

# HIGH WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 299638

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1988-07-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING.

**Activities:** TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING  
A) ADVISE MEMBERS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF APIARIES  
B) HELP NEW MEMBERS TO START THE CRAFT IN A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER  
C) ENCOURAGE BEEKEEPERS IN EFFICIENT AND UP TO DATE PRINCIPLES  
D) ENCOURAGE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF DISEASE  
E) ARRANGE MEETINGS OF MEMBERS FOR PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION  
F) ADVISE, INFORM AND ASSIST THE PUBLIC ON BEES

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HIGH WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT
- Buckinghamshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£19,618	£19,618	-	-
2024-08-31	£19,754	£19,754	-	-
2023-08-31	£25,099	£20,478	-	-
2022-08-31	£17,329	£16,170	-	-
2021-08-31	£18,717	£18,717	-	-
2020-08-31	£18,395	£18,395	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>PAUL HURLEY</b>	Chair	2013-04-07
Marion Lyon		2013-04-05
Philip Clarke		2025-09-10

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 09	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** High Wycombe and District Beekeepers Association

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 299638

**Charity's principal address**

41 Spring Gardens Road
High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire
<b>Postcode</b> HP13 7AG

### 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	Paul Hurley	Secretary		Society AGM/EGM
2	Marion Lyon	Treasurer		Society AGM/EGM
3	Nicola Collins			Society AGM/EGM
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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

### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

ASSOCIATION

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Ex officio FROM AGM/EGM

### 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.

The Charity is run by an executive committee as prescribed in the constitution. All officers and committee members are unpaid volunteers.

The charity is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association through the Buckinghamshire Beekeepers Association

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the Association shall be to promote and further the craft of Beekeeping.

**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 pursuance of this objective, the Association shall carry out the following activities as far as it is able:-

- (a) Advise members in the management of apiaries.
- (b) Help new members to start in the craft in a safe and responsible manner.
- (c) Encourage beekeeping to be efficient with up to date principles.
- (d) Encourage control and eradication of disease.
- (e) Arrange meetings of members for practical instruction and education on all aspects of beekeeping and impinging fields of interest.
- (f) Provide advise and assurance, and where possible, assistance to the public on matters pertaining to bees and beekeeping.
- (g) Organise and hold exhibitions of bees, bee products and related appliances, and to promote the public's awareness of bees and the Environment.
- (h) Do all such lawful things as shall further the said objectives, in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Association may solicit donations from members and members of the public to support:

- a) educational activities by the Association in schools and
- b) research by other bodies on matters relating to the science of bees and beekeeping and may award grants to further the latter.

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

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

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The association has 146 members at all levels of experience in beekeeping and has provided support and a forum for informal training and assistance to members.

**Education**

The School Visits Team has once again visited a number of schools to educate local children into the world of the bee. The children still love the chance to see live honeybees in an observation hive.

The association also gave a highly praised presentation at a Royal Society of Chemistry county secondary school event, "Chemistry in Industry".

Beginners Course

Our "Introduction to Beekeeping" course was very popular with 31 people in attendance. The course was designed to give the basic theory and practical training necessary for an attendee to manage a colony with mentoring from an experienced beekeeper. The course consisted of six weekly evening sessions running through the Spring.

The practical sessions mainly took place at our Chairman's apiary though poor weather played a major factor in making practical sessions difficult to coordinate. The association apiary was not available until later in the year as we only acquired it around April/May time. However we hope that next year the association apiary will be used to full potential to support Beekeeping Practicals for both beginners and members.

General Talks for members and the public.

Once again this year we have enjoyed a wide array of speakers at our monthly meetings drawing the regular 45+ attendees as well as members of the public interested in taking up beekeeping. In general our speakers have been well received with varied topics that have both interested and informed. As always these monthly meeting have allowed the association to come together and catch up with fellow members at our new venue with its excellent facilities.

Various members have given general talks and exhibitions on bees and beekeeping to non-beekeeping groups such as WI, gardening societies and local shows.

Association Apiary

The association has used some of its reserve funds to acquire and equip a new training apiary. The new apiary has proved a great success with a variety of practical sessions taking place throughout the beekeeping calendar. We now have 8 hives to take through the winter now that the final apiary clean up has been carried out. The new apiary has seen many comings and goings of visitors. We hosted our first public Open day which saw 40 visitors and members in attendance.

National Examinations

Classes have been run for basic and more advanced modules and

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

our members have based in both categories.

### Public benefit

The association provided assistance to the local authority and the general public in handling questions related to bees (not necessarily honey bees, or bees at all!) , recovering swarms and relocating bumblebee colonies.

We have collected at least 28 swarms (the record is a bit ambiguous in places) which are generally distributed to new beekeepers.

A publicly accessible web site has been maintained, giving general advice and information on bees of many species and contact details for advice and swarm reporting. The web site also gives up-to-date information to members on association matters.

## Section E

## Financial review

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The association has accumulated reserves which are mainly intended to fund a permanent, secure teaching apiary site. Reserves will also be used to support academic research with the approval of members at an AGM or EGM

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### **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.

The association's income is from membership subscriptions/course fees. The association receives voluntary donations from members and from members of the public for swarm collection and talks. Some donated funds are mandated for research into bee disease and husbandry, the rest for education. The association's chief expenditure is on it's educational activities. The association's reserves are placed with CCLA Investment Management Ltd. in their COIF Charity Funds.

## Section F

## Other optional information

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Marion Lyon	Paul Hurley
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Marion Lyon	Paul Hurley
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Date</b>	1.11.2023	

<b>High Wycombe &amp; District Beekeepers Association</b>				Registered Charity No. 299638	
<b>Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 August 2023</b>					
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Year 2023	Year 2022	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	Year 2023	Year 2022
<b>Voluntary Sources</b>			<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>		
HWBKA Subs	1,420.10	1,530.00	Donations (Charitable *)	313.49	1610.85
Tax Refund on 2018/19 Subs.		896.18	BBKA Subs	3039.5	3373
Bucks & BBKA Subs	3,010.00	3,296.00	Bucks BKA Subs	262	
Tax Refund on 2019/20 Subs.		804.82	Gifts- illness/ long service etc	26.84	26
Donations visitors & visits/Ron White Research Fund	613.75	911.80		3,641.83	5,009.85
Tax refund on 2020/21 Subs.		1,127.06			
	5,043.85	8,565.86			
<b>Educational/Activities</b>			<b>Educational/Activities</b>		
Assoc Classes (Beginners, tasterdays, exam fees)	1,882.11	2,413.81	Educational Material	1218.31	895.28
Beekeepers Quarterly subscription	760.00	520.00	Speakers	502.95	1154.6
Beeecraft	1,126.20	892.60	Hall Hire	3367	2043.5
BDI	493.10	549.25	Beekeepers Quarterly subscription	836	594
Swarm Collection donations	175.00	95.00	Beeecraft	1420	1039.69
Sales Honey & Wax (+bees)	791.35	770.00	BDI	506.3	555
Social Events	151.50	83.00	Swarm Officer costs	115.68	261.65
	5,379.26	5,323.66	Apiaries	1460.92	1596.6
<b>Bulk Sales</b>			Honey Show/community shows	1318.9	125
Sales of jars & honey buckets	3,806.01	2,633.96	Social Events	52.5	0
Sales of Apiguard/maqs	466.00	326.61		10,798.56	8,265.32
Sales of fondant/sugar	320.95	54.50	<b>Bulk purchases for members</b>		
Clothing/Equipment Sales - polo shirt, caps, gloves	60.00		Honey/wax extraction kit purchase/upkeep		59.82
	4,652.96	3,015.07	Purchase of jars & honey buckets	4368.76	2040.7
<b>Income from Assets</b>			Purchase of Apiguard & fondant	668.35	478.8
Equipment Hire + deposits	45.00	424.90	Purchase of clothing		0
current account interest			Purchase of beesuits/gloves	418.85	0
other	-			5,455.96	2,579.32
	45.00	424.90	<b>Administration &amp; Miscellaneous</b>		
			Admin - PC, Printing and Publicity	120.9	0
			Contribution to Bucks BKA raffle	0	0
			Meeting & working party costs	102.49	90.88
			Web site hosting/directory entry/tech	358.36	225.58
				581.75	316.46
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	15,121.07	17,329.49			
<b>Balances brought forward</b>	9,978.44	8,819.90	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	20,478.10	16,170.95
	25,099.51	26,149.39	<b>Balances in hand (see below)</b>	4621.41	9978.44
				25,099.51	26,149.39
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 August 2023</b>					
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
Cash in hand					50.24
Co-op Bank account 2 : 31/08/2023				2062.64	2062.64
Co-op Bank account 1 : 31/08/2023				2543.52	7850.55
COIF Deposit A/C				15.25	15.01
				4621.41	9,978.44
<b>Assets-Held for Investment Purposes</b>					Value
					31-Aug-23
COIF Charities Investment Fund 93.51 Accumulation Shares					21,711.90
converted from 22 October 2009 at value £8,039.33:-					
<b>Equipment for Charity's own use (written down to nominal £1)</b>					
<b>Debtors</b>					
<b>Honey Stock</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Signed on behalf of Trustees by</b>					
<b>Independent Examiner's Report</b>					
See attached					



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
High Wycombe & District Beekeepers Association  
Registered Charity Number 299638**

I report on the accounts of the High Wycombe & District Beekeepers Association for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on the attached page.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Klaus Werner ACMA

18 September 2023

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