Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association CIO

Charity Number 1200002

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 August 2026

The Trustees of the Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2026 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The Association has operated since 1946 and became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 9 August 2022 which included the regulations for appointment of trustees.

AIMS

The Association promotes good beekeeping and encourages people to learn about the fascinating world of the honeybee, the art of beekeeping and the benefit of bees in the environment.
As part of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) our members can enjoy a range of benefits including – BBKA News, Insurance and much more.

The Association is a focal point for local beekeepers, providing opportunities for members to network with other beekeepers and keep on learning by:

- *taking part in our seasonal, weekly inspections at the Apiary*
- *getting together with other beekeepers, twice a month, at informal spring and summer meetings, and*
- *attending our monthly winter meetings and listening to talks and presentations by experts*

Attendance at one or more of our Open sessions at the Association's apiary in the spring or summer gives an introduction to the art of beekeeping. Members and non-members are also welcome to come and meet us at one of our regular association meetings.
Visitors of all ages are welcome. The CIO's area of benefit is the Borough of Wokingham and the surrounding districts.

ACTIVITIES

Funded:

- Membership of the BBKA and basic Bee Disease Insurance is provided for members.
- Members and guests meet monthly from October to March in a formal setting. At some of these meetings we have presentations from experienced beekeepers.
- The charity's teaching apiary provides members a place where members can get hands on experience and non-beekeepers can observe inspections.
- The Charity rents stalls at local shows and carnivals in order to provide information to the public and to sell honey and bee-related products.

- Each year a Honey Show is held where members judge each other's hive products.
- The charity has a range of equipment that can be hired by beekeepers.
- The charity pays the membership fees of its Honorary President.

Non-Funded:

- Volunteer members provide a swarm collection service.
- During April to September, we meet socially twice a month.
- Managing levels of BDI insurance for those members who have more than 3 and up to 49 colonies.
- Provision of an online course for beekeeper beginners.
- Support of beekeepers taking proficiency examinations.
- Support of beekeepers by assisting with mentoring.
- Circulation of available apiaries offered by members of the community.
- Bulk purchasing of treatments to provide cost savings and standard medicines.
- Bulk purchase of feed and jars to provide cost savings.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Our key objectives for the year included:

- to broaden the appeal at the association apiary
- to enhance local general knowledge of invasive species
- to continue to provide interesting and educational lectures for members
- to increase the members' knowledge of bee diseases
- to provide continuing support of local beekeepers and potential local beekeepers
- to play our part in the life of our local community through involvement at carnivals and fairs

MEMBER NUMBERS AND FEES

There were around 125 members throughout the year ending 31st August 2026.

Approximately 25 members of the public were welcomed to our open sessions at the association apiary through the summer of 2026

Our annual fee for membership was £40.00 which included membership of the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) and Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) for up to 3 colonies of honey bees.

The BBKA provides insurance for all its members and member associations for £10 million Product and Product Liability Insurance for Beekeepers

FUTURE PLANS

The Charity intends to continue its current strategy of providing beekeeping support and education to beekeepers, potential beekeepers and members of the public.

FINANCES

The financial statements show net income of £20,205.12 and outgoings of £14,250.07

Our main source of retained income is the membership fees.

We also act as bulk buyer for honey jars plus food and treatments for bees. This generates very little profit but provides consistent treatments for our members' bees and a cheaper way of purchasing consumables.

As a charity we enjoy tax exemption on our activities and are registered for Gift Aid.

The financial benefits we receive from these tax exemptions are all applied for educational purposes and indirectly help us to maintain our educational programme.

APIARY

Our apiary is located in Wokingham on leased land. As such we are at the whim of the landowner should a change its use occurs. For this reason, we maintain a reserve in case we have to move the apiary to a new site.

ACCESS POLICY

It is important to us that access to the education we offer is not restricted to those who can afford to be members. This is why we hold apiary open days and freely provide information at carnivals and fairs.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Committee which meets on a monthly basis, is responsible for the overall management and control of the Wokingham and District Beekeepers Association. The work of implementing the non-apiary policies is monitored by the trustees. The apiary itself is managed by our Apiary Manager. Other volunteers from the membership assist with many and varied tasks that keep the charity running.

The W&DBKA Chairman is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Committee. The treasurer is responsible for the Association's finances.

All committee members and trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

No committee member is allowed to commit to new spending without agreement of at least one other committee member.

COMMITTEE AND CHARITY TRUSTEES

Many of the Committee are charity trustees of Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association. New Committee members are appointed by the members at the AGM which takes place in the Autumn after the main beekeeping season has ended.

These Trustees served throughout the year 2025/26:

Name	**Post**	**Date appointed**
John Maynard	Chair & Trustee Resigned	8 October 2025 to 03 September 2026
John Waddelove	Trustee	02 October 2022
Peter Munday	(Co-)Secretary & Trustee	11 October 2023
Lori Munday	(Co-)Secretary & Trustee	11 October 2023

Tony Lack	Treasurer & Learning and Development Officer &Trustee	02 October 2022
Kevin Cowley	Vice Chair & Trustee	02 October 2022
Peter Butcher	Membership Secretary & Trustee	02 October 2022
Mark Alleyne	Apiary Manager & Trustee	11 October 2023

CONTACT DETAILS

Addresses: W&DBKA C/O 20 Westmorland Close, Wokingham, RG41 3AZ

Bankers: Lloyds Bank Plc

Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association
Annual Accounts - Year Ended 31st August 2026

2024/25		Income & Expenditure Account as at 07 Sep 26	2025/26	
£		**Income**		
1,903.50		Members Subscriptions	1,883.50	
2,381.00		BBKA Capitation Collected	2,702.00	
530.40		BDI Premiums Collected	616.65	
892.64		Gift Aid received from Inland Revenue	1,016.33	
3,470.30		Honey Sales	4,065.69	
355.00		Equipment Hire	134.00	
10,349.44		Sale of stock (Ambrosia, clothing, treatments, jars etc)	7,936.60	
268.86		Colonies Sold	80.00	
551.00		Raffle Proceeds	468.00	
83.60		Club activities	452.22	
72.18		Bank Interest less Bank Charges	62.14	
897.09		Donations	787.99	
	21,755.01			20,205.12
		Expenditure (excluding asset additions)		
2,423.00		BBKA Members Capitation Fees	2,702.00	
55.50		BBKA Club Capitation Fees (Apiary, President, 2nd Parent)	61.00	
539.10		BDI Premiums - Members	616.65	
24.60		BDI Premiums - Club	24.60	
50.00		Guest Speakers	0.00	
12,702.81		Cost of stock (Ambrosia, clothing, treatments, jars etc)	6,420.41	
500.00		Room Hire	560.00	
354.15		Website & Software Costs	198.00	
952.84		Apiary - Equipment / Consumables	1,696.49	
968.10		Club - Equipment / Consumables / Maintenance	1,602.57	
147.00		BBKA Expenses	68.35	
40.00		Gifts, Prizes & Donations	300.00	
	18,757.10			14,250.07
	2,997.91	**Surplus / (Deficit) - C/Fwd to Reserves**		5,955.05

2024/25		Balance Sheet @ 31st August 2026	2025/26	
		Equipment		
2,257.93		Net Book Value - B/Fwd	2,880.87	
1,583.23		Additions at cost in the year	232.79	
(960.29)		Depreciation on equipment in the year at 25%	(778.41)	
	2,880.87	**Total Equipment Value C/Fwd**		2,335.24
		Cash		
343.80		Petty cash held By Treasurer	162.25	
6,500.00		Lloyds Bank Business Savings Account	11,600.00	
229.66		Lloyds Bank Current Account	30.95	
	7,073.46	**Total Cash**		11,793.20
		Stock		
2,353.37		Value of Stock Brought Forward	2,353.37	
0.00		Additions in the year	(513.67)	
	2,353.37	**Total Stock**		1,839.70
		Investments		
39.00		BeeCraft Shares	39.00	
	39.00	**Total Equity**		39.00
	12,346.70			**16,007.14**
		Represented by reserves:		
		General Fund		
7,955.71		Balance B/Fwd From previous year	12,346.70	
2,997.91		Income & Expenditure Account - Surpl/(Def)	5,955.05	
2,353.37		Cost of stock / Stock used by Apiary	(1,516.19)	
(960.29)		Depreciation on equipment in the year at 25%	(778.41)	
	12,346.70	Balance C/Fwd @ 31st August		16,007.14
	12,346.70	**Total Reserves @ 31st August**		**16,007.14**

Treasurer's / Examiner's Report

In our opinion the above statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Wokingham & District Beekeepers Associations affairs as at 31st August 2026 and for the year then ended. This opinion has been established by review of the accounting statements, underlying records and documentation.

Tony Lack
Treasurer

Tim Nabbs
Examiner

Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association

Notes to Annual Accounts - Year Ended 31st August 2026

Income & Expenditure Account

Overall income exceeded expenditure by £5,955.05. This reflects on the success at the Apiary, at Carnivals, the work of Mary who bottles and sells club honey for us and a contribution by the lovely people at the Inland Revenue.
I continue to oversee an increase in our cash accounts which allows us to continue to build a safety net for when the apiary eventually gets evicted.

Income Notes

- Honey Sales – Income from the sales of our association product £4,065
- Gift Aid – The tax refunded by the government of the standard subscription was £1,016
- Carnivals – We raised good income at Wokingham & Bracknell shows.
- Mary's raffle - Helps considerably toward the costs of the meetings at the Bowling Club.
- Mark and his supporter's efforts at the Apiary – Producing honey

Expenditure Notes

- Our maintenance spend has increased as the portacabin gets older.
- We have committed to donate £300 pa for 3 years to DBI for Bee Sting research.
- Attendance at shows does cost a bit, but 50% of our stall is about public outreach.
- Purchases of new equipment is recorded as assets only £232 this year.

Explanations

- The sales via bulk purchase of Jars, ambrosia, fondant, foundation etc are not designed to raise any income but they usually turn a small profit. This year incomings are greater that outgoings as some stock was also sold.

Balance Sheet

Cash, reserves and assets stood at £12,346.70 at the end of last year and now stands at £16,007.14

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were not increased last year but as we will one day have to relocate our apiary, the committee are keen to see a reserve retained for this event. To that end the WDBKA element of the subs will increase by £1.00.
The BBKA has also increased its subscription by £1.00 so the overall change for we members is +£2.00.
BDI rates have also increased a bit.

Proposal: Standard subscriptions for the Year 1st September 2026 to 31st August 2027 to be £42.10 which is £16(WDBKA) + £24(BBKA) + £2.10 BDI premium for up to 3 hives
Alternative is £16(WDBKA) for those who don't have bees and don't want BBKA membership

Overall, the Association's financial position remains strong with cash reserves adequate to meet its short-term financial commitments. The Association has no known undisclosed liabilities nor future commitments outside of its ordinary operating activity.

My thanks go to member Tim Nabbs who has once again audited the WDBKA accounts for us.

If any member of the association has any questions with respect to the financial information presented, I will be happy to do my best to answer them.

Tony Lack. Treasurer and Trustee.
September 2026.

