admin support with sending invoices, adding branch events diary dates, and sending out the digital copy) is standing down. We need someone to take over this work, and Mike has kindly offered to give detailed tuition to whoever takes it over.

DBKA website: this has many useful records and material such as the teaching videos. Paul Greening is happy to continue to run the website but has suggested that a more artistic member may be able to update the appearance and ease of use as a one off contribution.

The eR2 members data base continues to be an asset, facilitating communication with members, and providing maps of where members are based, which helps with swarm collecting and with delegating the checking of any reports of possible Asian hornet presence.

Branch activities: each EC meeting has an update of branch activities and the courses, open days and apiary work going on routinely are reassuring. Tiverton branch have even taken an observation hive into primary schools!