CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 To 31/12/2025

Charity name: Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association

Charity registration number: 1188934

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote and further the craft and science of beekeeping and to advance the education of the public in the importance of honey bees to the environment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Supporting, educating and mentoring beekeepers, and the general public in beekeeping through public and private events, online forums, meetings, email exchanges and formal training.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	At the end of 2025 we had a total of 267 members. We supported over 25 community engagement events (chiefly community fetes and talks to local interest groups, schools, scouts, cubs, etc.), at which we often provided a display of live bees display live bees. The main events attract a large number of the local community and we estimate exposure to 10s of thousands of people. This resulted in thousands of interactions in which many adults and children had a much improved understanding of beekeeping and bees in the environment. We delivered initial beekeeper training to 23 new beekeepers in 2025 and continued to enhance the skills and knowledge of the previous year's beginners by additional formal training sessions. We also delivered additional focussed training for members preparing to take BBKA beekeeping assessments. Seven members passed the Basic Beekeeping Assessment, two passed the Bee Health Assessment and one passed a BBKA written exam. Our members' shop, which supplies beekeeping consumables to members, also provides a weekly informal meeting opportunity throughout the active beekeeping season for members to exchange ideas and to seek and give advice to other members. We have 12 BBKA qualified Asian hornet identifiers. Many of these have volunteered to take calls from the public to help filter and confirm sightings to improve the efficiency of official bodies when tackling an incursion. The Association Apiary Management team has maintained our apiary as a valuable facility for training beekeepers at beginner and post-basic level as well as being the venue for Basic and Bee Health Certificate assessments. We have plans to relocate the associations' hives and the training/education function in 2026 and deploy the current site as a members' apiary.

		The swarm list ran as normal, with volunteer beekeepers serving the public by removing bees and providing bees for members. We've answered lots of members' questions, as usual – by social media, email and phone as well as on Friday evenings at the shop. We've given advice and information to members of the public about bees and beekeeping. Our Facebook group has 246 members who ask for and share their advice. Some members have also developed several WhatsApp groups to share information and provide mutual support We've sent out emails giving advice and highlighted important issues including material from BBKA and the Bee Inspectorate. We have provided a number of apiaries for members to keep their bees and we continue to facilitate beekeeping by providing space for members whose own premises are unsuitable. Our members' meetings were held each month, where a speaker or event was organised to educate and inform members and guests of the association about beekeeping. Meetings are well attended and generally attract between 40 and 60 participants. We've found and recommended a wealth of online resources, lectures and seminars to give members at all stages in their beekeeping 'career' the opportunity and encouragement to become better beekeepers. Our Master Beekeeper has delivered 'train the trainer' training to well qualified beekeepers from all over the country at BBKA headquarters. He was also appointed as a 'General Husbandry' assessor by the BBKA and examines experienced candidates at an advanced level

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have sufficient funds to allow continuing operation and allow time for the Trustees to replan in the event of a fall in membership numbers and reduction of income from member shop sales. We confirm sufficient funds will be available to support significant purchasing to equip our new permanent training apiary in line with our educational vocation.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The CIO aspires to establish a permanent home for its training facility and reserves are being accumulated for that purpose, over and above the prudent need to hold sufficient to cover contingencies that may arise in the short to medium term, to achieve that end.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£37,704
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership fees, shop sales, course fees, miscellaneous donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Fall off in membership in the event of exotic pests causing a major shift to the nature of hobby beekeeping.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Founding trustees were appointed by the committee of previous Unincorporated Association; subsequent (and future) trustees to be appointed by incumbent trustees.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association
Other name the charity uses	FBKA
Registered charity number	1188934
Charity's principal address	c/o 10 Chinnock Close Fleet GU52 7SN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew May-Miller	Chair	01/01/2025 - 13/02/2025	Founding trustee
2	Richard Stuart	Chair	14/02/2025 – 31/12/2025	Appointed by existing trustees
3	James Donaldson			Founding trustee
4	Graham Read	President		Founding trustee
5	Chris Semprini	Treasurer		Founding trustee
6	David Morgan			Appointed by existing trustees
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	**J R Donaldson**	
Full name(s)	**James Donaldson**	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	**Trustee**	

Date	**30 October 2026**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Fleet & District Beekeepers' Association	1188934

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

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					
Shop Sales	11,352	0	0	11,352	9,543
Equipment hire	420	0	0	420	268
Capitation - Gross	8,055	0	0	8,055	7,751
Course Fees	2,382	0	0	2,382	2,241
Donations & Grants	315	0	0	315	315
Sundry other	2,894	0	0	2,894	1,074
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	25,419	0	0	25,419	21,193
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Exam Fees Refunds	328	0	0	328	90
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	328	0	0	328	90
Total receipts	25,747	0	0	25,747	21,283
A3 Payments					
Shop Costs	8,773	0	0	8,773	7,423
Training costs	343	0	0	343	234
Apiary Costs	877	0	0	877	568
Capitation - onward payments	5,796	0	0	5,796	5,701
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Meetings	592	0	0	592	986
IT Costs	428	0	0	428	496
Sundry Other	208	0	0	208	167
Apiary Improvements	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	17,017	0	0	17,017	15,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Stock	392	0	0	392	1,476
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	3,360
Sub total	392	0	0	392	4,836
Total payments	17,409	0	0	17,409	20,411
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,338	0	0	8,338	871
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,523	0	0	20,523	19,652
Cash funds this year end	28,861	0	0	28,861	20,523

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	28,750	0	0
	Cash float	110	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	28,861	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stock	9,757	0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Exam Fees Refunds	865	0	
	Pre paid Subscriptions	48	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J R Donaldson	James Donaldson	30/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Fleet and District Beekeepers' Association

On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1188934

Set out on pages 1-2
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	04/10/2026

Name: Matthew Payne

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): BSC ECOM Accounting and Economics
CIMA

Address: 135 Treowen Rd

Newbridge
Gwent

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	