Trustees' annual report:

Period start date: **01/01/25** Period end date: **31/12/25**

Charities Name: **Manchester and District Beekeepers Association**. Charity Number: **1159052**

Objectives and Activities.	
Summary of the purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document.	To advance and encourage the understanding of bees; beekeeping and the practice of good beekeeping for the public benefit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Our main activities for the public benefit are to: • promote good practice in the management of healthy honeybee colonies • ensure that association members have access to appropriate and relevant information and training regarding honeybee health and safe beekeeping practices including information on pollinators and their place in an ecosystem that includes honeybees • offer training and ongoing support for new/novice beekeepers including the placement of apiaries and the issue of over foraging a given area • offer short "taster" sessions on beekeeping for the public • staff visitors centre based in Heaton Park, opened once each week 36 weeks of the year, offering information on honeybees and native pollinators • work with Heaton Park staff to increase their awareness of pollinators and honeybee life cycles • deliver teaching and talks for schools, local social groups and organisations working with the public about bees and pollinators to encourage a wide interest and knowledge of pollinating insects including native bees • facilitate student research projects into honeybees and native pollinators • provide a point of contact for local people concerned about honey bee swarms • act as a point of information and contact for beekeepers and the public about possible incursions by Asian Hornets and other honeybee pests as and when necessary
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on "public benefit" and have given due regard to it in their management of the association

Additional information (optional)	
Contribution made by volunteers	The association is run and maintained by volunteers. This includes all training and the management and maintenance of a large training apiary. In addition, volunteers cover the opening of the Dower House visitors centre to the public. As an association we are entirely reliant on the good will and energy of our volunteers. Over the course of this year the association has continued to develop opportunities for volunteers including encouraging individuals who are not active beekeepers to take social membership of the association. The role of the volunteer coordinator has been extended and is working well.

Achievements and Performance:	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	• Bee health in the training apiary has been consistently monitored and the incidence of bee disease and pests has been low during 2025, however there is concern nationally about the level of colony loss during the year and this will be an ongoing concern for the association in the future.

	• The association now has a professionally developed plans for the pollinator area and initial permission for work to commence, the garden area within the apiary is being developed alongside the pollinator area and work on signage will start at the beginning of 2026. • In 2025 the association attracted a further 11 new beekeepers to undertake the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) Basic Assessment, all 11 passed the examination with a number achieving Merit or Credit awards. Of the candidates undertaking this exam, some have chosen to continue to more advanced training in Microscopy which will be benefit to other beekeepers and support the associations aim to improve bee health. The association continues to cover the exam fees for successful candidates and have also offered the loan of microscopes where necessary. • Training has continued to be offered to new beekeepers and the public raising the awareness of all, to the importance of pollinators within the environment, this is now well established and valued. • One additional trainer has been found and several members who have gained experience as volunteers with the association are becoming available as trainers for the future. The need for trainers will remain a focus for development over the next 12-months. • During 2025 the association has held quarterly open events for members and the public, these have included bee related sessions and the opportunity to try activities related to beekeeping. Offering shared activities to beekeepers and the public has worked well, the events normally include a beekeeper session prior to the open event. In addition, the association trialled a Honey event where members of the public could bring their own containers and fill them with honey at cost. This was (very) popular and allowed us to make honey available at a lower cost and in a more sustainable way. It is planned to continue the events during 2026. • The novice WhatsApp group is established and actively being used s short statement has been prepared to inform users of both groups about online care and usage. • A new web-based system has been introduced for sales and the monitoring of stock. Additional storage has been purchased which will allow stock to be bought and stored. Beekeeping is seasonal and equipment prices often vary depending on need. The link between better understanding of equipment sales, seasonal changes in purchase pricing and more storage will ensure association members can buy what they need and pay lower prices. The additional storage also gives us some future proofing if it is needed. • The increased financial clarity has and will allow the association to understand each element of its current work and plan for future developments.

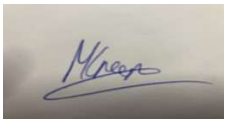
Additional information (optional)	
	Future plans: • Continue work on the pollinator garden including seeking external funding for elements of the work and volunteer support. • Continue with externally accredited training through BBKA and provide information about support groups for advanced training. • Support external research into bee health and the management of bee “pests” (Yellow Legged Hornet, Tropilaelaps and Varroa). This will be undertaken in conjunction with BBKA. • Support and manage the induction and transition of association members who act as Trustees or senior managers, where necessary provide work information and mentoring systems. In 2026, there will be significant changes in both the Trustees committee and the association management.

	• During 2025 the management structure of Heaton Park has changed significantly and MDBKA needs to understand the changes whilst working towards a sound working relationship which will benefit everyone. • The honey related events introduced in 2025 were successful and popular, making strong links between the public and practicing beekeepers. These will continue in 2026. In addition, more non-beekeeping members will be welcomed into the association in recognition that interest is as important to being a beekeeper as actually owning bees.

Signed: 9 February 2026



C A MacLeod. Chair of Trustees



M Green. Treasurer

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association	1159052

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-25		31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions including BDI	10,337	-	-	10,337	11,462
Donations	4,286	-	-	4,286	1,191
Equipment sales	34,644	-	-	34,644	33,707
Gift shop sales	762	-	-	762	5,482
Honey sales	22,465	-	-	22,465	14,433
Teaching courses	4,010	-	-	4,010	7,135
Advertising	60	-	-	60	56
Hive sponsorship	1,200	-	-	1,200	800
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	77,764	-	-	77,764	74,266
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	77,764	-	-	77,764	74,266
A3 Payments					
Equipment costs	41,052	-	-	41,052	31,490
Gift shop costs	12,647	-	-	12,647	7,082
Newsletter, Post, Stationery	882	-	-	882	759
Bee disease insurance premium	1,129	-	-	1,129	1,016
Donations and gifts	300	-	-	300	47
Education	652	-	-	652	2,682
BBKA Capitation fees	6,204	-	-	6,204	5,826
Garden	-	-	-	-	-
Social Events / raffles	390	-	-	390	363
Teaching courses	3,024	-	-	3,024	2,801
Paypal, Sumup and STRIPE fees	946	-	-	946	814
Travel expenses	1,072	-	-	1,072	1,323
Equipment and other costs for Dower House	3,122	-	-	3,122	2,912
Equipment and other costs for Apiary	5,978	-	-	5,978	11,807
Equipment and consumables for extraction room	2,122	-	-	2,122	2,480
Charity administration costs	1,728			1,728	156
Dower House Insurance	1,132	-	-	1,132	1,101
Design fees	1,536	-	-	1,536	-
Examination of accounts	250	-	-	250	250
Sub total	84,166	-	-	84,166	72,909
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,166	-	-	84,166	72,909
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,402	-	-	- 6,402	1,357
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	60,892	-	-	60,892	59,535
Cash funds this year end	54,490	-	-	54,490	60,892

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Credit with Paypal	6,523	-	-
	Bank	47,651	-	
	Petty cash	317	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	54,490	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

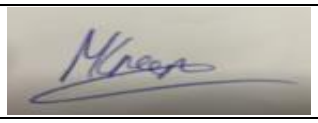
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	**Michael Green**	**09/02/2026**
	**Christine A MacLeod**	**09/02/2026**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Manchester & District Beekeepers' Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1159052
Set out on pages	Form CC16a pages 1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

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.

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:	Naomi Povey	**Date:**	12 February 2026
Name:	Naomi Povey		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CPFA		
Address:	5 Newland Way Nantwich Cheshire CW5 7JH		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	No matters to report