BWORKZ Annual Activities Report

Reporting period January 2025 to January 2026

Charity	BWORKZ CIO
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Purpose of report	Summary of charitable activities and public benefit for annual reporting

Overview

During the reporting period, BWORKZ continued to develop accessible beekeeping, education and community engagement opportunities. The charity strengthened its facilities at Wellies Farm, invested grant funding in equipment and infrastructure, established new partnerships, delivered introductory activities and promoted the benefits of inclusive beekeeping through events, talks, visits and digital media.

Alongside these planned activities, trustees and volunteers carried out the practical beekeeping, administration, maintenance, safeguarding, partnership development and general charity business required to operate BWORKZ and prepare for future growth.

Development and governance

BWORKZ met with the local authority regarding a Community Asset Transfer lease for Dan y Graig. This developed into a wider cooperative application involving partner organisations. BWORKZ helped lead the process and supported the formation of Beewell as a separate charity to take forward the collaborative opportunity.

This work involved meetings, planning, coordination and relationship-building in addition to the charity's routine governance and operational responsibilities.

Facilities and operational capacity

The charity completed the storeroom and honey extraction room at Wellies Farm in preparation for the 2025 beekeeping season. These improvements strengthened BWORKZ's ability to store equipment safely, process honey more effectively and support practical learning in an organised environment.

- Completed and brought into use the storeroom at Wellies Farm.
- Completed the honey extraction room for the 2025 season.

- Expanded the number of hives and colonies managed by the charity.
- Added further wheelchair-accessible hives to improve participation for people with mobility needs.

Grant funding and equipment

In March 2025, BWORKZ received a National Lottery grant of £19,984. The funding enabled the charity to expand its educational provision, improve accessibility, work in locations with limited connectivity and strengthen its ability to demonstrate and promote its work.

- Educational equipment and practical learning resources
- Training hives and educational hives
- Protective bee suits and beekeeping tools
- A gazebo for shows, open days and community events
- Starlink equipment to provide internet access in harder-to-reach locations
- Additional bees, hives and wheelchair-accessible hives
- Camera equipment to support educational and promotional video production

Community participation and education

BWORKZ began a partnership with the Ready Steady Go Club and delivered its first beekeeping taster sessions with club participants. These sessions introduced people to bees and beekeeping in a supported setting and helped the charity develop its inclusive educational offer.

The charity also supported school visits and delivered a promotional talk with Cwmpas, helping to raise awareness of BWORKZ, accessible beekeeping and the community benefits of its work.

Partnership with Langstone Vale Crematorium

BWORKZ established a new partnership with Langstone Vale Crematorium and installed hives at the site. The charity took part in an open day at the crematorium, giving members of the public an opportunity to learn about the project, the role of bees and the partnership's environmental and community aims.

Public engagement and promotion

BWORKZ maintained a visible public presence throughout the year. Activities helped the charity explain its work, connect with communities, promote partners and encourage interest in bees, biodiversity and inclusive participation.

- Attended a neurodiversity event at the Senedd.
- Worked with the Woodland Trust to produce a video.
- Used new camera equipment to produce more videos promoting BWORKZ and partner organisations.
- Participated in the Glastonselfy festival.
- Held an open day at Wellies Farm.

- Attended the Usk Show.
- Welcomed and supported school visits.
- Delivered a promotional talk with Cwmpas.

Beekeeping and honey production

Trustees and volunteers carried out the seasonal beekeeping work required to maintain the charity's colonies and sites. This included routine inspections and husbandry, preparing equipment and facilities, harvesting honey and completing the jarring process. Honey production also provided a practical way to demonstrate the results of the charity's work and support public engagement with BWORKZ.

Public benefit

The trustees consider that the activities undertaken during the reporting period furthered BWORKZ's charitable purposes and provided public benefit by making beekeeping more accessible, creating supported learning opportunities and increasing public understanding of bees and their importance. Investment in wheelchair-accessible hives, protective equipment, training resources and suitable facilities reduced practical barriers to participation.

Partnership work extended the charity's reach to community groups, schools, public venues and environmental organisations. Events, visits, talks and videos enabled BWORKZ to share knowledge beyond its apiaries and promote inclusive participation, environmental awareness and community involvement.

Looking ahead

The progress made during the year gives BWORKZ a stronger base from which to expand accessible sessions, deepen existing partnerships and develop further opportunities for education and community participation. The charity will continue to balance growth with safe beekeeping practice, sound governance and the practical capacity of its trustees and volunteers.

Trustee approval

Approved by the trustees of BWORKZ CIO

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