

AVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 271717

Details

Other names AVON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1976-10-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TH ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF APICULTURE AND TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THEREIN.

Activities: The promotion and furtherance of the craft of beekeeping and advancement of education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE FORMER COUNTY OF AVON
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£63,340	£62,512	-	-
2024-10-31	£65,997	£79,705	-	-
2023-10-31	£58,018	£53,304	-	-
2022-10-31	£57,575	£47,103	-	-
2021-10-31	£40,462	£34,468	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NEIL CAMPBELL	Chair	2017-11-18
ANNE ROWBERRY		2012-05-31
David Mark Hunter		2021-03-20
ERIC HAROLD SORTWELL		2020-05-30
Jim Daniels		2023-01-09
PAUL MOORHOUSE		2020-11-14
ROBERT WILLIAM DUNKIN FRANCIS		2012-11-20

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Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025

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The Independent Examiner is Duncan Woodcock
 43 Currells Lane Felton Bristol BS40 9XF

Avon Beekeepers Association
Independent Examiner's Report to the Association's Trustees

I Report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2025 set out on pages 5 to 9.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

N.B. I have not been responsible for the independent examination of the individual Branch Accounts.

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February 2026

Avon Beekeepers Association
Accounts for the Executive, Receipts and Payments Account
for the Period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025 (General Fund)

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts

	Note no.	2023/24		2022/23	
		General Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Total £
Voluntary Sources					
Avon Membership	(3)	2,469		2,455	
Donations/Interest		33		92	
Gift aid tax recovery		0		0	
Sub-total			2,502		2,547
Operating Activities					
Introduction and training courses		886		968	
Insurance		0		0	
Sub-total			886		968
Total Receipts			3,388		3,515

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA and BDI	0		0	
Education course costs	1,253		1,408	
Bath & West, National and SWJCC sponsorship	0		0	
Fund Raising Events Costs	0		0	
Website and newsletter costs	0		0	
Reimbursement for hosting ABKA AGM	0		0	
Educational equipment and grants for branches	773		2,000	
Donations to outside organisations	1100		1,821	
Sub-total		3,126		5229

Management & Administration Expenditure

Committee meetings	0		0	
General stationery, postage, telephone	0		0	
Insurance	0		0	
Presidential chain repair	0		0	
Bank charges	0		0	
Sub-total		0		0

Professional fees

Costs for legal advice	0		0	
Examination of Accounts	120		125	
		120		125

Total Payments

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year

		142		(1,839)
Opening cash and bank balances		12,365		14,204
Closing cash and bank balances	(8)	12,507		12,365

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the General Fund at year end

B1 Monetary Assets

	£	£	£	£
Lloyds Bank interest bearing account	12,507		12,365	
Total for General Funds		12,507		12,365

B2 Non-Monetary Assets

Educational Assets at insured values	0		0	
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47 Beecraft shares valued at cost

Total

	47		47
	12,554		12,412

Combined Executive and Branches Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts Voluntary Sources	Note no.	2024/25			Total Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Membership	(3)	20,251			20,251	21,099
Associate membership		1,369			1,369	989
Members' BDI additional colony insurance		742			742	677
Advance subscriptions for 2025/26		0			0	0
Major Grants	(4)	9,120			9,120	5,000
Swarms		450			450	500
Other grants and donations		0			0	1,845
Gift aid tax recovery		4,414			4,414	5166
Sub-total		36,346	0	0	36,362	35,276
Operating Activities						
Introduction and training courses		12,899			12,899	11,933
Advance payments for 2026 courses	(5)	649			649	0
Fundraising events proceeds		2,989			2,989	6,903
Hire of books and equipment		220			220	265
All risks insurance		0			0	0
Apiary items sold to members		9,480			9,480	9,630
Apiary honey sales		693			693	1,127
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Sub-total		26,930	0	0	26,930	29,858
Income from Assets –						
Interest/sale of assets		32	32		64	863
Total Receipts		63,308	32	0	63,340	65,997

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure						
BBKA	(3)	10,362			10,362	10,518
Bee Diseases Insurance		1,745			1,745	1,666
Teaching Apiary Building and Equipment	(6)	8,569			8,569	13,474
Teaching apiary costs	(6)	8,450			8,450	6,894
Educational courses costs		8,129			8,129	7,164
Educational Expenses		2,370			2,370	2,992
Purchase of Larkhall	(6)	8,992			8,992	18,376
Fundraising event costs		0			0	0
AGM & other meetings inc speakers costs		362			362	319
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Website and newsletter costs		1,782			1,782	635
Costs of apiary items for sale to members		8,029			8,029	14,241
Donations to other charities, organisations		1,627			1,627	1,743
Agent's fee for site valuation		0			0	0
Sub-total		60,417	0	0	60,417	77,736
Management & Administration Expenditure						
Committee meetings		0			0	0
General stationery, postage, telephone		12			12	27
Insurance	(7)	1,612			1,612	1,424
Presidential chain repair		0			0	0
Bank Charges		351			351	290
Honoraria		0			0	0
Sub-total		1,975	0	0	1,975	1,741
Professional fees						
Costs for legal advice		0			0	0
Examination of Accounts		120			120	225

Total Payments	62,512	0	0	62,512	79,702
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	796	32	0	828	(13,705)

**Avon Beekeepers Association
Combined Executive and Branches Accounts (cont'd)**

A3 Summary of Cash and Bank Movements in Year	Note no.	2024/2025			Total Funds £	2023/2024
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		Total Funds £
Opening bank and cash balances		48,267	385	0	48,652	62,357
Excess/(shortfall) of receipts over payments		796	32		828	(13,705)
Transfers between funds		(4,000)	4,000	0	0	0
Closing bank and cash balances	(8)	45,063	4,417	0	49,480	48,652

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at end of the year 31/10/25

B1 Monetary Assets

Bank balances and cash funds

Bank Current Accounts	(8)	44,7125	4,385	0	49,110	48,402
Cash		370			370	250
Total Funds	(8)	45,095	4,385	0	49,480	48,652

B2 Non-monetary Assets

Educational Assets at Insurance Values (11)

Branch Apiary Buildings		163,305		163,100
Beekeeping Equipment		49,667		48,828
Apiary Equipment		17,255		16,999
Educational and display equipment		19,378		18,943
Trophies at insured values		21,558		21,533
Total Insured Assets		271,163		269,403
Honey stocks	(12)	320		300
Bulk purchase stocks		1,720		4,322
Bristol Apiary land at registration value	(13)	10,000		10,000
Bath – Larkhill	(14)	27,368		18,377
47 Bee Craft shares valued at cost	(15)	47		47
Total Other Assets		39,455		33,046
Total Non-monetary Assets		310,618		302,449

Avon Beekeepers Association
Notes to the accounts for the period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP revised 2015).

2. Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either: -

Unrestricted general funds. These are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These funds are termed as General Funds within this document.

Designated funds. These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects. They may be held within the unrestricted general funds or in a separate account.

Restricted funds. These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Endowment funds. ABKA has no endowment funds.

3. Membership

Members' subscriptions include branch fee, ABKA capitation, BBKA capitation and Basic BDI insurance. These can be claimed for Gift Aid tax reclaim by eligible members.

4. Grants

Bath received a grant of 7,225.

5. Advance Payments for Educational Courses

Deposits were received for 2025 courses of £0 (2024 £1,050)

6. Teaching Apiary building and equipment/Teaching apiary costs

The total of £26,011 includes Bath costs of £3,311, North Somerset costs of £2,151, Bristol costs of £9,838, Keynsham costs of £1,919 and Bath costs relating to Larkhill of £8,992.

7. Insurance

All Risks Insurance cover is for branch apiary buildings and equipment.

8. Bank Balances

Unadjusted Bank balances held by the branches and the ABKA Executive at 31 October 2025 were:

		Bath	North Somerset	Bristol	Keyns ham	W-s-M	Executive	Total
2025	General	6,104	14,097	9,524	1,002	1,491	12,507	£44,725
	Design'd	1,371		3,014				£4,385
	Total	£7,475	£14,097	£12,538	1,002	£1,491	£12,507	49,110
2024	General	6,343	9,745	15,436	2,887	1,521	12,365	£48,297
	Designated	353		2				£355
	Total	£6,696	£9,745	£15,438	£2,887	£1,521	£12,365	£48,652

9. Each branch and the Executive plan to hold sufficient funds to meet their budgeted net outgoings for the following year but target not to hold funds in excess of approximately three year's net outgoings.

10. ABKA Unrestricted Funds

The Executive funds increased by £142 on the previous year.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

11. The branches can be confident that all their property is adequately covered by full replacement all risks insurance and at reasonable cost. Cover is with Aston Lark.
12. Honey stocks and bulk purchase stocks are not eligible for insurance cover. Nil values are attributed to hives, colonies, or very old assets.
13. Bristol's freehold apiary site is zoned as agricultural land and was valued at £10,000 on registration in 2004. Discussions with the valuer in March 2010 indicated that there had been no material change since 2004 and the Executive consider this valuation still applies.
14. Bath's acquisition of Larkhill is shown at cost.
15. At present the executive has no assets other than Bee Craft shares.

LIABILITIES

Avon Beekeepers Association has no liabilities

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statements of the Assets and Liabilities relating to the year ended 31st October 2025, which are set out on the pages above are as approved by the Trustees of the Association.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

Mark Hunter
ABKA Hon. Treasurer

2 February 2025

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Gift aid tax recovery		0		0	
Sub-total			2,547		2,572
Operating Activities					
Introduction and training courses		968		502	
Insurance		0		0	
Sub-total			968		502
Total Receipts			3,515		3,074

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA and BDI	0		0	
Education course costs	1,408		2,048	
Bath & West, National and SWJCC sponsorship	0		0	
Fund Raising Events Costs	0		0	
Website and newsletter costs	0		0	
Reimbursement for hosting ABKA AGM	0		0	
Educational equipment and grants for branches	2,000		2,950	
Donations to outside organisations	1,821		800	
Sub-total			5,229	5,798

Management & Administration Expenditure

Committee meetings	0		0	
General stationery, postage, telephone	0		0	
Insurance	0		0	
Presidential chain repair	0		0	
Bank charges	0		60	
Sub-total			0	60

Professional fees

Costs for legal advice	0		0	
Examination of Accounts	125		125	
Sub-total			125	125

Total Payments

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year

		(1,839)		(2,909)
Opening cash and bank balances		14,204		17,113
Closing cash and bank balances	(8)	12,365		14,204

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the General Fund at year end

B1 Monetary Assets

	£	£	£	£
Lloyds Bank interest bearing account	12,365		14,204	
Total for General Funds		12,365		14,204

B2 Non-Monetary Assets

Educational Assets at insured values	0		0	
47 Beecraft shares valued at cost	47		47	
Total		12,412		14,251

**Combined Executive and Branches Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024**

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts Voluntary Sources	Note no.	2023/24			Total Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Membership	(3)	21,099			21,099	20,704
Associate membership		989			989	1,126
Members' BDI additional colony insurance		677			677	741
Advance subscriptions for 2024/25		0			0	0
Major Grants	(4)	5,000			5,000	0
Swarms		500			500	950
Other grants and donations		1,845			1,845	1,679
Gift aid tax recovery		5,166			5,166	4,441
Sub-total		35,276	0	0	35,276	29,641
Operating Activities						
Introduction and training courses		11,933			11,933	10,680
Advance payments for 2025 courses	(5)	0			0	1,050
Fundraising events proceeds		6,903			6,903	4,606
Hire of books and equipment		265			265	240
All risks insurance		0			0	0
Apiary items sold to members		9,630			9,630	11,068
Apiary honey sales		1,127			1,127	638
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Sub-total		29,858	0	0	29,858	28,282
Income from Assets –						
Interest/sale of assets		863	0		863	95
Total Receipts		65,997	8	0	65,997	58,018

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure						
BBKA	(3)	10,518			10,518	10,821
Bee Diseases Insurance		1,666			1,666	1,760
Teaching Apiary Building and Equipment	(6)	13,474			13,474	4,799
Teaching apiary costs	(6)	6,894			6,894	8,264
Educational courses costs		7,164			7,164	8,674
Educational Expenses		2,706			2,706	2,992
Purchase of Larkhall	(6)	18,376			18,376	0
Fundraising event costs		0			0	0
AGM & other meetings inc speakers costs		319			319	538
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Website and newsletter costs		635			635	1,746
Costs of apiary items for sale to members		14,241			14,241	11,461
Donations to other charities, organisations		1,743			1,743	373
Agent's fee for site valuation		0			0	0
Sub-total		77,736	0	0	77,736	51,428
Management & Administration Expenditure						
Committee meetings		0			0	0
General stationery, postage, telephone		27			27	126
Insurance	(7)	1,424			1,424	1,177
Presidential chain repair		0			0	0
Bank Charges		290			290	348
Honoraria		0			0	0
Sub-total		1,741	0	0	1,741	1,651
Professional fees						
Costs for legal advice		0			0	0
Examination of Accounts		225			225	225
Total Payments		79,702	0	0	79,702	53,304
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(13,705)	8	0	(13,705)	4,714

Avon Beekeepers Association
Combined Executive and Branches Accounts (cont'd)

A3 Summary of Cash and Bank Movements in Year	Note no.	2023/2024			Total Funds £	2022/2023
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		Total Funds £
Opening bank and cash balances		50,321	12,036	0	62,357	57,643
Excess/(shortfall) of receipts over payments		(13,705)	0		(13,705)	4,714
Transfers between funds		12,001	(12,001)	0		0
Closing bank and cash balances	(8)	48,617	35	0	48,652	62,357

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at end of the year 31/10/20

B1 Monetary Assets

Bank balances and cash funds

Bank Current Accounts	(8)	48,617	35	0	48,652	62,357
Cash						
Total Funds	(8)	48,617	35	0	48,652	62,357

B2 Non-monetary Assets

Educational Assets at Insurance Values (11)

Branch Apiary Buildings		163,100			163,100
Beekeeping Equipment		48,828			48,148
Apiary Equipment		16,999			16,999
Educational and display equipment		18,943			18,543
Trophies at insured values		21,533			21,533
Total Insured Assets		269,403			268,323
Honey stocks	(12)	300			300
Bulk purchase stocks		4,322			380
Bristol Apiary land at registration value	(13)	10,000			10,000
Bath – Larkhill	(14)	18,377			0
47 Bee Craft shares valued at cost	(15)	47			47
Total Other Assets		33,046			10,727
Total Non-monetary Assets		302,449			279,050

Avon Beekeepers Association
Notes to the accounts for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2024

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Funds held by the charity are either: -

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Restricted funds. These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Endowment funds. ABKA has no endowment funds.

3. Membership

Members' subscriptions include branch fee, ABKA capitation, BBKA capitation and Basic BDI insurance. These can be claimed for Gift Aid tax reclaim by eligible members.

4. Grants

The branches received a grant of £2,000 from Avon BKA during the year. As these are consolidated accounts this amount does not show in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Bristol received a Social Impact grant of £5,000 from CMS legal services. This was for fencing to secure part of the boundary.

5. Advance Payments for Educational Courses

Deposits were received for 2025 courses of £0 (2024 £1,050)

6. Teaching Apiary building and equipment/Teaching apiary costs

The total of £13,474 includes North Somerset costs of £3,968, Bristol costs of £6,857 and Bath costs of £2,649.

The apiary improvements of £6,894 relate to Bristol and include a mower at £4,800.

The purchase of Larkhill relates to Bath.

7. Insurance

All Risks Insurance cover is for branch apiary buildings and equipment.

8. Bank Balances

Unadjusted Bank balances held by the branches and the ABKA Executive at 31 October 2024 were:

		Bath	North Somerset	Bristol	Keyns ham	W-s-M	Executive	Total
2024	General	6,343	9,745	15,436	2,887	1,521	12,365	£48,297
	Design'd	353		2				£355
	Total	£6,696	£9,745	£15,438	2,887	£1,521	£12,365	£48,652
2023	General	7,894	9,582	14,468	2,755	1,418	14,204	£50,321
	Designated	12,034		2				£12,036
	Total	£19,928	£9,582	£14,470	£2,755	£1,418	£14,204	£62,357

9. Each branch and the Executive plan to hold sufficient funds to meet their budgeted net outgoings for the following year but target not to hold funds in excess of approximately three year's net outgoings.

10. ABKA Unrestricted Funds

The Executive funds decreased by £1,839 on the previous year.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

11. The branches can be confident that all their property is adequately covered by full replacement all risks insurance and at reasonable cost. Cover is with Aston Lark.
12. Honey stocks and bulk purchase stocks are not eligible for insurance cover. Nil values are attributed to hives, colonies, or very old assets.
13. Bristol's freehold apiary site is zoned as agricultural land and was valued at £10,000 on registration in 2004. Discussions with the valuer in March 2010 indicated that there had been no material change since 2004 and the Executive consider this valuation still applies.
14. Bath's acquisition of Larkhill is shown at cost.
15. At present the executive has no assets other than Bee Craft shares.

LIABILITIES

Avon Beekeepers Association has no liabilities

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statements of the Assets and Liabilities relating to the year ended 31st October 2024, which are set out on the pages above are as approved by the Trustees of the Association.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

Mark Hunter
ABKA Hon. Treasurer

7 January 2025

AVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 271717

Accounts

Avon Beekeepers Association
Registered Charity no. 271717

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023

Objectives and Activities

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

The Association's objectives are to advance the science of apiculture and to promote and foster the education of the public therein.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In planning our activities for the year the trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities are as follows:

- ABKA stands at county shows where members of the public can find out about beekeeping and the importance of bees in the environment from practicing beekeepers,
- beginner courses for members of the public who are interested in taking up beekeeping,
- practical training for new members at one of our training apiaries,
- advanced classes for practicing beekeepers to enable them to take firstly the basic examination, and then further Module examinations run by the national beekeeping association, the BBKA, as they become more experienced,
- regular meetings and lectures by invited specialist speakers on specific aspects of beekeeping and honey bee problems,
- giving talks on beekeeping at schools, both primary and secondary, to help children's awareness and importance of bees and other insects in the environment,
- upgrading our training apiaries to provide the best possible environment for educating our new members in practical beekeeping and, where possible, spaces for holding meetings and lectures,
- collecting honey bee swarms and while doing so helping the public to become aware of bee behaviour and their importance in the environment,
- the ABKA website (www.avonbeekeepers.org.uk), and the websites of our branches and links from BBKA website provide plenty of information on bees and beekeeping and associated events in the locality. Members are informed of forthcoming events both locally and nationally by post or email. Regular newsletters are produced to promote the importance of education for members.
- running meetings and talks via the Internet (e.g. on 'Zoom') where meetings at outside venues are impractical.

Many of our experienced beekeepers carry out these activities as volunteers. We also encourage young people from all backgrounds and faiths to become interested in bees and, hopefully, some will take up beekeeping as junior members of the association.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

ABKA's membership remained steady over the year. By the year end there were **484** BBKA Registered members, **33** Partner members, **11** Country, **3** Junior, and **5** BBKA Honorary member: total **536** (2021/2022 - 507). In addition each branch has a number of associate members who do not have bees. These are members who are considering taking up beekeeping and attend apiary meetings to gain knowledge.

The charity ran several talks throughout the year along with a successful ABKA Spring Day School and a two day stand at the Bath and West show.

The Association and its' branches continue to use the online platform 'Zoom' to run some talks as well as committee meetings.

Financial Review

Total monetary assets at 31 October 2023 were £62,537 (2022, £57,643): £50,321 unrestricted funds after deducting designated funds specifically held for further Apiary development.

The combined unrestricted accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023 show a surplus of receipts against payments of £4,714 (2022, surplus £10,472).

Membership subscriptions remain the main source of income for the charity.

Total cash reserves of £62,537 remain at more than one year's income from voluntary sources (£29,641) and slightly more than one year's payments that were £53,304. This is acceptable as the expenditure is wholly within the charitable purposes of the association.

The Executive's cash reserves have decreased by £2,911 to £14,204 (2021/22 £17,115) mainly as a result of the one off donation of £2,950 to the branches.

Reserves Policy

The overriding policy is to ensure that the Association and each of its branches shall end each year with a minimum level of reserves and available funds to enable each to cover the next year's projected expenditure. The funds shall not be more than three times the minimum unless established to meet anticipated costs of improving or replacing apiary facilities by one or more branches. Unless there is such a proposal branches should not consider any further increase in subscription until funds are brought within the policy.

Subscription Rates

There was no change to BBKA capitation and ABKA capitation rates from 2021/22 into 2022/2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Avon Beekeepers Association ("ABKA") was founded in 1974 and registered as a charitable trust with the Charity Commission (Registered Number 271717) in 1976.

ABKA is an unincorporated association administered by an Executive Committee of officers and branch delegates (trustees) in accordance with the revised Rules of Association registered with the Charity Commission, as adopted 6 March 2004 and amended 19 March 2008.

The officers of the Executive Committee are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Association in March and branch delegates are appointed annually at the AGMs of branches in November.

ABKA has five branches the members of which live in the local authority areas of Bath, Bristol and North Somerset and their neighbouring districts that once formed the County of Avon. In accordance with the Rules of ABKA, separate committees run each of the five branches and their committee members are elected at branch AGMs.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Avon Beekeepers Association
 Other name used: ABKA
 Registered Charity no. 271717
 Charity’s principal address: 38 Currells Lane Felton Bristol BS40 9XF

Names of charity trustees who managed the charity for 2022/23 were:

President	Vacant	Bath Delegate	Anne Rowberry
Chair	Neil Campbell	North Somerset Delegate	Eric Sortwell
Hon. Gen. Secretary	Paul Moorhouse	Bristol Delegate	Neil Campbell
Hon. Treasurer, Membership Sec’y & eR2 Manager	Mark Hunter	Keynsham Delegate	Vacant
Publications and Public Relations	Eric Sortwell	Weston-super-Mare Delegate	Brenda Davis
Education Secretary & Newsletter	Rob Francis	BBKA Delegate	Neil Campbell
SWFC Delegate	Anne Rowberry		

The members of the Executive Committee are the Trustees of the Charity. No branch committee member is a trustee other than the branch delegate unless elected as one of the main officers of the executive. Details of branch committees are published on the website www.avonbeekeepers.co.uk.

All communications should be addressed in the first instance to the Hon. Secretary through the ABKA website.

Professional Support

ABKA’s principal banker is Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000, Andover, BX1 1LT.

The branches have accounts with clearing banks as follows:-

Bath – HSBC (2 accounts), Bristol – Lloyds (2 accounts), North Somerset – Lloyds (2 accounts),
 Keynsham – Barclays, Weston-super-Mare – CAF

The Independent Examiner is Fiona Hale
 22 Woodside Road Brislington Bristol BS4 4DP

Avon Beekeepers Association
Independent Examiner's Report to the Association's Trustees

I Report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2023 set out on pages 5 to 9.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

N.B. I have not been responsible for the independent examination of the individual Branch Accounts.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Fiona Hale

FCCA

22 Woodside Road
Brislington
Bristol BS4 4DP

22 January 2024

Avon Beekeepers Association
Accounts for the Executive, Receipts and Payments Account
for the Period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 (General Fund)

Section A. Receipts and Payments
A1 Receipts

	Note	2022/23		2021/22	
		General Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Total £
Voluntary Sources					
no.					
Avon Membership	(3)	2,540		2,375	
Donations/Interest		32		8	
Gift aid tax recovery		0		850	
Sub-total			2,572		3,233
Operating Activities					
Introduction and training courses		502		0	
Insurance		0		0	
Sub-total			502		343
Total Receipts			3,074		3,576

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA and BDI	0		0	
Education course costs	2,048		1,196	
Bath & West, National and SWJCC sponsorship	0		0	
Fund Raising Events Costs	0		0	
Website and newsletter costs	0		0	
Reimbursement for hosting ABKA AGM	0		0	
Educational equipment and grants for branches	2,950		0	
Donations to outside organisations	800		0	
Sub-total		5,798		1,596

Management & Administration Expenditure

Committee meetings	0		0	
General stationery, postage, telephone	0		0	
Insurance	0		0	
Presidential chain repair	0		0	
Bank charges	60		87	
Sub-total		60		87

Professional fees

Costs for legal advice	0		0	
Examination of Accounts	125		125	
Sub-total		125		125

Total Payments

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year

Total Payments		5,983		1,808
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year		(2,909)		1,768
Opening cash and bank balances		17,113		15,347
Closing cash and bank balances	(8)	14,204		17,115

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the General Fund at year end

B1 Monetary Assets

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CAF Bank interest bearing account (8)
Total for General Funds

14,204		17,115	
	14,204		17,115

B2 Non-Monetary Assets

Educational Assets at insured values
 47 Beecraft shares valued at cost

Total

0		0	
47		47	
	14,251		17,162

**Combined Executive and Branches Receipts and Payments Accounts
 for the Period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023**

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts Voluntary Sources no.	Note	2022/23			Total Funds £	2021/22 Total Funds £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Membership	(3)	20,704			20,704	19,011
Associate membership		1,126			1,126	730
Members' BDI additional colony insurance		741			741	761
Advance subscriptions for 2023/24		0			0	0
Major Grants	(4)	0			0	6,013
Swarms		950			950	850
Other grants and donations		1,679			1,679	0
Gift aid tax recovery		4,441			4,441	4,247
Sub-total		29,641	0	0	29,641	31,612
Operating Activities						
Introduction and training courses		10,680			10,680	10,137
Advance payments for 2024 courses	(5)	1,050			1,050	1,300
Fundraising events proceeds		4,606			4,606	1,017
Hire of books and equipment		240			240	145
All risks insurance		0			0	0
Apiary items sold to members		11,068			11,068	9,210
Apiary honey sales		638			638	4,140
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Sub-total		28,282	0	0	28,282	25,949
Income from Assets -						
Interest		95	0		95	14
Total Receipts		58,018	8	0	58,018	57,575

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA	(3)	10,821			10,821	10,181
Bee Diseases Insurance		1,760			1,760	1,712
Teaching Apiary Building and Equipment		4,799			4,799	9,515
(6)						
Teaching apiary costs	(6)	8,264			8,264	4,353
Educational courses costs		8,674			8,674	8,381
Educational Expenses		2,992			2,992	2,373
Costs at regional shows etc.		0			0	0
Fundraising event costs		0			0	60
AGM & other meetings inc speakers costs		538			538	439
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Website and newsletter costs		1,746			1,746	493
Costs of apiary items for sale to members		11,461			11,461	7,446
Donations to other charities, organisations		373			373	287
Agent's fee for site valuation		0			0	0
Sub-total		51,428	0	0	51,428	45,240
Management & Administration Expenditure						
Committee meetings		0			0	0
General stationery, postage, telephone		126			126	3
Insurance	(7)	1,177			1,177	1,236
Residential chain repair		0			0	0

Bank Charges				348		399
Honoraria				0		0
Sub-total		0	0	1,651		1,638
Professional fees						
Costs for legal advice				0		0
Examination of Accounts				225		225
Total Payments		0	0	53,304		47,103
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		8	0	4,714		10,472

Avon Beekeepers Association Combined Executive and Branches Accounts (cont'd)

A3 Summary of Cash and Bank Movements in Year	Note	2022/2023			Total Funds £	2020/2021 Total Funds £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
no.						
Opening bank and cash balances		45,607	12,036	0	57,643	47,171
Excess/(shortfall) of receipts over payments		4,714	0		4,714	10,472
Transfers between funds		0	0	0		0
Closing bank and cash balances		50,321	12,036	0	62,357	57,643

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Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at end of the year 31/10/20

B1 Monetary Assets

Bank balances and cash funds

Bank Current Accounts	(8)	50,321	12,036	0	62,357	57,643
Cash						
Total Funds		50,321	12,036	0	62,357	57,643

(8)

B2 Non-monetary Assets

Educational Assets at Insurance Values (11)

Branch Apiary Buildings		163,100			163,260
Beekeeping Equipment		48,148			48,080
Apiary Equipment		16,999			16,488
Educational and display equipment		18,543			18,231
Trophies at insured values		21,533			21,533
Total Insured Assets		268,323			267,592
Honey stocks	(12)	300			300
Bulk purchase stocks		380			623
Bristol Apiary land at registration value	(13)	10,000			10,000
47 Bee Craft shares valued at cost	(14)	47			47
Total Other Assets		10,727			10,970
Total Non-monetary Assets		279,050			278,562

Avon Beekeepers Association
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3. Membership

Members' subscriptions include branch fee, ABKA capitation, BBKA capitation and Basic BDI insurance. These can be claimed for Gift Aid tax reclaim by eligible members.

4. Grants

The branches received a grant of £2,950 from Avon during the year. As these are consolidated accounts this amount does not show in the consolidated profit and loss account.

5. Advance Payments for Educational Courses

Deposits were received for 2023 courses of £1,050 (2021 £1,300)

6. Teaching Apiary building and equipment/Teaching apiary costs

The total of £13,063 includes North Somerset costs of £4,461, Bristol costs of £4,714 and Bath costs of £3,717.

7. Insurance

All Risks Insurance cover is for branch apiary buildings and equipment.

8. Bank Balances

Unadjusted Bank balances held by the branches and the ABKA Executive at 31 October 2023 were:

		Bath	North Somerset	Bristol	Keyn sham	W-s-M	Executiv e	Total
2023	General	7,894	9,582	14,468	2,755	1,418	14,204	£50,321
	Design'd	12,034		2				£12,036
	Total	£19,928	£9,582	£14,470	2,755	£1,418	£14,204	£62,357
2022	General	6,456	6,768	11,593	2,267	1,408	17,115	£45,607
	Designate d	12,034		2				£12,036
	Total	£18,490	£6,768	£11,595	£2,267	£1,408	£17,115	£57,643

9. Each branch and the Executive plan to hold sufficient funds to meet their budgeted net outgoings for the following year but target not to hold funds in excess of approximately three year's net outgoings.

10. ABKA Unrestricted Funds

The Executive funds increased by £1,767 on the previous year.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

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Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

Mark Hunter

Avon Beekeepers Association
Reg Charity No. 271717

AVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 271717

Accounts

Avon Beekeepers Association
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Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022

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Many of our experienced beekeepers carry out these activities as volunteers. We also encourage young people from all backgrounds and faiths to become interested in bees and, hopefully, some will take up beekeeping as junior members of the association.

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Normal activities started to be resumed and a successful ABKA Spring Day School was held in April 2022.

The Association and its' branches continue to use the online platform 'Zoom' to run some talks as well as committee meetings.

Financial Review

Total monetary assets at 31 October 2022 were £57,638 (2021, £47,171): £45,603 unrestricted funds after deducting designated funds specifically held for further Apiary development.

The combined unrestricted accounts for the year ended 31 October 2022 show a surplus of receipts against payments of £10,472 (2021, surplus £5,995).

Membership subscriptions remain the main source of income for the charity.

Total cash reserves of £57,638 remain at more than one year's income from voluntary sources (£31,612) and slightly more than one year's payments that were £47,103. This is acceptable as the expenditure is wholly within the charitable purposes of the association.

The Executive's cash reserves have increased to £17,115 (2020/21 £15,347).

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The overriding policy is to ensure that the Association and each of its branches shall end each year with a minimum level of reserves and available funds to enable each to cover the next year's projected expenditure. The funds shall not be more than three times the minimum unless established to meet anticipated costs of improving or replacing apiary facilities by one or more branches. Unless there is such a proposal branches should not consider any further increase in subscription until funds are brought within the policy.

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There was no change to BBKA capitation and ABKA capitation rates from 2020/21 into 2021/2022.

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 Registered Charity no. 271717
 Charity’s principal address: 38 Currells Lane Felton Bristol BS40 9XF

Names of charity trustees who managed the charity for 2021/22 were:

President	Stephen Brain	Bath Delegate	Anne Rowberry
Chair	Neil Campbell	North Somerset Delegate	Eric Sortwell
Hon. Gen. Secretary	Paul Moorhouse	Bristol Delegate	Neil Campbell
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Avon Beekeepers Association
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N.B. I have not been responsible for the independent examination of the individual Branch Accounts.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: Fiona Hale

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22 January 2023

Avon Beekeepers Association
Accounts for the Executive, Receipts and Payments Account
for the Period 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022 (General Fund)

Section A. Receipts and Payments
A1 Receipts

	Note	2021/22		2020/21	
		General Total Funds	£	General Funds	Total
Voluntary Sources					
no.					
Avon Membership	(3)	2,375		2,513	
Donations/Interest		8		0	
Gift aid tax recovery		850		743	
Sub-total			3,233		3,256
Operating Activities					
Introduction and training courses		343		0	
Insurance		0		0	
Sub-total			343		0
Total Receipts			3,576		3,256

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA and BDI	0		0	
Education course costs	1,196		547	
Bath & West, National and SWJCC sponsorship	0		0	
Fund Raising Events Costs	0		0	
Website and newsletter costs	0		0	
Reimbursement for hosting ABKA AGM	0		0	
Educational equipment and grants for branches	0		394	
Donations to outside organisations	400		0	
Sub-total		1,596		941

Management & Administration Expenditure

Committee meetings	0		0	
General stationery, postage, telephone	0		0	
Insurance	0		0	
Presidential chain repair	0		0	
Bank charges	87		90	
Sub-total		87		90

Professional fees

Costs for legal advice	0		0	
Examination of Accounts	125		125	
Sub-total		125		125

Total Payments

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year

Total Payments		1,808		1,156
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year		1,768		2,100
Opening cash and bank balances		15,347		13,247
Closing cash and bank balances	(8)	17,115		15,347

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the General Fund at year end

B1 Monetary Assets

£	£	£	£
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CAF Bank interest bearing account	(8)	17,115		15,347	
Total for General Funds			17,115		15,347

B2 Non-Monetary Assets

Educational Assets at insured values
47 Beecraft shares valued at cost

Total

0		0	
47		47	
	17,162		15,394

Combined Executive and Branches Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts Voluntary Sources no.	Note	2021/22			2020/21 Total Funds £	
		General Funds £	Designa ted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £		
Membership	(3)	19,011			19,011	18,074
Associate membership		730			730	674
Members' BDI additional colony insurance		761			761	732
Advance subscriptions for 2021/22		0			0	0
Major Grants	(4)	6,013			6,013	0
Swarms		850			850	750
Other grants and donations		0			0	1,718
Gift aid tax recovery		4,247			4,247	3,712
Sub-total		31,612	0	0	31,612	25,660
Operating Activities						
Introduction and training courses		10,137			10,137	6,030
Advance payments for 2023 courses	(5)	1,300			1,300	540
Fundraising events proceeds		1,017			1,017	962
Hire of books and equipment		145			145	105
All risks insurance		0			0	0
Apiary items sold to members		9,210			9,210	6,185
Apiary honey sales		4,140			4,140	980
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Sub-total		25,949	0	0	25,949	14,802
Income from Assets -						
Interest		6	8		14	1
Total Receipts		57,567	8	0	57,575	40,463

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA	(3)	10,181			10,181	9,629
Bee Diseases Insurance		1,712			1,712	1,720
Teaching Apiary Building and Equipment		9,515			9,515	8,298
(6)						
Teaching apiary costs	(6)	4,353			4,353	4,139
Educational courses costs		8,381			8,381	1,062
Educational Expenses		2,373			2,373	768
Costs at regional shows etc.		0			0	0
Fundraising event costs		60			60	0
AGM & other meetings inc speakers costs		439			439	40
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Website and newsletter costs		493			493	451
Costs of apiary items for sale to members		7,446			7,446	7,028
Donations to other charities, organisations		287			287	0
Agent's fee for site valuation		0			0	0
Sub-total		45,240	0	0	45,240	33,135
Management & Administration Expenditure						
Committee meetings		0			0	0
General stationery, postage, telephone		3			3	5

Insurance	(7)	1,236			1,236	617
Presidential chain repair		0			0	0
Bank Charges		399			399	386
Honoraria		0			0	100
Sub-total		1,638	0	0	1,638	1,108
Professional fees						
Costs for legal advice		0			0	0
Examination of Accounts		225			225	225
Total Payments		47,103	0	0	47,103	34,468
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		10,464	8	0	10,472	5,995

Avon Beekeepers Association

Combined Executive and Branches Accounts (cont'd)

A3 Summary of Cash and Bank Movements in Year	Note	2021/2022			2020/2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
no.		£	£	£	£
Opening bank and cash balances		36,143	11,028	0	47,171
Excess/(shortfall) of receipts over payments		10,464	8		10,472
Transfers between funds		-1,000	1,000	0	
		9,464	1,008		10,472
Closing bank and cash balances		45,607	12,036	0	57,643
(8)					47,171

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at end of the year 31/10/20

B1 Monetary Assets

Bank balances and cash funds

Bank Current Accounts	(8)	45,607	12,036	0	57,643	47,171
Cash						
Total Funds		45,607	12,036	0	57,643	47,171
(8)						

B2 Non-monetary Assets

Educational Assets at Insurance Values (11)

Branch Apiary Buildings		163,260		163,260
Beekeeping Equipment		48,080		50,080
Apiary Equipment		16,488		17,413
Educational and display equipment		18,231		17,361
Trophies at insured values		21,533		21,533
Total Insured Assets		267,592		269,647
Honey stocks	(12)	300		300
Bulk purchase stocks		623		0
Bristol Apiary land at registration value	(13)	10,000		10,000
47 Bee Craft shares valued at cost	(14)	47		47
Total Other Assets		10,970		10,347
Total Non-monetary Assets		278,562		279,994

Avon Beekeepers Association
Notes to the accounts for the period 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2022

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP revised 2015).

2. Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either: -

Unrestricted general funds. These are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These funds are termed as General Funds within this document.

Designated funds. These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects. They may be held within the unrestricted general funds or in a separate account.

Restricted funds. These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Endowment funds. ABKA has no endowment funds.

3. Membership

Members' subscriptions include branch fee, ABKA capitation, BBKA capitation and Basic BDI insurance. These can be claimed for Gift Aid tax reclaim by eligible members.

4. Grants

The total of £6,013 includes grants received by Bath (£2,150) and Bristol (£3,665)

5. Advance Payments for Educational Courses

Deposits were received for 2022 courses of £1,300 (2021 £540)

6. Teaching Apiary building and equipment/Teaching apiary costs

The total of £13,868 includes North Somerset costs of £3,041 and Bristol costs of £6,171

7. Insurance

All Risks Insurance cover is for branch apiary buildings and equipment.

8. Bank Balances

Unadjusted Bank balances held by the branches and the ABKA Executive at 31 October 2022 were:

		Bath	North Somerset	Bristol	Keyn sham	W-s-M	Executiv e	Total
2022	General	6,456	6,768	11,593	2,267	1,408	17,115	£45,607
	Design'd	12,034		2				£12,036
	Total	£18,490	£6,768	£11,595	2,267	£1,408	£17,115	£57,643
2021	General	4,210	6,151	7,123	1,848	1,464	15,347	£36,143
	Designate d	11,027		1				£11,028
	Total	£15,237	£6,151	£7,123	£1,848	£1,464	£15,347	£47,171

9. Each branch and the Executive plan to hold sufficient funds to meet their budgeted net outgoings for the following year but target not to hold funds in excess of approximately three year's net outgoings.

10. ABKA Unrestricted Funds

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NON-MONETARY ASSETS

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21 January 2022

AVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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The Association and its' branches continue to use the online platform 'Zoom' to run talks as well as AGMs and committee meetings. It is likely that use of this system will continue into the future

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Total monetary assets at 31 October 2021 were £47,171 (2020, £41,175): £36,140 unrestricted funds after deducting designated funds specifically held for further Apiary development.

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22 January 2022

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Avon Beekeepers Association
Accounts for the Executive, Receipts and Payments Account
for the Period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021 (General Fund)

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts

Voluntary Sources

Avon Membership	(3)
Donations	
Gift aid tax recovery	

Sub-total

Operating Activities

Introduction and training courses	
Insurance	

Sub-total

Total Receipts

2020/21		2019/20	
General Funds	Total	General Funds	Total
£	£	£	£
2,513		2,549	
0		0	
743		841	
	3,256		3,300
0		0	
0		0	
	0		0
	3,256		3,300

A2 Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

BBKA and BDI	
Education course costs	
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Management & Administration Expenditure

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Insurance	
Presidential chain repair	
Bank charges	

Sub-total

Professional fees

Costs for legal advice	
Examination of Accounts	

Total Payments

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year

Opening cash and bank balances

Closing cash and bank balances

(8)

0		0	
547		173	
0		160	
0		0	
0		1,200	
0		0	
394		228	
0		85	
	941		1,846
0		48	
0		0	
0		0	
0		0	
90		60	
	90		108
0		300	
125		125	
	125		425
	1,156		2,379
	2,100		921
	13,247		12,326
	15,347		13,247

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the General Fund at year end

B1 Monetary Assets

CAF Bank interest bearing account	(8)
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Total for General Funds

£	£	£	£
15,347		13,247	
	15,347		13,247

B2 Non-Monetary Assets

Educational Assets at insured values	
47 Beecraft shares valued at cost	

Total

0		0	
47		47	
	15,394		13,294

Combined Executive and Branches Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021

Section A. Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts Voluntary Sources	Note no.	2019/20			2019/20	
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	
Membership	(3)	18,074			18,074	17,703
Associate membership		674			674	1,215
Members' BDI additional colony insurance		732			732	720
Advance subscriptions for 2021/22		0			0	260
Major Grants	(4)	0			0	0
Swarms		750			750	
Other grants and donations		1,718			1,718	7,138
Gift aid tax recovery		3,712			3,712	4,202
Sub-total		25,660	0	0	25,660	31,238
Operating Activities						
Introduction and training courses		6,030			6,030	8,698
Advance payments for 2022 courses	(5)	540			540	0
Fundraising events proceeds		962			962	1,116
Hire of books and equipment		105			105	130
All risks insurance		0			0	0
Apiary items sold to members		6,185			6,185	1,163
Apiary honey sales		980			980	817
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Sub-total		14,802	0	0	14,802	11,924
Income from Assets –						
Interest		0	1		1	14
Compensation from bank						0
Total Receipts		40,462	1	0	40,463	43,176
A2 Payments						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
BBKA	(3)	9,629			9,629	9,446
Bee Diseases Insurance		1,720			1,720	1,680
Teaching Apiary Building and Equipment		8,298			8,298	9,928
Teaching apiary costs	(6)	4,139			4,139	10,236
Educational courses costs		1,062			1,062	1,961
Educational Expenses		768			768	2,290
Costs at regional shows etc.		0			0	50
Fundraising event costs		0			0	2,058
AGM & other meetings inc speakers costs		40			40	472
ABKA Reimbursement for Avon AGM		0			0	0
Website and newsletter costs		451			451	2,339
Costs of apiary items for sale to members		7,028			7,028	1,040
Donations to other charities, organisations		0			0	460
Agent's fee for site valuation		0			0	0
Sub-total		33,135	0	0	33,135	41,960
Management & Administration Expenditure						
Committee meetings		0			0	48
General stationery, postage, telephone		5			5	8
Insurance	(7)	617			617	723
Presidential chain repair		0			0	0
Bank Charges		386			386	248
Honoraria		100			100	0
Sub-total		1,108	0	0	1,108	1,027
Professional fees						
Costs for legal advice		0			0	300
Examination of Accounts		225			225	300
Total Payments		34,468	0	0	34,468	43,587
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		5,994	1	0	5,995	- 411

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Combined Executive and Branches Accounts (cont'd)

A3 Summary of Cash and Bank Movements in Year	Note no.	2020/2021			2019/20
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Opening bank and cash balances		25,716	15,460	0	41,176
Excess/(shortfall) of receipts over payments		5,994	1		5,995
Transfers between funds				0	
		4,433	-4,433		0
Closing bank and cash balances	(8)	36,143	11,027	0	47,171
					41,176

Section B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at end of the year 31/10/20

B1 Monetary Assets

Bank balances and cash funds

Bank Current Accounts	(8)	36,143	11,027	0	47,171	41,090
Cash						86
Total Funds	(8)	36,143	11,027	0	47,171	41,176

B2 Non-monetary Assets

Educational Assets at Insurance Values (11)

Branch Apiary Buildings		163,260		128,260
Beekeeping Equipment		50,080		48,081
Apiary Equipment		17,413		15,261
Educational and display equipment		17,361		17,361
Trophies at insured values		21,533		21,533
Total Insured Assets		269,647		230,856
Honey stocks	(12)	300		300
Bulk purchase stocks		0		0
Bristol Apiary land at registration value	(13)	10,000		10,000
47 Bee Craft shares valued at cost	(14)	47		47
Total Other Assets		10,347		10,347
Total Non-monetary Assets		279,994		231,203

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Notes to the accounts for the period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2021

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP revised 2015).

2. Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either: -

Unrestricted general funds. These are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These funds are termed as General Funds within this document.

Designated funds. These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects. They may be held within the unrestricted general funds or in a separate account.

Restricted funds. These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Endowment funds. ABKA has no endowment funds.

3. Membership

Members' subscriptions include branch fee, ABKA capitation, BBKA capitation and Basic BDI insurance. These can be claimed for Gift Aid tax reclaim by eligible members.

4. Grants

No major grants were received in this accounting year.

5. Advance Payments for Educational Courses

Deposits were received for 2021 courses of £540 (2020 £nil)

6. Teaching Apiary Costs

Bath incurred costs of £2,628 and Bristol £1,511.

7. Insurance

All Risks Insurance cover is for branch apiary buildings and equipment.

8. Bank Balances

Unadjusted Bank balances held by the branches and the ABKA Executive at 31 October 2021 were:

		Bath	North Somerset	Bristol	Keyns ham	W-s-M	Executive	Total
2021	General	£4,210	£6,151	£7,123	£1,848	£1,464	£15,347	£36,143
	Design'd	£11,027		£1				£11,028
	Total	£12,043	£6,151	£7,124	£1,848	£1,464	£15,347	£47,171
2020	General	£3,016	£1,369	£5,099	£1,526	£1,373	£13,247	£25,630
	Designated	£9,026	£3,000	£3,434				£15,460
	Total	£12,042	£4,369	£8,533	£1,526	£1,373	£13,247	£41,090

9. Each branch and the Executive plan to hold sufficient funds to meet their budgeted net outgoings for the following year but target not to hold funds in excess of approximately three year's net outgoings.

10. ABKA Unrestricted Funds

The Executive funds increased by £2,100 on the previous year.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

- 11.** The branches can be confident that all their property is adequately covered by full replacement all risks insurance and at reasonable cost. Cover is with Aston Lark.
- 12.** Honey stocks and bulk purchase stocks are not eligible for insurance cover. Nil values are attributed to hives, colonies, or very old assets.
- 13.** Bristol's freehold apiary site is zoned as agricultural land and was valued at £10,000 on registration in 2004. Discussions with the valuer in March 2010 indicated that there had been no material change since 2004 and the Executive consider this valuation still applies.
- 14.** At present the executive has no assets other than Bee Craft shares.

LIABILITIES

Avon Beekeepers Association has no liabilities

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statements of the Assets and Liabilities relating to the year ended 31st October 2021, which are set out on the pages above are as approved by the Trustees of the Association.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

Mark Hunter
ABKA Hon. Treasurer

21 January 2022