Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association
Trustees' Report for the 2026 AGM

In this report, the trustees provide a critical review of the work of the Association over the last year in relation to its objectives (objects), which are:

"To preserve the honey bee by furthering the craft of beekeeping and educating the public of the benefit of bees in the environment."

These objectives translate to services to bees, beekeepers (members and beginners) and the public.



Summary

The highlights

Bees and beekeeping. A mild winter with no snow and very few frosts saw a wet February followed by a dry and warm March. The bees foraged early and the conditions were good for wasps too. Many beekeepers reported a bountiful spring crop. The good weather meant that flowers and forage were roughly a month ahead through the year - leading to sparse foraging in the mid to late summer. With intermittent rain, the bees struggled later in the season, digging into their stores and beekeepers reporting feeding earlier in the summer than they ever have done so before.Therefore the overall honey crop of the year balanced out to make it an average year with 290lbs per beekeeper. The conditions in 2025 were perfect for wasps, turning the late summer into a defensive situation for our bees. Beekeepers are increasingly learning to be nimble and respond to conditions flexibly.

Education. In-person training and online training included 7 talks from external speakers, an in-person improvers training day, an in person microscopy day, three beginners courses (two in person and one on line) and 6 zoom 'ask the expert' open chat sessions with Wally Thrale, Colin Hall, John Macdougall and Richard Smith. In addition, there were 13 talks given to a variety of schools and organisations during 2025.

Finances and Assets. The Association's assets and finances remained in good order, with a £4,678 surplus. A number of assets costing £4,648 in total were replaced. This included two gazebos used for Association events, a storage container for Bedford apiary, a new laptop and screen and some second hand microscopy equipment. The membership fee was increased at the end of the 2025 year for 2026 to £21. The intention is to ensure that reserves do not get eroded by recent inflation of the last few years. In addition the membership fee was increased to cover the costs of the Association (postage and printing have both increased significantly).

Insurance. We have remained with ANSVAR insurance policy again this year, renewing on the 31st January 2026. The terms of the policy remain the same except that the Trustees indemnity insurance was increased to the next banding of £250,000. In spite of this increase, the price of the policy only went up less than 1% to £2,941.06. We pay an £80 arrangement fee to Towergate Insurance Brokers.

For the public. Another well attended Honey Show and Honey Festival, for the first time at Redborne Upper School. We were pleased to welcome the MP Blake Stephenson who presented the trophies to the winners. In addition, the Association had a presence at the Young Farmers Rally in

spring;the Young Farmers Ploughing Match in the autumn, Bromham Apple Day and a Christmas Fayre at the Marston Forest Vale centre.

Honey Fraud. Following the attendance of Blake Stephenson (MP, Central Bedfordshire) at the 2025 AGM; he organised a meeting with Lynne Ingram and her colleagues at the House of Parliament to further the discussion on honey fraud. Lynne's talk at the AGM made it clear how pervasive honey adulteration is - with it being the second most adulterated food product in the world.

Membership. The numbers of members remain high at 535 (up 2% from 2024).

Asian Hornets. The pulse survey showed only 42% or beekeepers were actively monitoring for Asian Hornets. Asian hornets are not yet established in Bedfordshire. Their continuing northward spread and exponential increase in sightings 2025 means we need to change this statistic in 2026 to remain vigilant - it is essential to our defence planning.

And now in more detail…

Services for Bees and Beekeeping

Preserving the honey bee. The Beds BKA Annual Beekeeping Survey each Autumn provides a very helpful guide to how well the bees are doing.

Year	Number of responses	Losses over previous winter	Colonies within Beds	Colonies outside Beds	Swarms dealt with	Honey harvest in lbs	Nucs going into winter
2025	92	143	528		276***		
2024	51	59	294		102	15,929	52
2023	70	164**	673**		125	11,840.8	81
2022	71	111	322	278	169	20,709*	68
2021	75	91	282	224	213	14,300	50
2020	132	166	780	489	286	39,759	188
2019	127	84	586	319	348	38,630	108
2018	111	174	448	240	154	29,982	?

*this total is less the impressive 1,200lbs in USA

** figures taken from Spring pulse survey with 81 respondents

*** one figure of one beekeeper collecting 654 swarms was not included and assumed to be a typo error

Key points from the 2025 Survey include:

- Our response rate is up - thank you to all who contributed 🙏
- Overall, a year with lovely spring weather, bringing seasonal flowering about one month earlier. This created sparse foraging for bees later in the summer with beekeepers reporting feeding in August / earlier than usual to compensate for this.
- Winter colony losses were slightly higher than the previous year before at 27%.
- The average number of hives going into 2026 is up - at 6.4 (higher than the previous two years)
- Wasp and hornet presence was very high
- An average of 290.4 pounds of honey per beekeeper is lower than the previous year which was a bumper crop for many. Spring harvests were very good, however the weather in summer meant that bees began to eat their stores unusually early.
- The pulse survey showed only 42% or beekeepers were actively monitoring for Asian Hornets. Asian hornets are not yet established in Bedfordshire. Their continuing northward

spread and exponential increase in sightings 2025 means we need to change this statistic in 2026 to remain vigilant - it is essential to our defence planning.

- The concept of a Honey Bee Centre was raised - only 4% of respondees disagree with this as a concept. Many pointed out that the devil is in the detail - the cost, the resources to do this, the location etc.
- The number of nucs being overwintered by beekeepers has dropped 30% to 0.7 per beekeeper.

Services to Members and Beginners

Yearbook. Our 2025 yearbook was yet again beautifully produced. Thank you to Andrew Ulyett and Rosemary Long who both do such a good job and who worked tirelessly yet again to produce another brilliant yearbook.

Talks. BedsBKA hosted seven excellent talks through 2025 - with 5 being delivered in person and 2 via zoom as follows:

- "Honey Fraud" by Lynne Ingram at the AGM
- "Varroa Resistance" by Stephen Martin on zoom
- "Varroa and Honey bee Pests" by Chris Milton a the Bee Healthy Day
- "Bee Pheromones" by Paul Verrier at the Honey Festival
- "Dead bees don't buzz" by Roger Paterson at the Honey Festival
- "A look inside the honey sommeliers mind" by Peter Lewis at the Honey Festival
- "Bigger queens, better queens" talk by Prof David Evans on Zoom

Beginners Course. Two in-person courses took place, one led by Mike Niemann (and team) ran successfully at Stockwood, attracting 13 participants; with the second run by John Macdougall (and team) at Bedford with 26 participants. 7 people attended the online course.

For Improvers and more established beekeepers. There were some really super events held in 2025 specifically for beekeepers with many commenting on how informative or helpful they were. Events included:

- Another excellent **Improvers Day** at Flitwick village hall was held in January. (55 beekeepers signed up for this).
- Wally Thrale organised an expert panel to be present for six intermediate **improver zoom sessions** held monthly by zoom during the active beekeeping season. They were relatively well attended with between 20 to 40 attending on each occasion. Practical topics that beekeepers were encountering were discussed. This is a great opportunity for new beekeepers to progress their skills and for more experienced beekeepers to discuss their experience and problems with other beekeepers.
- A **microscopy workshop** run by Sean Stephenson in March was organised by John Macdougall. This was a terrific day with practical experience on both creating slides to display the gastro intestinal tract of a bee as well as display pollen. 13 beekeepers attended.
- **Bee Healthy Day** - organised by Wally Thrale, John Macdougall and the apiarists plus many others. The Bee Inspectors presented both talks and practicals including visits to the Association apiaries and with live exhibits of EFB and other infected frames.50 beekeepers signed up for the day.
- The **Honey Show and Festival** at Redborne Upper School organised by Sue Lang and Dawn Talats - they worked tirelessly to produce a great day for beekeepers and public alike. Three external speakers delivered talks for beekeepers. The MP for Central Bedfordshire, Blake Stephenson, attended and presented the awards for the Honey Show. The Honey Show attracted record number of entries. More on this below.

Honey Show and Festival. The 2025 Honey Show and Festival on the 21st September at Redborne School, Ampthill was a great success. A huge congratulations to Dawn and Sue who 'worked their

socks off' to create a wonderful event. Tom and Emma Davies kindly managed the PA system for the talks.There were 272 entries from 31 entrants - our highest number of entries ever in a honey show. The judges, Ivor Flatman, Dave Shannon and Peter Lewis, were all from Yorkshire. They were extremely complimentary about the entries (in particular about the novice class) and commented that they looked forward to seeing some again at the National Honey Show. Thanks go to the many people who assisted in making the event a success.

The BedsBKA Honey Festival took place at the same time as the Honey Show - and what a day it was. There were loads of exhibits, honey being sold, apples being pressed, a children's treasure hunt and games, and of course the main attraction - a display of live bees.Central Bedfordshire MP Blake Stephenson attended the show and spent time with the various stallholders before presenting the honey show trophies.All in all a good day was had by all, both old and young. A huge thanks to all those that helped run the stalls, put up the gazebo, produced teas and coffees, helped tidy up and muscle all the equipment from the stores to the venue. A massive amount of work from everyone to create one of our best honey festivals ever!

The 2026 Honey Show will be held on Sunday 21st September at Aspley Guise Village hall. Please put this in your diaries now! Sue Lang will be running a series of zoom training sessions to assist beekeepers in their Honey Show preparation:

May 18th 2026	Preparing Honey for the Honey Show (Runny; Set;Frames; Chunk; Cut)
June 16th 2026	Preparing Wax for the Honey Show (Large blocks; candles; displays)
July 20th 2026	Preparing Photography; Microscopy; Displays and Crafts for the Honey Show

District Advisors (DAs) services. We had the benefit of DAs in post for every area of the county. They are so important for members in terms of advice and support as need arises.

Stockists for our Bulk Purchase Scheme (BPS). Our BPS Manager, Simon Cockle, continues to organise this large-scale operation on behalf of members in terms of containing high costs and thus making beekeeping more affordable. Our stockists, as ever, continued to provide an excellent service, storing goods and supplying members with basic equipment at much reduced prices. The wax exchange ran very successfully again thanks to a small, hardworking team of members, in concert with Maisemore, our supplier.

The Bulk Purchase Scheme is widely used by our members - an indication of how busy our stockists are, below are the purchases on some of the key items:

Item	2024 purchases	2025 purchases
Jars	51,000	66,800
Spare lids	6,000	6,800
Fondant/syrup	2 tonnes	2 tonnes
Frames	6000	5400
Foundation	8,000sheets	10,000 sheets

Facebook Chat Page. The Facebook chat forum continues to host lively debates and opportunities for beekeepers to ask questions and provide advice on a daily basis. Please forward any ideas you have to John Macdougall. Any ideas for the public Facebook page to be sent to Abi Hope please.

BedsBKA WhatsApp Group. A BedsBKA WhatsAPP group began at the end of 2025. At the time of writing there were 38 members. If you would like to join, please contact Karen Glasse on WhatsApp 07798705233. The group is for chat, advice and selling beekeeping equipment.

Teaching apiaries. Our two teaching apiaries continue to thrive under the guidance of our apiarists and their teams who give so much of their time and expertise (one apiary is at Stockwood Park in Luton managed by Mike Niemann and team, the other at Priory Country Park in Bedford run by Matt Alabaster, Graham Canfield and helpers). Honey sales from both teaching apiaries continue to provide the Association with additional funds – our thanks to both Matt and Mike and their teams for their continuous efforts and sharing their knowledge with beginners.

Equipment for Loan. During 2025 the process of replacing some of our older assets began (see the finance summary at the top for more info). The Association owns really useful equipment which can be loaned by members. This includes items like extractors, burco boilers (to wash frames),bee vacuum box, library books and DVDs, virtual hives for talks / learning / display, wax steam extractor,

oxalic acid vaporiser, slow cookers for wax cleaning. The Association has purchased two second hand microscopes which John Macdougall has. It is hoped to start a microscopy group to provide microscopy services to members in 2026 using the microscopes. This would enable members to provide a sample of their bees for testing for nosema for instance.

Services to the Public

Swarm-collection. Our swarm-collection service to the public remained operational. Many queries from the public about bees (not only honeybees) and beekeeping were addressed. This is a vital service to our bees as many swarms would die if left to their own devices. The annual survey showed that from the 92 who responded, 276 swarms were collected (average of 3 per beekeeper). In 2025 there were 25 swarm collectors and 28 swarm receivers on the list.

Advice to the Public on Solitary and Bumblebees Thanks go to Caroline Luxford who continues to answer many queries that come to the Association that are in relation to solitary and bumblebees. Her expertise is invaluable.

Asian Hornet Advice and Monitoring. There is a significant change announced by DEFRA regarding spring trapping duties.The NBU will no longer be permitted to participate in spring trapping of queens from 2026 onwards.As many of you may be aware, several late nests in 2025 are expected to have produced viable queens, meaning that areas within a 5km of these nests will be considered high risk and face increased pressure in the coming spring.Therefore early detection and coordinated response from local beekeepers, YLAH teams and regional associations will be more critical than ever. Phill Howes continues to manage the BedsBKA YLAH team and to respond to questions form the public.

Talks and Visits. During 2025 a total of 13 requests for talks were received through Beds BKA website. These were arranged through Education Liaison Officer (Stephen Edwards), and delivered by a small but dedicated team of volunteer speakers. A few more names were added to the speakers list during the year, which is welcome news.

We are aware that a number of members continue to receive direct requests to speak at a variety of events; their contribution is welcome and much appreciated. Please can any members receiving these direct requests provide the Education Liaison Officer (Stephen Edwards) with details of these, by email (tsedwards@btinternet.com), as this will significantly improve the Trustee's understanding of the true extent of this valuable outreach work which is a fundamental part of our mission as a charity.

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed by speaking during 2025.

Stephen is always glad to hear from any more members who might be willing to join the band of speakers, but especially so from NE NW Sandy and Shefford Districts! There is a template presentation which can be used so you would not have to start from scratch.

Attendance at outside events. We have been busy representing the Association at several external events:

- **Young Farmers Rally** - A warm and dry day with public visitors in the thousands. Many visited the BedsBKA stall and showed interest in what the Association is doing. It proved a valuable day to share information on the yellow legged Asian hornet
- **Young Farmers Ploughing Match** - a well attended event with roughly 1,000 public present. It was a rainy day, but that didn't stop the young farmers and there was a lot of interest in the honey tasting.
- **Bromham Apple Day** - A very well attended event despite heavy rain. There was a lot of interest in the different honeys and everyone enjoyed the tasting opportunities.
- **Honey Awareness Day** - On Tuesday 21st October, to celebrate National Honey Day, three beekeepers from Luton Point took part along with Colin Hall and Tracey Bateman, set up a stall in Luton Point to promote local honey. A selection of set and clear honey, honeycomb and potpourri made from lavender grown in our own rooftop flower beds near the beehives was offered. There was a great deal of interest throughout the day, and we were delighted to raise £602 in support of Luton Foodbank. Well done to this team!!

Attending a variety of events enables us to inform the public about the Association, training available and talk about our favourite subject - honey bees! Raising awareness about the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet has also been an important part of these events too. And of course, the public enjoy sampling locally produced honey and the opportunity to buy it.

Honey Festival. The Honey Festival, excellently organised by Dawn Talats, proved yet again to be a great success. Please see above for more information.

Beds BKA Operation

Trustees and Officers. Trustees continued to meet throughout the year to monitor the state of the Association and to guide its activities. The Secretarial Team continued to work "behind the scenes" on the detailed management of the Association.

The committee of Trustees has had one change over 2025, with Dawn Talats stepping down. Dawn worked tirelessly on putting on events for the public including the wonderful Honey Festival for which we are very grateful. Phill Howes has kindly agreed to pick up the role of external events co-ordinator (excluding the Honey Festival).

Anne Cross and Chris Jenkins are stepping down as trustees at the 2026 AGM. They have both been trustees for many years - Chris serving for a *phenomenal 25 years*. Because they are both long standing committee members, their presence will be sorely missed - Chris's sharp sense of humour and the ability to provide an independent and thoughtful opinion and Anne for her down to earth caring approach that is informed from many years of beekeeping experience. Both have contributed enormously over so many years to the Association for which we are truly thankful.

Abi Hope is standing for election as a trustee during 2025 with the role of managing the public Facebook page. Dawn Talats stood down during 2025.

Nick Arter also gave notice that he would be standing down at the 2026 AGM and not seeking re-election. We are very grateful that Nick has kindly agreed to continue as District Advisor (NE Bedfordshire).

We are grateful to Stephen Edwards who has stepped forward to kickstart an Assoctiation queen rearing programme.

Membership numbers. 2025 membership totalled 535. There were 480 Full Members, 39 Associate Members, 14 Student Members and 2 Honorary Members.

IT and Communications. Officers and secretarial team members continue to manage the Association's newsletter, website, membership database, YouTube channel, WhatsApp group and Facebook presence as well as responding to requests for information from the public and members.

Insurance. The insurance policy continues to provide good value to full members of the Association. The cost of the policy increased by less than 1% to £2,941.04 despite the Trustee indemnity increasing from £100,000 to £250,000.

And Finally

Again it has felt like a very busy year. Many have contributed and given their time, effort and expertise for which we are deeply thankful.

We truly would welcome any suggestions for improvement or new ideas, please do reach out to your District Advisor or any or the trustees or officers. We would genuinely love to hear from you.

Addendum to Beds BKA Trustees Report for 2025

This addendum provides the additional information for the Trustees Annual Return as required by the Charity Commission in the Charity SORP (FRSSE) - Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities). (Link to SORP.)

SORP 1.9

- The reporting period (financial year) is 1st January to 31st December 2025

SORP 1.19

- Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

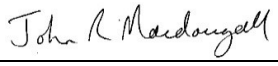
SORP 1.26

- The governing document for Beds BKA is the Constitution (see https://www.bedsbka.org.uk/membership/constitution/)
- The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- The methods used to recruit and appoint trustees are included in the Constitution

SORP 1.28

- The CIO name is Bedfordshire Bee Keepers Association
- Charity registration number is 1184466
- Address of principal office is 30 High Street, Haversham, Milton Keynes, MK19 7DX
- Names of all trustees holding office at any time in 2025 – see table below.

	Trustee	Note
1	Matthew Alabaster	Whole of year
2	Nicolas Arter	Whole of year
3	Neil Blakemore	Whole of year
4	Mark Bolan	Elected 31/03/2025
5	Graham Canfield	Whole of year
6	Simon Cockle	Whole of year
7	Anne Cross	Whole of year
8	Richard Dowsett	Whole of year
9	Karen Glasse	Whole of year
10	David Goodridge	Resigned 31/03/2025
11	Colin Hall	Whole of year
12	Phillip Howes	Whole of year
13	Christopher Jenkins	Whole of year
14	Caroline Jordan	Whole of year
15	Rosemary Long	Whole of year
16	John Macdougall	Whole of year
17	Michael Niemann	Whole of year
18	Paul Rubens	Whole of year
19	Dawn Talats	Resigned 30/11/2025
20	Walter Thrale	Whole of year
21	Jennifer Tysom	Whole of year
22	Helen Vaughan	Whole of year

Signature	
Name and position	John Macdougall, Trustee and Assistant Secretary
Date	21st October 2026

Treasurers Report to the Members of Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association for the Annual General Meeting on 7th March 2026

As your Treasurer, it is my pleasure to present the financial report for 2025. I extend my thanks to Andrew Young, who has kindly agreed to carry out an examination of accounts. I thank him for his time and diligence in examining the accounts and records and confirming they comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners. I can report that we have committed time and resources to the key objectives of the Association to:

- educate the public about bees and beekeeping, by attending events such as the Young Farmers Rally, Bromham Apple Day, Marston Vale Christmas Fayre.
- train new members of our beekeeping community, with good attendance at New Beekeepers Training at Bedford and Luton.
- given members the opportunity to refresh their beekeeping knowledge and learn new skills at the Improvers Day at Flitwick Village, the Healthy Bee Day with NBU Inspectors and a Microscopy Day. The Bulk trading scheme continues to give Members the opportunity to source wax, frames and jars at extremely competitive prices. I would also like to thank all the Stockists and Simon for their efforts this year, there were a number of challenges including the Packaging Tax (more of this later) and supplier shortages of gold lids.

Income

- Total Income : 2025 £54,525 vs 2024 £44,601, increase of 22.3%
- Bulk purchases :2025 £36,406 vs 2024 £31,100, increase of 17.1%
- Subscriptions : 2025 £8,703 vs 2024 £7,274, increase of 20%

As per last year, the majority of our annual income for this year has been generated through membership subscriptions, training and honey sales from the apiaries and, of course, the bulk purchase scheme. Our total income increased, with the bulk purchase scheme accounting for half this increase due to strong jar sales resulting from another excellent honey crop and increased prices due in summer of 2025 due to imposition of the Packaging Tax. This tax was implemented over a number of months with prices gradually increasing. Rather than changing prices almost on a load by load basis, it was decided to keep prices reasonably constant and absorb the difference until the price settled. As a result, you can see that our margins on the bulk purchase were down from 5.9% in 2024 to 3.4% in 2025. We do not expect this to happen in 2026. Subscriptions income rose due to the increase in membership fees (from £15 to £18 for full members) in 2025, with membership numbers remaining at similar levels.

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Value for Money?

So, is our membership value for money? I am repeating the exercise on this I did last year. So, what do you get as a member?

- Insurance on your beekeeping activities- Cost £5.45 for the year
- Yearbook – Cost £6.40 each
- Bulk Purchase Scheme "average" member buys around £73 of goods from the bulk purchase scheme in a year - let's say a box of jars and some wax. A single box of jars from our jar supplier would cost £65.53 delivered, compared to buying and collecting from the Association for £40. Four (x10) packs of wax, say 2 of wired national brood and 2 of wired supers, costs £28 from the Association. From Hagen's Bees the equivalent would be £43.75. A saving to the "average" member for wax and jars of £41.28.
- Access to the training apiaries/district advisor included
- Access to Improvers Days and other training days for nominal fee
- Talks on Zoom included

So, I would say definitely an overwhelming yes!!

Expenditure

- Total Expenditure : 2025 £14,682 vs 2024 £11,537
- Year book & Postage :2025 £3,197 vs 2024 £3,143
- Honey Show/Other Events: 2025 £3,753 vs 2024 £2,448
- Training costs: 2025 £669 vs 2024 £331
- Asian Hornet Expenses: 2025 £0 vs 2024 £317
- Insurance 2025 £2,913 2024 £2,761

Total expenditure excluding bulk purchases increased by £748, the principal reason was that events costs were up, with more events, but with the Honey Show costing just over £3,000 to stage. Training costs increased, but from a very low base in 2024. Asian Hornet awareness has improved enormously amongst the Public, and Phil has kept us updated without spending any of the Association's money, he's done a great job, but I am sure he will need more resources next year. Apiary costs were higher, but so were honey sales from the Apiaries and Zettle charges went up in line with sales reflecting that most sales are now by card or bank transfer.

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Balance Sheet

- Cash balances 2025 £34,822 vs 2024 £32,770
- Stock 2025 £9,825 vs 2024 £8,653
- Debtors 2025 £800 vs 2024 £1,340
- Creditors/Deferred Income 2025 £6,226 vs 2024 £4,198

Our cash balances increased in the year by £2,052 compared to 2024. Stock increased by £1,172 at the year-end made up by £1,436 in wax and frames, £3,659 for jars & accessories, £3,190 for food, £669 for buckets, traps and bait. Significant fixed asset purchases were made. We have replaced the aged gazebos we use for events, we have provided a storage container for the Bedford apiary, and have purchased 2nd hand microscopy equipment and bought some slow cookers for members to use when processing wax. Total expenditure was £4,648. Our Reserves (Cash+Debtors -Creditors) at the end of 2025 were down slightly at £29,395 vs £29,912. Our deferred income due to training paid in advance was considerably higher than 2024 (2025 was £3,161 vs £,1,715 in 2024) and this is the principle reason for the difference.

In conclusion, our financial position remains strong, and we are able to continue with our activities to support our members in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support of the Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association.

BEDFORDSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
PROFIT/LOSS 2025

		Actual	Budget	Actual
		Full Year 2025 GBP	**Full Year 2025** GBP	**Full Year 2024** GBP
REVENUE				
	Subscriptions	8,703	8,700	7,274
	Bulk purchase scheme	36,406	31,500	31,100
	Training	4,721	3,000	3,005
	Events	6	500	103
	Apiary sales	3,732	2,300	2,318
	Donations	280	140	71
	Interest earned	676	350	731
	Other revenue	0	0	0
	Total revenue	54,525	46,490	44,601
COSTS				
	Bulk purchase scheme	35,165	29,453	29,254
	margin %	3.4%	6.5%	5.9%
EXPENSES				
	Website & Webcollect	775	780	775
	Print & Post	3,384	3,300	3,143
	Committee	263	500	270
	Events	3,753	2,300	2,448
	Training	669	575	331
	Apiary	1,419	1,150	516
	Insurance	2,913	2,879	2,761
	Donations	0	0	0
	AHT Expenses	0	1,000	317
	Bank charges	880	700	668
	Depreciation	625	750	506
	Total expenses	14,682	13,934	11,537
Surplus		4,678	3,104	3,810

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/25

		2025	2024
ASSETS/LIABILITIES		GBP	GBP
	Fixed Assets	5,001	978
	Cash	34,822	32,770
	Stock	9,825	8,653
	Debtors	800	1,340
	Creditors/Deferred Income	-6,226	-4,198
	Total	**44,221**	**39,543**
REPRESENTED BY			
	Surplus b/f	39,543	35,733
	Profit for period	4,678	3,810
	Total	**44,221**	**39,543**
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association on accounts for the twelve months to December 2025 as set out on page 2 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees consider than an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

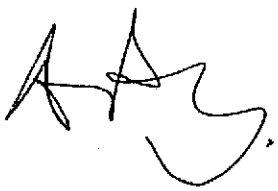
It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under sections 43 of the Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 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 us as 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 the course of 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 41 of the Act, and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed: 

Date: 14 Feb 2026

Name: Andrew Young

Professional qualification or body: Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales

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Disclosures: None to report