

HARROGATE AND RIPON BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (HRBKA)

Registered Charity No. 502757 Affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association

Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31 August 2023

Principal Address:

Ochsha
Low Laithe
Harrogate
North Yorkshire
HG3 4DD

Trustees:

S Gudgeon	(Chair)
T Ruffles	(Secretary)
S Treetops	(Treasurer)
S Haynes	(Vice Chair)
Rev A Bennett	
S Bond	
N Brading	
T Brisby	
L Charleton	
C McDevitt	
Dr O Matthias	
J Binks	

Structure, Governance and Management:

The charity is governed by a constitution and rules adopted on 24 October 1972, as amended from time to time. The charity is an association consisting of approximately 300 members.

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the AGM held in October. In 2022, the members continued to meet in person with the AGM held on 19 October 2022.

Objectives and activities:

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the craft of beekeeping.

In planning activities for the year, the charity kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities are undertaken to educate and encourage new and existing beekeepers in their craft. Public demonstrations and presentations to school children also form an important part of promoting bees and beekeeping generally. These activities inform the wider public of the importance of bees to the environment.

Honey bees are important pollinators which are crucial for a healthy ecosystem; supporting both the agricultural industry and wild plants and flowers.

Achievements and performance:

The principal activities in this year have been:

- To resume the Association's normal activities. This includes a return to providing safe indoor meetings and training, by following the changing government and health guidelines about the COVID-19 pandemic. The first of these events was the 2021 Harrogate and Ripon Beekeepers Association AGM.
- To provide the Two-Season Beginner Beekeeper Course. In the first term of this course, classes are all theory-based and held at the Honey and Hives Pavilion. The first six theory lessons are evening sessions held on alternative weeks. These are followed by 8 weeks of practical sessions in the warmer weather held at the Association's apiaries. The training is delivered to a high standard and feedback from those attending was positive.
- To reinforce the first season's learning, and to deepen the new beekeeper's knowledge, new beekeepers can attend the second term of theory sessions. This is designed to reinforce the first season's learning and gives new beekeepers the opportunity to deepen their knowledge, after they have experienced caring for bees for several months. Following completion of the Beginner Beekeeper course, attendees are expected to attend the BBKA Basic Assessment. This will provide timely advice on what new beekeepers need to do in the following seasons. The training, practical sessions and the Basic Assessment cover everything a beginner beekeeper should be familiar with, including colony management, bee life cycle, equipment, pests and diseases.
- The Association continues to have a large teaching apiary at the Royal Horticultural Society Harlow Carr, which was officially opened in May 2022. The Association continues to have a good working relationship with the RHS Harlow Carr and the new apiary provides better facilities for the taster day course and bee demonstrations.
- To maintain the apiary site for the training of new beekeepers at Fountains Abbey.
- The provision of the regular weekly demonstrations of beekeeping during the summer months at the Royal Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Gardens help to educate the public about bees and serve to encourage people to sample beekeeping.
- To increase the number of members taking the BBKA Basic Assessment.
- Members have been encouraged to take the BBKA modular and husbandry examinations to improve their beekeeping skills and knowledge. Discussion groups are provided to prepare candidates for the modular examinations. In addition, the provision of financial help with examination costs.

- The provision of a library of books and journals containing UK and international information on all aspects of beekeeping.
- The provisions of learning modules for schools and children.
- The return to providing presentations about bees and beekeeping to local schools accompanied by the provision to the schools of teaching material about bees specially produced for junior school pupils.
- The use of microscopy, video equipment and display material to enable presentations about beekeeping at shows and meetings.
- The provision of well supported Microscopy courses dependent on demand.
- The provision of a free service for the diagnosis of diseases in bee colonies.
- The publication of a quarterly magazine containing advice and information on many aspects of beekeeping. This magazine is widely circulated amongst other UK Associations.
- The backing of the British Beekeeping Association in its efforts to promote beekeeping within the UK, and the funding of research into bee behaviour and bee diseases.
- Liaison with other beekeeping associations in the area to promote and exchange information relating to beekeeping.
- The provision of a free service to remove swarms of bees from gardens and property as a means of encouraging homeowners to conserve bees, and not to kill them.
- Assisting the National Bee Unit personnel in the event of an Asian Hornet incursion locally by having a dedicated and trained Asian Hornet Action Team.

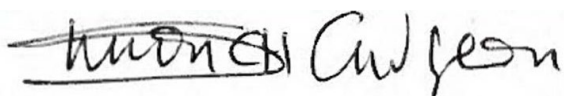
Financial review:

During the year, income of £27,069 was received. Total expenditure of £29,286 was incurred which left a deficit for the year of £2,217

Accumulated funds on 31 August 2023 stood at £165,509

The Association has continued to review reserves to ascertain the effect of risk and opportunities.

At the year end we held Cash at Bank of £113,102 all of which is unrestricted funds and is sufficient to meet one year's running costs as well as any unforeseen or capital expenditure.



Sharon Gudgeon
Chairperson
(on behalf of the Trustees)

Harrogate and Ripon Beekeepers Association

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31st August 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Long Term Assets</u>	£	£	£
Fixed Assets Note 1	5,898	8005	6,476
Investment in Claro Bees - Shares at Cost (£100) less Write Off - Loan	40,000	0	0
	<u>45,898</u>	<u>48005</u>	<u>46,476</u>
 Current Assets			
Investments - COIF Income Units (Valuation 31.08.19 £1845)	1,462	1462	1,462
Bank and Cash Note 2	113,102	114950	112,133
Debtors Note 3	1,200	4231	6,487
Prepayments	3,848	5124	4,975
	<u>119,612</u>	<u>125767</u>	<u>125,056</u>
 Current Liabilities			
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>6040</u>	<u>702</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>119,612</u>	<u>119727</u>	<u>124,354</u>
Net Assets	<u>165,509</u>	<u>167731</u>	<u>170,830</u>
 Accumulated Fund			
Opening Balance	167,726	170830	162,748
Surplus in Year	(2,217)	(3,099)	8,082
Closing Funds	<u>165,509</u>	<u>167731</u>	<u>170,830</u>
 Notes			
1 Fixed Assets			
B/F Balances	8,005	6476	3,801
Additions	229	4301	4,614
Depreciation in Year	(2,335)	(2,772)	(1,939)
C/F Balances	<u>5,898</u>	<u>8005</u>	<u>6,476</u>
Fixed Assets at Cost	26,737	19052	14,751
Accumulated Depreciation	(20,840)	(11,047)	(8,275)
Net	<u>5,898</u>	<u>8005</u>	<u>6,476</u>
Straight Line Depreciation. Portable store and books at 10% pa, photocopier at 33.33% pa, remainder at 20%pa			
 2 Bank and Cash			
Barclays Current Account	40,693	42542	39,724
Barclays Community Acc2	21,399	21399	21,399
Scottish Widows 90 days Account	50,922	50922	50,923
Yorkshire Bank Capital Account	87	87	87
Cash	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>113,102</u>	<u>114950</u>	<u>112,133</u>
 3 Debtors			
Gift Aid - Tax Refund		2321	4,520
Misc		75	0
Claro Bees Ltd Interest		1035	1,167
RHS Taster Days	1,200	800	800
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>4231</u>	<u>6,487</u>

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Accumulated Fund

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Surplus in Year		0
<u>Closing Funds</u>	-	<u>3,104</u>

Notes

1 Fixed Assets

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C/F Balances	<u>8,234</u>

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Accumulated Depreciation	(20,840)

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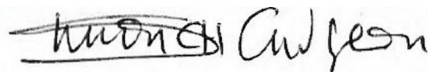
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Sharon Gudgeon Chair

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Harrogate and Ripon Beekeepers Association

Income and Expenditure Account Year Ending 31st August 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	Note	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Subs received	1	10,567	12,044	12,081
Investment Income		15	59	190
Promotional Events Income		2,468	763	804
Beginners Course Income		5,312	4,189	6,311
Taster Days Income		1,345	800	0
Other Course Income		325	0	0
Tax Refunds		1,877	2,334	2,270
Donations & Prizes			0	0
Sundry Income			734	0
Social Events Income			0	0
Total Income		<u>21,910</u>	<u>20,923</u>	<u>21,656</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
BBKA Capitation	1	7,169	7,474	6,847
Promotional Events Costs		1,447	203	375
Administration		2,469	989	1,340
Website costs		360	216	780
Beginners Course Expenditure		5,369	1,032	1,083
Exam Fees net of Income		190	170	35
Weekend Course Expenditure			0	0
Other Courses Expenditure			140	380
Bee Disease Insurance Costs		1,423	602	889
Sundry Costs		840	195	63
Apiary Costs		4,848	10,733	576
Depreciation		2,335	2,772	1,939
Donations Misc		395	0	420
Insurance		1,093	929	915
Pavillion service charge		600	600	0
Meeting Costs		155	0	0
Social Events Costs		594	0	0
Total Expenditure		<u>29,286</u>	<u>26,054</u>	<u>15,643</u>
Excess Income/(Expenditure) in Year		(7,376)	(5,131)	6,013
Donation from Claro Bees Ltd		3574	925	650
Claro Bees Ltd Interest on Loans		1585	1,107	1,419
(Deficit) Surplus in Year		<u>(2,217)</u>	<u>(3,099)</u>	<u>8,082</u>
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Full Members per April 2022 BBKA Return		<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>

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Weekend Course Expenditure			0
Other Courses Expenditure			140
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Apiary Costs		4,848	10,733
Depreciation		2,335	2,772
Donations Misc		395	0
Insurance		1,093	929
Pavillion service charge		600	600
Meeting Costs		155	0
Social Events Costs		594	0
Total Expenditure		29,286	26,054
Excess Income/(Expenditure) in Year		(7,376)	(5,131)

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19th October 2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: HARROGATE AND RIPON BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2023 Charity no (if any) 502757

Set out on pages

(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 31/08/2023

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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: [Signature] Date: 02/07/2024

Name: ELIZABETH COLLINS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACCA REGISTRATION NO 2411024

(if any):

Address:

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.