

# LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 500360

## Details

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**Other names** L B K A

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1970-09-21

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A) TO ENCOURAGE, IMPROVE AND ADVANCE APICULTURE PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN LINCOLNSHIRE, TO THE PUBLIC GOOD;B) TO ADVANCE THE AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

**Activities:** Promotion of beekeeping primarily but not exclusively within Lincolnshire by means of education, information advice and support

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Lincolnshire
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£85,071	£80,337	-	-
2023-12-31	£71,535	£68,112	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,000	£53,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,744	£27,395	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,837	£27,208	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Arlett-Johnson		2024-04-27
Andy Cursors		2025-04-26
Dale Gibson		2023-04-22
Frances Ross		2019-04-09
GILL SMITH		2011-09-28
Keith Baker		2020-03-01
Matthew Palmer		2023-07-04
Neil Duff		2023-01-10
Peter Vergedaal		2019-04-09
Richard C Arlett-Johnson		2022-04-23
Richard Griffin		2025-04-26

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## Administrative Information

Working name	LBKA
Charity registration number	500360
Honorary Patron	Toby Dennis

**Trustees** (currently and for the whole period reported unless shown otherwise)

Charity Officers and LBKA trustees:

Chair	Chris Arlett-Johnson
Vice Chair	Richard Harrison
Secretary	Matthew Palmer
Treasurer	Alex Arlett-Johnson
Membership Secretary	Graham Luckhurst
Lincolnshire Show Committee Secretary	Dale Gibson

District Representatives and LBKA trustees:

Lincoln	Stephen Jarman
Boston	Ken Williams
Louth	Dale Gibson
Horncastle	Graham Carrott
North Lincs	Frances Ross
Market Rasen	Neil Duff
Grimsby	Vacant
Grantham	Tanya Walton
Sleaford	Keith Baker
Wragby	Gill Smith
Stamford and Bourne	Richard Griffin

Other elected posts

(If marked € are Central Council members but neither trustees nor voting members in the capacity below.)

Honorary President	Gill Smith	€
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## Other elected posts

ADM Delegate	Matthew Palmer
Examinations Officer	Andy Cursors
Education Coordinator	Andy Cursors
Publicity Officer	Vacant

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# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Central Council Trustees' Annual Report

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LBKA Central Council submits the Trustees' Annual Report and consolidated accounts, for the charity, its ten districts and annual honey show, covering the year ending 31 December 2022.

LBKA is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), also a charity.

### Objects

The main objects of LBKA are to:

- Encourage, improve, and advance apiculture, primarily but not exclusively within Lincolnshire, to the public good.
- Advance the awareness of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

### Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

### Review of activities during the year

The county experienced a change in officers with Chris Arlett-Johnsons moving from Vice Chair to Chair and Alex Arlett-Johnson stepping in as Treasurer. The chair spent the year visiting all districts to introduce himself. The committee agreed to send one member from each district to Jersey to learn more about the threat of the Asian hornet, spread over 2 years. This year members from Sleaford, Stamford and Borune, Boston and North Lincs spent a week in Jersey and came back with valuable information, in which they shared with the districts throughout the course of the year. A first Aid course was also offered to the districts, and this will take place in May 2025.

We were invited once again to put on a two-day show for the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society's Annual Show.

We had a reasonably good turnout of volunteers on the show pre-start setup days, and we are very grateful to all that attended and helped.

The show was well attended, within the region of 58 - 60,000 visitors attending the event, allowing us to demonstrate and educate them by presenting the art of beekeeping, giving the public the opportunity to see bees inside hives working, how bees and beekeepers produce the honey and other hive products that are available.

A new rule (27) for the photography classes (39 & 40) was introduced and well received, requiring all entries to have an accompanying title/caption. A new additional outside game designed and built by Scott Arlett-Johnson was highly successful and was given a lot of praise from both our volunteers and the public.

Show entries were slightly higher than last year (441 entries last year), with 470 entries in 53 classes covering; Honey, Wax, Mead, and Confectionary, which meant the show qualified as a BBKA Blue ribbon event, awarded to Richard Harrison.

We had the pleasure of meeting and showing our new patron Toby Dennis, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, around the marquee.

Both the judges were very complementary on the number and standard of entries in the show.

The Honey show have purchased two pull up roller banners on Asian Hornets, one of which can be leant out to our districts with the following conditions:

- 1). The district borrowing the sign is responsible for the care and maintenance.
- 2). The district is responsible for the cost of a replacement/repair of the banner if it becomes damaged or lost.

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- 3). The banner must be held in the name of the county either the show secretary or a show committee member.
- 4). If the banner is being borrowed district to district the honey show secretary must be informed beforehand to update our records as the last recorded district to have the banner will be accountable for the banner.

## Education

Basic Assessment	16
Honeybee Health	9
General Husbandry	5
Theory Modules	10
Advanced Theory	1

Education continues to be a driving force, with my plan to future proof the county by improving education and future proofing the county. We had only 3 active basic assessors, 2 of which were in their late 70's, so it was imperative to get more basic assessors for the county, and I am happy to report, we now have 8 basic assessors for the county after 5 candidate visited Stoneleigh to complete Basic Assessor Training.

## Reserves policy

Unrestricted reserves	£74.0 k
LBKA's consolidated unrestricted reserves at the year-end were equivalent to	27 months

Unrestricted financial reserves of the charity continued to increase and stood at £74.0k at 31 December 2024, comprising monies held centrally and those distributed across its ten district branches and honey show committee.

In the past Central Council has considered, but never formally ratified, a charity reserves policy of holding sufficient funds to cover 18 months' normal running costs excluding self-funded items such as subscriptions and bulk purchases resold to members. LBKA's consolidated unrestricted reserves at the year-end were equivalent to 27 months' coverage on that basis, so the charity is in a very strong position to carry out its primary objectives.

## Administrative responsibilities

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The trustees recognise their joint responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been independently examined with the examiner's report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by Central Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

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Alex Alrett-Johnson (Treasurer)

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## Receipts and Payments Account

Year ending 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
	2	£	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations & grants (inc. Gift Aid)		900.50	2,327.83
Fundraising receipts	4	24,672.72	26,862.75
Members' subscriptions	9	19,732.05	16,821.67
Training events		6,940.87	8,701.65
Meetings & social events		1,700.00	456.00
Sales		21,758.15	14,407.48
Bank interest		255.47	139.90
Sundry income		9,111.58	1,818.19
		<b>85,071.34</b>	<b>71,535.47</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs	4	19,424.96	22,499.91
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI		15,090.80	11,660.60
Bulk purchases for resale	8	20,103.74	13,618.20
Meetings & social events		4,907.13	4,031.42
Equipment & books		4,739.43	3,616.21
Training & education		5,957.43	2,847.20
Quarterly Review & Directory		0.00	348.43
Donations & grants		41.48	590.00
Postage, stationery & bank charges		1,527.12	718.49
Honey shows		2,454.86	1,934.88
District apiaries		4,475.35	5,309.61
Accounts & Charity Ind. Examination		400.00	400.00
Sundries		1,214.57	537.35
		<b>80,336.87</b>	<b>68,112.30</b>
<b>Net receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>4,734.47</b>	<b>3,379.58</b>
Cash & bank balances brought forward		<u>77,125.00</u>	<u>73,702.09</u>
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>81,859.47</u></b>	<b><u>77,125.00</u></b>
<b>Opening Balances</b>			
Current Accounts		63,404.00	51,261.09
Deposit Accounts		8,190.75	17,012.66
Savings Accounts		0.00	0.00
Community Accounts		5,122.61	5,043.38
Cash		364.31	384.96
		<u>77,081.67</u>	<u>73,702.09</u>
<b>Closing Balances</b>			
Current Accounts		76,729.22	63,404.00
Deposit Accounts		4,292.67	8,190.75
Savings Accounts		0.00	0.00
Community Accounts		0.00	5,122.61
Cash		794.25	364.31
		<u>81,816.14</u>	<u>77,081.67</u>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities Year ending 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
			£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>			
Current accounts		76,729	63,404
Deposit accounts		4,293	13,313
Cash		794	380
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<u>81,816</u>	<u>77,098</u>
comprising:			
Restricted Funds		7,774	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>74,086</u>	<u>77,098</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>81,859</u>	<u>77,098</u>
<b>Non-monetary assets</b>			
Investment			
Shareholding in Beecraft Ltd	6		-
Fixed assets for the charity's use at valuation			
Equipment costing	7	36,660	30,705
Stock	8		-
<b>Monetary liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI	9		-

Approved by Central Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chris Arlett-Johnson Chair

..... Alex Arlett-Johnson Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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## Notes to the Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

#### Fund accounting

##### Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted general fund represents the net income received, which is applied in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

##### Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds, which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by funds providers. The aim of any restricted fund is set out in these notes to the accounts.

### 2 Presentation of accounts

There being no restricted funds received, retained or expended during the current year, the Receipts and Payments Account shows only unrestricted funds.

### 3 Reserves Statement

	Opening balance at 01/01/24	Receipts	Payments	Closing balance at 31/12/24
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£
Robert Park Legacy	5,123	61		5,184
Grimsby Funds		2,589		2,589
General fund	71,975	85,071	80,337	74,086
	<u>77,098</u>	<u>87,721</u>	<u>80,337</u>	<u>81,859</u>

A £3.3K legacy from the estate of Robert Park in 2002 was, by decision of an AGM of the charity, topped up to £5,000 and invested in an interest-bearing bank account with the intention of leaving the principal sum untouched. This sum was draw upon in 2018 and reinstated in 2019. There are no restrictions on the use of that money beyond that AGM decision which is thus open to being reversed at a future general meeting.

### 4 Fundraising receipts & costs - annual auction

Within the fundraising receipts are the proceeds of an annual auction of beekeeping items. These have been shown net of the sums paid to the sellers of the items auctioned, which are consequently excluded from fundraising costs.

	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Auction receipts from buyers	13,749	19,697	12,139
less payments to sellers	10,897	15,656	9,783
<b>Net receipts</b>	<u>2,852</u>	<u>4,041</u>	<u>2,355</u>

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## Notes to the Accounts Year ending 31 December 2023

### 5 Payments to Trustees

No remuneration was paid or payable, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the charity for the year to any member of the executive committee or to any person or persons known to be connected to them.

### 6 Investment

The charity owns 59 fully paid shares of £1 in Bee Craft Limited. These shares are held for the charity in the names of nominee shareholders: Mr Daniel Bayes and Mr Graham Carrott. As the shares are not listed, a valuation is impractical.

### 7 Equipment

As per total valuations provided by districts.

Estimated value at 31/12/24 £	Estimated value at 31/12/23 £
<u>36,659</u>	<u>30,705</u>

### 8 Stock for resale

Unsold bulk purchases of consumable stock (e.g. feeding or treatment products for bees) for sale to members has not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

### 9 Monetary liabilities

Subscriptions include monies received in advance for 2025 BBKA membership and insurance. These sums will be paid on to BBKA/BDI in 2025 but have not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

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<b>Charity registration number</b>	500360
<b>Honorary Patron</b>	Francis Dymoke
<b>Honorary President</b>	Gill Smith

**Trustees** (currently and for the whole period reported unless shown otherwise)

Charity Officers and LBKA trustees:

Chair	Iain Burnley
Vice Chair	Chris Arlett-Johnson
Secretary	Matthew Palmer - co-opt July 2023
Treasurer	Catherine Lake
Membership Secretary	Graham Luckhurst
Lincolnshire Show Committee Secretary	Richard Harrison resigned April 2023 Dale Gibson from April 2023

District Representatives and LBKA trustees:

Lincoln	Neill Gardener
Boston	Peter Vergedaal
Louth	Dale Gibson from Jan 2023
Horncastle	Graham Carrott
North Lincs	Frances Ross
Market Rasen	Neil Duff from Jan 2023
Grimsby	Vacant
Grantham	Bill Mahon from Sept 2023
Sleaford	Keith Baker
Wragby	Gill Smith

Other elected posts

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Examinations Officer	Andy Cursons €
Education Secretary	Andy Cursons €
ADM Delegate	Simon Castleman €

## Other posts

Lincolnshire Show Committee Treasurer	Diane Harrison
Safeguarding Officer	Guy Williams
Asian Hornet Co-ordinator	Stuart Maher
Publicity Officer	Keith Baker
Website Administrator	Vacant

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### Public Benefit

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### Review of activities during the year

LBKA activities were all back to normal after the disruption of covid over the last few years. Central Council meetings continue to be held both via zoom and in person and the AGM was held in April via zoom.

The beekeeping tent at the Lincolnshire show in June, was the highlight of the year for many and it is still one of the most visited tents on the showground. It incorporates both our annual honey show and a fantastic display of all aspects of beekeeping, making it very accessible to the public.

Within the region of 60,000 visitors attend the Lincolnshire Show, it allows us the opportunity to demonstrate and educate them by presenting the art of beekeeping, giving everyone the possibility to see bees inside a hive, how bees and beekeepers produce honey and other hive products and the opportunity if interested, to join one of the 10 districts, with many beekeepers' present giving advice and answering their questions.

Honey show entries were slightly higher than last year at 441 entries in 53 classes covering; honey, wax, mead, photography, baking and confectionary. As with last year this qualified the show as a British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) Blue Ribbon Event. Both judges were very complementary on the number and standard of entries.

Many thanks must also go to Dale Gibson in his first year as Show Secretary and the many volunteers in setting up and manning the tent over the two days.

Education has been gaining momentum during 2023 headed up by Andy Curson and continues to be an important part of membership activity. Details of the achievements of the districts in 2023 can be found below.

<b>District</b>	<b>Exam and Number taken per district</b>
Sleaford	Honey Bee Health x 3
Boston	Basic Assessment x 4 Honey Bee Health x 2
Market Rasen	Module 8 x 1

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	Honey Bee Health x 1 Basic Assessment x 2 Advanced Theory x 1
Louth	Basic Assessment x 3
Horncastle	Basic Assessment x 3 Honey Bee Health x 4 Module 7 x 1
North Lincs.	Basic Assessment x 4 Honey Bee Health x 1
Grimsby	Honey Bee Health x 1 Module 1 x 1 Module 3 x 1
Grantham	Honey Bee Health x 1 Basic Assessment x 5
Lincoln	Honey Bee Health x 1 Module 1 x 1

A total of 41 assessments were taken across all districts achieving 21 passes, 15 credits and 5 distinctions, which is double the number taking the exams and achieving pass or above from 2022. A huge congratulations to all candidates and as well as thanks to Andy for all the organising and coordinating with BBKA, thanks must also go to Celia for once again organising and mentoring the participants in the modules and along with Eddy and Kevin for giving up their time to be BBKA Assessors.

The Leslie Thorne Award was presented this year to Ada Pederson. It is presented by the Thorne family in memory of the late Leslie Thorne, former LBKA President, to encourage and support young beekeepers within LBKA. Ada is 8 years old and has been helping her mum keep their bees since spring 2020. She is calm and gentle around the bees and genuinely fascinated in learning about them. Ada happily gets stuck into any tasks at their small 4 hive apiary and is confident removing and replacing brood frames and can identify different stages of growth and what stores are available to the bees. She can identify the queen, drones and workers and absolutely loves to see the brand-new bees emerging from their cells. Ada was presented with a new hive and certificate.

Districts have been out and about in the county this year with Louth and Horncastle attending the Revesby show, Market Rasen attending Countryside Lincs in April at the Lincolnshire Showground and Open Farm Sunday in June. Horncastle also attended the Woodhall Spa show in May. North Lincs district have been busy and attended 4 local shows this year at Messingham, Crowle, Winterton and Epworth.

North Lincs joined with Beverley and Halifax beekeepers this year and ran a bee health day for the 3 districts which was well attended by their members.

Most of the districts ran successful beginners courses this year at Market Rasen, Louth, North Lincs, Horncastle, Sleaford, and Boston. With most attendees going on to join LBKA.

Boston also ran their 1<sup>st</sup> taster day at the new apiary and an 'introduction to beekeeping' and 'products of the hive' which are both 1-day courses. North Sea Camp Boston open prison has expressed an interest in keeping bees and the Farm manager has been involved in setting this up/training with the Boston district.

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During the winter months all districts had a full calendar of speakers and these were well attended and now open to all LBKA members.

The threat of the Asian Hornet has been widely publicised in 2023 with the main bulk of the live sightings on the south coast of the UK. In Lincolnshire we are not immune to the fact that the arrival in our county of the Asian Hornet is not if but when. There has been concerted efforts throughout LBKA to raise awareness not only with members and how to spot and report the threat, but also to the public. A fantastic media briefing was written by Brittany Taylor-Kirk and along with Stewart Maher our Asian hornet coordinator ramped up the publicity around the awareness through radio and the printed media. This is expected to continue in 2024. Thank you to Stewart for all his work in this area.

In 2023 LBKA launched a new website after having lost their website in 2022. Its aim is to educate and inform the public of all the activity in Lincolnshire and point them in the direction of their local district for more information. It is also there to assist and guide members to everything that is happening in the county.

Finally, all at LBKA were saddened to hear of the death of our Patron Francis Dymoke at the end of 2023. Many beekeepers will have met him when he presented the prizes at the honey show and deepest sympathies were sent to his family and friends.

## Reserves policy

Unrestricted financial reserves of the charity continued to increase and stood at £77.1K at 31 December 2023 (£73.7k at 31 December 2022), comprising monies held centrally and those distributed across its ten district branches and the honey show committee.

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Approved by Central Council on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Catherine Lake (Treasurer)

# **Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association**

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**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ending 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
	2	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations & grants (inc. Gift Aid)	✓	2,328	2,889
Fundraising receipts	4	26,863	20,619
Members' subscriptions	9	16,822	15,609
Training events	✓	8,702	6,884
Meetings & social events	✓	456	1,115
Sales	✓	14,407	8,321
Bank interest	✓	140	17
Sundry income	✓	1,818	1,722
		<b><u>71,535</u></b>	<b><u>57,175</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs	4	22,500	16,631
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI	✓	11,661	12,074
Bulk purchases for resale	8	13,618	7,017
Meetings & social events		4,031	2,991
Equipment & books		3,616	509
Training & education		2,847	4,647
Quarterly Review & Directory		348	-
Donations & grants		590	1,384
Postage, stationery & bank charges		718	258
Honey shows		1,935	2,379
District apiaries		5,310	4,055
Accounts & Charity Ind. Examination		400	400
Sundries		537	919
		<b><u>68,112</u></b>	<b><u>53,263</u></b>
<b>Net receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>3,423</b>	<b>3,912</b>
Cash & bank balances brought forward		<u>73,702</u>	<u>69,790</u>
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>77,125</u></b>	<b><u>73,702</u></b>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Year ending 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>			
Current accounts		63,404	51,261
Deposit accounts		13,313	22,056
Cash		380	385
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<u>77,098</u>	<u>73,702</u>
comprising:			
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>77,098</u>	<u>73,702</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>77,098</u>	<u>73,702</u>
 <b>Non-monetary assets</b>			
Investment			
Shareholding in Beecraft Ltd	6	-	-
Fixed assets for the charity's use at valuation			
Equipment costing	7	30,705	26,010
Stock	8	-	-
<b>Monetary liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI	9	-	-

Approved by Central Council on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chris Arlett-Johnson Vice Chair

..... Catherine Lake Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 500360

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## Notes to the Accounts

### Year ending 31 December 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

##### Fund accounting

##### Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted general fund represents the net income received, which is applied in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

##### Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds, which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by funds providers. The aim of any restricted fund is set out in these notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Presentation of accounts

There being no restricted funds received, retained or expended during the current year, the Receipts and Payments Account shows only unrestricted funds.

#### 3 Reserves Statement

	Opening balance at 01/01/23	Receipts	Payments	Closing balance at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Robert Park Legacy	5,043	79	-	5,123
General fund	68,631	71,456	68,112	71,975
	<b>73,674</b>	<b>71,535</b>	<b>68,112</b>	<b>77,098</b>

A £3.3K legacy from the estate of Robert Park in 2002 was, by decision of an AGM of the charity, topped up to £5,000 and invested in an interest-bearing bank account with the intention of leaving the principal sum untouched. This sum was draw upon in 2018 and reinstated in 2019. There are no restrictions on the use of that money beyond that AGM decision which is thus open to being reversed at a future general meeting.

#### 4 Fundraising receipts & costs - annual auction

Within the fundraising receipts are the proceeds of an annual auction of beekeeping items. These have been shown net of the sums paid to the sellers of the items auctioned, which are consequently excluded from fundraising costs.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auction receipts from buyers	19,697	12,139
less payments to sellers	15,656	9,783
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>2,355</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts

### Year ending 31 December 2023

**5 Payments to Trustees**

No remuneration was paid or payable directly, or indirectly, out of the funds of the charity for the year to any member of the executive committee or to any person or persons known to be connected to them.

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The charity owns 59 fully paid shares of £1 in Bee Craft Limited. These shares are held for the charity in the names of nominee shareholders: Mr Daniel Bayes and Mr Graham Carrott. As the shares are not listed, a valuation is impractical.

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As per total valuations provided by districts.

Estimated value at 31/12/23 £	Estimated value at 31/12/22 £
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Unsold bulk purchases of consumable stock (e.g. feeding or treatment products for bees) for sale to members has not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

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Subscriptions include monies received in advance for 2024 BBKA membership and insurance. These sums will be paid on to BBKA/BDI in 2024 but have not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

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## Charity Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association on its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on pages 1 to 10.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of its accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
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My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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. Consequently, I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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### Independent examiner's statement

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- II. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have been met; or
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Mr B. Gibbon, BSc. (Hons.), ACMA, CGMA

14 April 2024

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## Administrative Information

Working name	LBKA
Charity registration number	500360
Honorary Patron	Francis Dymoke

**Trustees** (currently and for the whole period reported unless shown otherwise)

Charity Officers and LBKA trustees:

Chair	Iain Burnley
Vice Chair	Richard Harrison resigned April 22 Chris Arlett-Johnson from April 22
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Catherine Lake
Membership Secretary	Graham Luckhurst
Lincolnshire Show Committee Secretary	Richard Harrison

District Representatives and LBKA trustees:

Lincoln	Neill Gardener
Boston	Peter Vergedaal
Louth	Vacant
Horncastle	Graham Carrott
North Lincs	Frances Ross
Market Rasen	Lesley Burns resigned Jan 22 Vacant from Jan 22
Grimsby	Vacant
Grantham	Vacant
Sleaford	Keith Baker
Wragby	Gill Smith

Other elected posts

(If marked € are Central Council members but neither trustees nor voting members in the capacity below.)

Honorary President	Gill Smith	€
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## Other elected posts

ADM Delegate	Simon Castleman	€
Examinations Officer	Mike Seal resigned April 22	
	Andy Cursons from April 22	
Education Coordinator	Vacant	
Publicity Officer	Keith Baker	€

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## Independent Examiner

Mr B. Gibbon BSc. Hons ACMA CGMA

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## Central Council Trustees' Annual Report

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LBKA Central Council submits the Trustees' Annual Report and consolidated accounts, for the charity, its ten districts and annual honey show, covering the year ending 31 December 2022.

LBKA is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), also a charity.

### Objects

The main objects of LBKA are to:

- Encourage, improve, and advance apiculture, primarily but not exclusively within Lincolnshire, to the public good.
- Advance the awareness of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

### Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

### Review of activities during the year

For LBKA 2022 was a year of getting back to running courses for beginners, improvers and advanced beekeepers and attending events back after the hiatus and uncertainty during covid. All districts recommenced face to face meetings during the summer months holding meetings at district apiaries and other beekeeping venues. With the introduction of zoom meetings during covid, many districts continued to hold zoom meetings through the winter, which enabled presenters who would not usually venture into Lincolnshire available to present to members. Many districts are opening their meetings to all Lincolnshire members, which has meant good attendance at most meetings with great speakers. Continuing that theme central council took the decision that winter meetings (Oct/Jan) would be held via zoom and summer meetings (April/July) would be held in person. The AGM in 2022 was held via zoom.

The beekeeping tent was back at the Lincolnshire show after a 2-year cancellation. It is the busiest tent at the show and incorporates both our annual honey show and a fantastic display of all aspects of beekeeping, making it very accessible to the general public. Within the region of 60,000 visitors attend the event and allows us the ability to demonstrate and educate them by presenting the art of beekeeping, giving everyone the opportunity to see bees inside hives working, how bees and beekeepers produce honey and other hive products. Entries for the honey show were up on the previous year, which again meant we qualified as a BBKA blue ribbon event. It was also noted that many new members entered and won some of the prizes. Many thanks to all members who volunteered in the setup of the tent, those who volunteered to man the tent for the 2 days, all the honey show entrants and judges who had some difficult judging decisions to make. All districts were represented by the volunteers. Thanks, must also go to the show committee who spend a great deal of their time arranging and organising the event. As a testament to all the hard work, the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society also awarded the marquee with "The Gamekeepers Cup", this is awarded to the most effective and well laid out display in the countryside area of the agricultural show.

Districts have also been busy, Louth had a full year of events, including a craft day and honey show. They attended the Revesby Show with Horncastle district in addition to other local shows in Covenham, Market Rasen and Willoughby. They ran a successful beginner's course introducing over 20 new people to the craft and made full use of the new district apiary at Hallington which continues to

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grow (there are now 4 members using the site on a full-time basis). The site has also been supported by the Butterfly Conservation Trust who have surveyed the site in addition to suggesting beneficial planting. Finally, a new district website was launched this year.

Sleaford had another successful year; 24 new beekeepers were trained on the beginners' course including 10 from RAF Digby. Membership of the club increased again and was also good to see some older members becoming more active in the club once again. Their monthly meetings were varied and well supported by the members and other districts. The club apiary continues its development and thanks to a contribution from Lincs Co-op they have been able to purchase a top bar hive. The committee also purchased a WBC hive from Thornes. The purpose of these different hives is to allow new and existing members to trial different hive types to see if it suits their needs before committing to purchase equipment for themselves. Thanks to a donation, about 100 native trees were planted on the apiary site.

Market Rasen had a presence at two shows in 2022, Countryside Lincs in April and Open Farm Sunday in June. The stand was well attended at both events, many candles were rolled and honey sold. The district website [mrdbk.org.uk](http://mrdbk.org.uk) got up and running. All upcoming events with photos and news are posted. Education continues to be an important part of the district and two members took the basic assessment and two took the Honey Bee Health assessments and all were successful.

Overall, in Lincolnshire education continues to be an important part of membership. Details of the achievements of the districts in 2022 can be found below.

District	Exam.	Grades
Sleaford	Junior x 1	1* Pass
Boston	Module 2 x 1 Basic Certificate x 3	1* Credit 2* Credit 1* Distinction
Market Rasen	Module 7 x 2  Honey Bee Health x 2 Basic Certificate x 2	1* Pass 1* Credit 2* Pass 2* Credit
Louth	Basic Certificate x 2	1* Credit 1* Distinction
Horncastle	Basic Certificate x 6	4* Credit 2* Distinction
N Lincs.	Module 7 x 1	1* Pass
Grimsby	Basic Certificate x 1	1* Distinction

A total of 21 assessments were taken across 7 districts achieving 5 passes, 11 credits and 5 distinctions.

## Reserves policy

Unrestricted financial reserves of the charity continued to increase and stood at £73.7K at 31 December 2022 (£70.0K at 31 December 2021), comprising monies held centrally and those distributed across its ten district branches and the honey show committee.

In the past Central Council has considered, but never formally ratified, a charity reserves policy of holding sufficient funds to cover 18 months' normal running costs excluding self-funded items such as

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subscriptions and bulk purchases resold to members. LBKA's consolidated unrestricted reserves at the year-end were equivalent to 38 months' coverage on that basis, so the charity is in a very strong position to carry out its primary objectives.

## Administrative responsibilities

The charity's trustees comprise its 6 officers (as listed above), one representative for each of its 10 districts. These trustees are elected, as appropriate, at either its central or districts' Annual General Meetings to serve until the next AGM. Additional members to fill casual vacancies or otherwise may be co-opted during the year. The names of the current trustees and all who have served as trustees during the year being reported, are shown on page 2.

LBKA Central Council comprises its trustees and additional post holders, who are not trustees, elected at the charity's AGM or co-opted. Whilst Central Council broadly co-ordinates and administers many of LBKA's activities, the trustees meet separately to address matters specifically relating to the charity's management and regulation.

The trustees recognise their joint responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been independently examined with the examiner's report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by Central Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Catherine Lake (Treasurer)

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## Receipts and Payments Account

### Year ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
	2	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations & grants (inc. Gift Aid)		2,889	2,220
Fundraising receipts	4	20,619	690
Members' subscriptions	9	15,609	16,315
Training events		6,884	5,494
Meetings & social events		1,115	179
Sales		8,321	8,657
Bank interest		17	1
Sundry income		1,722	189
		<b>57,175</b>	<b>33,744</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs	4	16,631	-
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI		12,074	10,764
Bulk purchases for resale	8	7,017	6,981
Meetings & social events		2,991	1,498
Equipment & books		509	1,648
Training & education		4,647	1,737
Quarterly Review & Directory		-	-
Donations & grants		1,384	602
Postage, stationery & bank charges		258	276
Honey shows		2,379	249
District apiaries		4,055	2,231
Accounts & Charity Ind. Examination		400	400
Sundries		919	1,009
		<b>53,263</b>	<b>27,395</b>
<b>Net receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>3,912</b>	<b>6,349</b>
Cash & bank balances brought forward		69,790	63,441
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances carried forward</b>		<b>73,702</b>	<b>69,790</b>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Year ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>			
Current accounts		51,261	50,370
Deposit accounts		22,056	19,030
Cash		385	390
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<u>73,702</u>	<u>69,790</u>
comprising:			
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>73,702</u>	<u>69,790</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>73,702</u>	<u>69,790</u>
 <b>Non-monetary assets</b>			
Investment			
Shareholding in Beecraft Ltd	6	-	-
Fixed assets for the charity's use at valuation			
Equipment costing	7	26,010	31,765
Stock	8	-	-
<b>Monetary liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI	9	-	-

Approved by Central Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....	Iain Burnley	Chair
.....	Catherine Lake	Treasurer

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## Notes to the Accounts

### Year ending 31 December 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

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Restricted funds are funds, which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by funds providers. The aim of any restricted fund is set out in these notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Presentation of accounts

There being no restricted funds received, retained or expended during the current year, the Receipts and Payments Account shows only unrestricted funds.

#### 3 Reserves Statement

	Opening balance at 01/01/22	Receipts	Payments	Closing balance at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Robert Park Legacy	5,033	11	-	5,043
General fund	64,757	57,165	53,263	68,659
	<b>69,790</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>53,263</b>	<b>73,702</b>

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Within the fundraising receipts are the proceeds of an annual auction of beekeeping items. These have been shown net of the sums paid to the sellers of the items auctioned, which are consequently excluded from fundraising costs. In 2021 the annual auction was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auction receipts from buyers	12,139	-
less payments to sellers	9,783	-
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>-</b>

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4 April 2023

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## Administrative Information

<b>Working name</b>	LBKA
<b>Charity registration number</b>	500360
<b>Honorary Patron</b>	Francis Dymoke

### Trustees

(Currently and for the whole period reported unless shown otherwise)

### Charity Officers and LBKA trustees:

Chair	Iain Burnley
Vice Chair	Richard Harrison
Secretary	Clare George (resigned Jan 2020)
Treasurer	Catherine Lake
Membership Secretary	Graham Luckhurst

### Lincolnshire Show Committee:

Secretary	Richard Harrison
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### District Representatives and LBKA trustees:

Lincoln	Neill Gardener
Boston	Peter Vergedaal
Louth	Will Hamilton (resigned Jan 2020)
Horncastle	Graham Carrott
North Lincs	Frances Ross
Market Rasen	Lesley Burns (from Jan 2020)
Grimsby	Vacant
Grantham	Vacant
Sleaford	Keith Baker
Wragby	Gill Smith

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Honorary President	Gill Smith €
ADM Delegate	Andy Cursons €
Examinations Officer	Mike Seal €
Education Coordinator	Vacant
Publicity Officer	Keith Baker €

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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mr B. Gibbon BSc. (hons), ACMA, CGMA

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

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### Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

### Review of activities during the year

For LBKA 2021 was another challenging year. Covid 19 was still restricting many activities although some districts were resuming face to face meetings in the latter half of the year and others still using zoom to hold meetings and talks given by external speakers. All LBKA council meetings were held via zoom, as was the AGM in April.

Although the Lincolnshire show was cancelled for the second year where we usually hold our honey show, LBKA ran a honey show in September at Thornes in Wragby. It was extremely well attended and entries were of a good standard giving the judges some tough decisions. Thanks must go to the Honey Show committee for organising the event, to members for their entries and to Thornes for hosting.

Sleaford district held talks hosting external speakers and once restrictions were eased were back to meeting in person. Meetings continued to be well attended as was the Christmas dinner. Training courses offered by Sleaford have always been popular and 2021 was no exception enabled by delivering some parts of the course online. Over 20 people attended beginners' course including 9 from RAF Coningsby. They also saw 9 members successfully complete their basic assessment and 3 junior members complete the junior assessment, which is a record for the district. Their new club apiary continues to be well used for the practical elements of the beginner's course and exam sessions and have also had several club training days at the apiary including an informative session from Eddy Gadd. The apiary team already have a full programme of club events planned for 2022 building on the successes of 2021.

Lincoln district started the year as many others with meetings on line and activities then picked up later in the year where they managed to hold three member meetings. November meeting had a presentation on 'how the bees collect pollen' followed by a discussion on the use of oxalic acid as a varroa treatment. In December they ventured into the area of artificial swarming and the Patterson method of creating nucleus's.

With assistance from David Knibbs and Chris Elliss, they now have a fully functioning apiary that has four complete hives in a clear and clean environment with storage space for all our spare equipment. They managed to deliver over 160 (a mixture of 8oz & 12oz jars) of honey to Gelder's to sell for charity and to give as gifts to suppliers and customers.

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There was no auction held for the second year running although there are plans to hold one in 2022.

Market Rasen meetings recommenced in August and they also were invited to have a stand at the Lincolnshire show ground for Lincs Fest, which was well attended by members and the general public. Followed a week later with an open day at the Chairs house for tea, coffee, cakes and a general bee catch up. In October and November, they saw a return to formal meetings and in December the club honey show took place.

Horncastle also resumed their programme of events in the Autumn and were well attended. Their annual honey show was also held and thanks to everyone who entered.

LBKA were delighted to award this years Lesley Thorne Award to Oscar Niland from North Lincs district. Oscar has been a very keen member of the North Lincs for a few years and in that time has attended the district training courses, shows and meetings while continuing with his school work. The Pandemic put a significant barrier in place to Oscars further development in beekeeping and was unable to progress to keeping his own bees at that time but not to be perturbed by the restrictions he has continued to grow his knowledge through attending on line zoom meetings and whenever possible visited the district apiary, socially distanced, to observe and ask questions. He was formally presented with his award as was the 2020 recipient Rosie Christmas (also from North Lincs) at the honey show at Thornes by Gill Smith LBKA President.

Education continues to be an important part of association membership activities despite the restrictions and the details of the achievements of the districts can be found below.

<u>District</u>	<u>Exam</u>		<u>Grades</u>
Grantham	Basic	1	Credit
Lincoln	Basic	1	Credit
Sleaford	Basic	9	8*Credit 1*Pass
	Junior	3	3* Pass
Boston	Module 1	1	Result not known
Market Rasen	Module 5	2	1* Pass 1* Distinction
	Module 6	3	2* Credit 1* Distinction
	Int. Theory 2	1*	Credit 1* Distinction
N Lincs.	Module 6	1	1* Credit

It is also a great achievement that one of our members has received "The Robert Hammond Award" by the BBKA for their results at Intermediate theory level.

This is a national award and reflects the highest score across the country. The presentation will be made at the BBKA Spring Convention in April 2022.

## Reserves policy

Unrestricted financial reserves of the charity continued to increase and stood at £70.0k at 31 December 2021, comprising monies held centrally and those distributed across its ten district branches and honey show committee.

In the past Central Council has considered, but never formally ratified, a charity reserves policy of holding sufficient funds to cover 18 months' normal running costs excluding self-funded items such as subscriptions and bulk purchases resold to members. LBKA's consolidated unrestricted reserves at the year-end were equivalent to 31 months' coverage on that basis, so the charity is in a very strong position to carry out its primary objectives.

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Administrative responsibilities

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Approved by Central Council on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Catherine Lake (Treasurer)

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## Receipts and Payments Account

### Year ending 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
	2	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations & grants (inc. Gift Aid)		2,220	2,463
Fundraising receipts	4	690	130
Members' subscriptions	9	16,315	14,986
Training events		5,494	3,345
Meetings & social events		179	335
Sales		8,657	7,417
Bank interest		1	9
Sundry income		189	153
		<b>33,744</b>	<b>28,837</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs	4	-	513
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI		10,764	10,912
Bulk purchases for resale	8	6,981	411
Meetings & social events		1,498	2,165
Equipment & books		1,648	6,449
Training & education		1,737	710
Quarterly Review & Directory		-	-
Donations & grants		602	888
Postage, stationery & bank charges		276	724
Honey shows		249	434
District apiaries		2,231	2,942
Accounts & Charity Ind. Examination		400	500
Sundries		1,009	561
		<b>27,395</b>	<b>27,208</b>
<b>Net receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>6,349</b>	<b>1,629</b>
Cash & bank balances brought forward		63,291	61,662
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances carried forward</b>		<b>69,640</b>	<b>63,291</b>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Year ending 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>			
Current accounts		50,370	48,318
Deposit accounts		19,030	14,771
Cash		389.81	352.65
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<u>69,790</u>	<u>63,442</u>
comprising:			
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		69,790	63,442
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>69,790</u>	<u>63,442</u>
 <b>Non-monetary assets</b>			
Investment			
Shareholding in Beecraft Ltd	6	-	-
Fixed assets for the charity's use at valuation			
Equipment costing	7	31,765	29,652
Stock	8	-	-
<b>Monetary liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI	9	-	-

Approved by Central Council on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....	Iain Burnley	Chair
.....	Catherine Lake	Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Registered Charity No. 500360

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Notes to the Accounts

### Year ending 31 December 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

##### Fund accounting

##### Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted general fund represents the net income received, which is applied in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

##### Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds, which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by funds providers. The aim of any restricted fund is set out in these notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Presentation of accounts

There being no restricted funds received, retained or expended during the current year, the Receipts and Payments Account shows only unrestricted funds.

#### 3 Reserves Statement

	Opening balance at 01/01/21	Receipts	Payments	Closing balance at 31/12/21
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Robert Park Legacy	5,032	0	-	5,033
General fund	58,409	33,744	27,395	64,757
	<b>63,441</b>	<b>33,744</b>	<b>27,395</b>	<b>69,790</b>

A £3.3K legacy from the estate of Robert Park in 2002 was, by decision of an AGM of the charity, topped up to £5,000 and invested in an interest-bearing bank account with the intention of leaving the principal sum untouched. This sum was draw upon in 2018 and reinstated in 2019. There are no restrictions on the use of that money beyond that AGM decision which is thus open to being reversed at a future general meeting.

#### 4 Fundraising receipts & costs - annual auction

Within the fundraising receipts are the proceeds of an annual auction of beekeeping items. These have been shown net of the sums paid to the sellers of the items auctioned, which are consequently excluded from fundraising costs. In 2020 and 2021 the annual auction had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Net receipts in 2019 were £3,614.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auction receipts from buyers	-	-
less payments to sellers	-	-
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts

### Year ending 31 December 2021

**5 Payments to Trustees**

No remuneration was paid or payable, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the charity for the year to any member of the executive committee or to any person or persons known to be connected to them.

**6 Investment**

The charity owns 59 fully paid shares of £1 in Bee Craft Limited. These shares are held for the charity in the names of nominee shareholders: Mr Daniel Bayes and Mr Graham Carrott. As the shares are not listed, a valuation is impractical.

**7 Equipment**

As per total valuations provided by districts.

Estimated value at 31/12/21 £	Estimated value at 31/12/20 £
31,765	29,562

**8 Stock for resale**

Unsold bulk purchases of consumable stock (e.g. feeding or treatment products for bees) for sale to members has not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

**9 Monetary liabilities**

Subscriptions include monies received in advance for 2021 BBKA membership and insurance. These sums will be paid on to BBKA/BDI in 2021 but have not been separately evaluated for the accounts.

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## Charity Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association on its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 as set out on pages 1 to 10.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of its accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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. Consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

My examination directly focussed on only the charity's central accounts and its consolidation of central and district accounts. I have relied upon other independent examiners' reports for confirmation of the veracity of accounts for each of the charity's 10 districts, seeking verification only where district returns were unclear or inconsistent with other information seen.

### Independent examiner's statement

This year, no matters of concern have come to my attention. This gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the following requirements have been satisfied:

- I. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
- II. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have been met; or
- III. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr B. Gibbon, BSc. (Hons.), ACMA, CGMA

4 April 2022

**LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 500360

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020

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# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Administrative Information

Working name	LBKA
Charity registration number	500360
Honorary Patron	Francis Dymoke

**Trustees** (currently and for the whole period reported unless shown otherwise)

Charity Officers and LBKA trustees:

Chair	Iain Burnley
Vice Chair	Richard Harrison
Secretary	Clare George
Treasurer	Catherine Lake
Membership Secretary	Graham Luckhurst
Lincolnshire Show Committee Secretary	Richard Harrison

District Representatives and LBKA trustees:

Lincoln	Neill Gardener
Boston	Peter Vergedaal
Louth	Will Hamilton
Horncastle	Graham Carrott
North Lincs	Frances Ross
Market Rasen	Lesley Burns <i>(from Jan 2020)</i>
Grimsby	Vacant
Grantham	Andrew Watkins
Sleaford	Keith Baker
Wragby	Gill Smith

Other elected posts

(If marked € are Central Council members but neither trustees nor voting members in the capacity below.)

Honorary President	Gill Smith	€
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## Other elected posts

Lincolnshire Show Committee Treasurer	Diane Harrison	
ADM Delegate	Andrew Watkins	€
Examinations Officer	Mike Seal	
Education Coordinator	Vacant	
Publicity Officer	Keith Baker	€

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**Independent Examiner** Mr B. Gibbon BSc. Hons ACMA CGMA

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Central Council Trustees' Annual Report

Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association (LBKA) is an unincorporated charity originally constituted on 18 March 1967 and registered with the Charity Commission (number 500360) on 21 September 1970. Its constitution was last amended 15th March 2020.

LBKA Central Council submits the Trustees' Annual Report and consolidated accounts, for the charity, its ten districts and annual honey show, covering the year ending 31 December 2020.

LBKA is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), also a charity.

### Objects

The main objects of LBKA are to:

- Encourage, improve and advance apiculture, primarily but not exclusively within Lincolnshire, to the public good.
- Advance the awareness of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

### Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

### Review of activities during the year

For LBKA 2020 was a challenging year. Covid 19 has restricted many of the usual activities during the course of the year and most of the monthly social and training events, country shows we would normally participate in, and our annual honey show at the Lincolnshire Show, were cancelled. We hope that normal levels of social events, shows etc., will resume sometime in 2021.

The LBKA AGM was held in March just before lockdown, at the Lincolnshire Bomber Command Centre and was well attended. The guest speaker was Andrew Durham who spoke about the threat of the Asian hornet to the UK and the experience of French and Spanish beekeepers and how UK beekeepers can assist with defences in the apiary and the management of their bees under predation.

To coincide with BBKAs' Asian Hornet week (Sept 7-13) our Asian Hornet Coordinator organised a press release and contributed to local radio shows and was interviewed by local press throughout the week raising awareness with the public on how to spot and report a Asian hornet.

In spite of lockdown, Sleaford District were able to set up their district apiary in 2020, due to the kindness and generosity of members both past and present, Woodhall Spa Rotary Club and the Coop. They now have a total of 8 hives of varying types for members and beginners to gain experience and widen their beekeeping knowledge.

They were lucky in that their beginners' course of 10 participants was completed just before the first lockdown and when it lifted, they were able to allow very small groups to use the apiary for the practical course.

Although their meetings were curtailed, they have kept their membership in contact with each other through regular newsletters and have run all of the usual bulk purchases during the year for the benefit of their active beekeepers'.

Horncastle held a training course for 17 participants in 2020, even though they had an unscheduled pause, caused by the first lockdown during the theory sessions. Even with these difficulties they managed to keep all but two of the course members as new members of the district, and one of them has signed up for the 2021 course.

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Their new apiary is now well established and has proved to be a useful addition to the quality of training for the beginners' course, allowing participants to gain experience and confidence when handling bees. During the easing of restrictions during the summer they held a socially distanced "meet the bees" for 12 members of the public.

They collected 50 swarms during 2020 and strangely find that social distancing isn't usually a problem when they want to catch a swarm!

Market Rasen had a good turnout for their AGM and social at the beginning of the year and an excellent talk with Peter and Glynis on producing the perfect mead in February. Mike, Brian and Lesley took a trip down to the BBKA Asian Hornet Conference which although they were unable to present feedback at a meeting, managed to post electronically to all. In March, Sue gave an insight and informative talk on swarm collecting. Once in lockdown Brian ran Q and A email sessions which hopefully gave those in need of a solution or tip to help them along and give some support.

Their 2020 Beginners' course was cancelled and for the same reason any additional training and members' access to the apiary was not possible. Even without a lockdown, social distancing round a bee hive is not really manageable. Some of the Beginners' course applicants were refunded but the majority asked that their fees should be deferred to 2021.

Grimsby managed to hold 2 monthly meetings before lockdown and held meetings via video conferencing later during the year. Being locked down appears to have resulted in more enquiries regarding the taking up of beekeeping and hopefully worthwhile advice has been passed on.

Positive Activities Charity who is managing a £1m Humberston Eco Conservation project got in contact asking if Grimsby district were willing to be involved with beekeeping on the site. They have offered advice and will hopefully get more involved when the lockdown eases.

The annual auction of bee items in March hosted by Lincoln District had to be cancelled as was their beginner's course. They continued to encourage new and inexperienced beekeepers by phone and email and hope that most will stick with the hobby and will hope to participate fully in activities once they are back up and running in 2021.

## **Reserves policy**

Unrestricted financial reserves of the charity continued to increase and stood at **£63.2K** at 31 December 2020, comprising monies held centrally and those distributed across its ten district branches and honey show committee.

In the past Central Council has considered, but never formally ratified, a charity reserves policy of holding sufficient funds to cover 18 months' normal running costs excluding self-funded items such as subscriptions and bulk purchases resold to members. LBKA's consolidated unrestricted reserves at the year-end were equivalent to 35 months' coverage on that basis, so the charity is in a very strong position to carry out its primary objectives.

## **Administrative responsibilities**

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## Receipts and Payments Account

### Year ending 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
	2	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations & grants		2,463	5,234
Fundraising receipts	4	130	26,431
Members' subscriptions	9	14,986	16,235
Training events		3,345	5,745
Meetings & social events		335	1,192
Sales		7,417	7,638
Bank interest		9	4
Sundry income		153	2,141
		<b>28,837</b>	<b>64,619</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fundraising costs	4	513	20,852
Subscriptions to BBKA/BDI		10,912	10,263
Bulk purchases for resale	8	411	2,462
Meetings & social events		2,165	2,906
Equipment & books		6,449	8,070
Training & education		710	1,711
Quarterly Review & Directory		-	1,350
Donations & grants		888	500
Postage & stationery		724	538
Honey shows		434	5,390
District apiaries		2,942	1,733
Accounts & Charity Ind. Examination		500	1,027
Sundries		561	1,803
		<b>27,208</b>	<b>58,604</b>
<b>Net receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>1,629</b>	<b>6,015</b>
Cash & bank balances brought forward		61,662	55,647
<b>Cash &amp; bank balances carried forward</b>		<b>63,291</b>	<b>61,662</b>

# Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Year ending 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>			
Current accounts		48,318	49,438
Deposit accounts		14,771	11,748
Cash		<u>352.65</u>	<u>563.97</u>
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<u>63,442</u>	<u>61,749</u>
comprising:			
Restricted Funds		-	-
Unrestricted Funds		<u>63,442</u>	<u>61,749</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>63,442</u>	<u>61,749</u>
 <b>Non-monetary assets</b>			
Investment			
Shareholding in Beecraft Ltd	6	-	-
Fixed assets for the charity's use at valuation			
Equipment costing >£100	7	29,652	29,772
Stock	8	-	-
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.....	Catherine Lake	Treasurer

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Registered Charity No. 500360

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#### 3 Reserves Statement

	Opening balance at 01/01/20	Receipts	Payments	Closing balance at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Robert Park Legacy	5,028	4	-	5,032
General fund	56,785	28,833	27,208	58,409
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	2020	2019
	£	£
Auction receipts from buyers	-	18,406
less payments to sellers	-	- 14,792
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,614</b>

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- II. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have been met; or
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Mr B. Gibbon, BSc. (Hons.), ACMA, CGMA

21 March 2021